



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fabulous start to the term with lots of amazing learning going on. As this is our first newsletter of the term the teachers wanted to share lots with you!

Willow

We started our Walk the Plank pirate topic with a super starter, meeting Captain Rocky Cliffe and learning some of the truths about being a pirate.



In year 1 we have been focusing on multiplication and division in maths, doubling, showing numbers as arrays and dividing numbers by making groups of 2s, 5s and 10s. In year R we have been counting 1, 2 and 3 more than a given number under 20 and doubling. We have been spending coins in the pirate shop and justifying our purchases.

We have read lots of pirate stories; Pirates in Pyjamas, The Mouse who sailed the Seas, The Troll. We wrote about our own pirate in pyjamas, describing their pyjamas. The year Rs read The Naughty Bus, and we imagined places we might find the Naughty Bus and begun writing our own Naughty Bus stories. The year 1s read The Mouse who sailed the Seas, counting the syllables, spotting rhymes and suggesting our own. We have begun writing our own version of this story. We have made treasure maps, taking care to make them clear. We have talked about people who keep us safe at school and dangers around us, including electricity, matches and strangers. Our garden is looking lovely too! Our potatoes are growing well!

Beech

We had the privilege of a visit from Captain Rocky Cliff during our first week back to help us super start our new topic of Walk the Plank. Pirate Attack Day consisted of lots of activities such as walk the plank, pirate history, treasure hunt and finding out about famous pirates.



We had a fantastic day and the children were excellent. They posed many questions for Captain Rocky Cliff and it led on to the children wanting to know more about pirates. In art we sketched spring flowers in our garden and then painted them using photos to mix the right colours. In maths we have been revising fractions and then we started to look at time, which we will be continuing next week.

Some of us had our first recorder lesson, it was fun!



In English we have been writing traditional stories. We talked about our favourites and their features. We are ready to edit them and write our neat copies. We have also started planning our pirate adventure stories based on the Sam Silver texts.

Holly

The class have made a huge collaborative piece of art based on Maya architecture and designs. We used different pasta shapes to create a tile which were then spray painted to give a metallic effect.



We also looked at Maya clothes and begun to design our own garments using similar patterns, colours and materials.

In English we have been building up to story writing. We've looked at how authors create pictures of characters in our minds with effective description. Then we looked at creating tension by drafting short stories about raiding the biscuit jar at night. We've shared our class text 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' and used it to plan our own hero stories. In maths we have revisited time - telling the time to the nearest minute, using 24hr and digital times as well as solving time based problems. We've also used Roman Numerals on clocks.

We've started the gather data in charts and tallies and represent findings using pictograms and bar charts. We found it difficult to work out what scale to use for our graphs and had to decide which sort of table or graph to use.

We have also looked at data by using excel spreadsheets. We found out how to calculate by adding cells together and the children were impressed with the speed at which lots of numbers could be added together.

In science, we've learned the names of the key parts of the skeleton. We enjoyed challenging ourselves to remember as many of the different bones as we could.

Silver Birch

So far this term, Silver Birch has been incredibly busy! We have started reading the book 'Wonder' which is about a boy who suffers from Treacher Collins Syndrome trying to

navigate his way through starting school. To begin with, we researched the condition he had and created leaflets aimed at raising awareness. Once we begun the book, the children took part in a range of drama activities in order to support their ability to write from different character's perspectives. We focused particularly on the use of facial expressions.



The whole class has asked poignant questions that really challenge the opinions of the different characters and have used great evidence from the text to support their answers. In maths, the Year 5s have consolidated their knowledge of decimals and are now moving onto the column method for multiplication. What has been impressive is their ability to talk through this method making references to previous elements of place value taught. Year 6 has been revisiting areas of the curriculum ahead of their tests next week and their attitudes towards this have been brilliant.

In DT, the children have begun constructing their Viking ships. There is a lot of care going into these ahead of them being tested to see if they will float. Currently the children are putting layers of newspaper and PVC glue to help reinforce the structure.



Easter Service

We started the term with a wonderful Easter Service. Each class had done something special for the service and we really enjoyed listening to the children's amazing singing, poems, a story and prayers. We are very grateful to Reverend Ruth for joining us and to Mrs Harvey for arranging it all.

Sport

We have had lots of sporting events over the past three weeks. The children have shown our values brilliantly in all the events they have taken part in. We have been given the 'Spirit of the Game' award three times this term already! This is for showing respect and excellent

teamwork. Year 5 and 6 children played Tag Rugby where they got the most tries. Y2 children learnt badminton, Year 4, 5 and 6 girls played football and Year 4 and 5 children played Kwik Cricket. We also played St Mark's in a friendly football match. This was the first match many of the team had played and they did really well.

All the events, except for the friendly football match, were festivals where the children develop their skills before playing some matches.



Soggy leaves!

This week gardening club harvested some of their autumn sown lettuce that survived the winter. After a quick rinse under the tap (despite the rain!) they even managed to tempt some teachers into comparing the difference in taste between the red and green leaves.



Other jobs this week included making environmentally friendly paper plant pots in preparation for selling our produce at the Horticultural Society's plant sale this Saturday 10-12 noon in the Rawson Hall - please come and support us if you can.

Bolney Ball

We are very grateful to the Friends of Bolney for organising such a fun event and to everyone who contributed to it to raise so much money! It was such an enjoyable evening and a great success. Thank-you all!

£5 Workshops for Parents and carers

Coastal West Sussex Mind is coordinating a new programme of workshops for parents and carers who are concerned about a young

person facing a mental health challenge. Workshops are delivered by experienced trainers and will give strategies and advice to make a difference. For more information on the courses available and how to book please visit www.coastalwestsussexmind.eventbrite.com

Stay and Play

Please join us for our Stay and Play afternoon. This is on Monday May 20th at 2.20pm. Please join your child / children in a lesson, lead by the class teacher, to further help you support your child with their learning.

Summer Garden Party

This exciting event will be on Monday 10th June from 2pm. Children from Silver Birch class will be running fun stalls for the school to visit. The Friends of Bolney will also run stalls including refreshments. We are hoping that Yvrose from Hope House in Haiti will be able to join us as this event raises funds for Hope House and Hope Christian Academy and our school. Family and friends are very welcome to join us.

Year 5 and Year 6 production

We are very excited to have secured the use of the Rawson Hall for this year's Year 5 and 6 production at the end of term. Due to the hall's availability we have had to change the dates and the production will now be held on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of July at 6pm. As we can have a larger audience in the Rawson Hall we will be inviting all the community to the production this year though there will be a small charge for tickets.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Sienna for showing love by being kind and Max for showing respect by being generous.



Ollie for being kind and thoughtful and Arthur for helping others, both showing love and respect.

Key dates for your diary

Stay and Play

Monday 20th May 2.20 – 3pm

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Inset

Monday 3rd June 2019

Whole School Photo

Tuesday June 4th

Summer Garden Party

Monday 10th June at 2pm

Sports Morning

- whole school

Thursday 20th June from 9.15am

Parents and children maths workshop

Wednesday 26th June 1.30-3pm

Music Recital

Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm

Inset

Monday 8th July 2019

Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome

11th July at 10.45

Year 5 and 6 Production

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th July at 6pm
Rawson Hall

'Budge up' morning (meet your new class)

Thursday 18th July

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Thank-you all for your continued support with all that we do.

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School