

## Year 1 and Year 2

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

### News and Reminders

#### **Changes to class groups**

As we are able to move to phase bubbles after Easter and children can move between KS1 classes once again, we are looking at how we can maximise teachers available to reduce class sizes and give each child more focus, support and challenge. Consequently in the summer term for subjects such as phonics, maths and literacy children may be taught by another teacher in KS1.

#### **Homework after Easter**

Please note that homework will resume after Easter. This will be weekly spellings plus a maths task alternating with a reading task (ie: maths then reading, maths then reading). We will aim to start spellings within the band where your child left off. As it is some time since this has been assessed, your child may initially come home with spellings they have had before. This will just serve as a recap to gauge confidence.

#### **Run a Mile**

After Easter the children will take part in a daily 'Run a Mile' session. This will take place on the MUGA pitch where children will do laps for a duration of approximately 10-15 minutes. If you feel your child's shoes are not suitable, you are welcome to drop a pair of labelled trainers in that can be left in school.

#### **Red Nose Day**

On 29<sup>th</sup> March we had a fantastic time taking part in activities for Red Nose Day. We joined a nationwide fitness session, took part in active challenges throughout the day and learnt all about the important charities that Comic Relief supports. We even had time to squeeze in a talent show! To date, we have raised £1020. Thank-you everybody for your amazing

support.

### **Careers Day - keyworkers**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we marked the anniversary of the original lockdown by hosting a Careers Day. Children came dressed in a range of amazing key worker outfits and we spent time talking about these important jobs as well as thinking about what we might like to do when we are older. We were lucky enough to be sent some amazing videos from key workers in our community which told us all about their jobs and also took part in a live link with a local GP who gave us lots of information about what a doctor does as well as allowing us to ask some questions.

### **Birthday parties are back!**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March saw the return of class birthday parties where we celebrated March birthdays. It was lovely to see the children interacting with each other and playing party games. The boys vs girls dance off was particularly fierce!

### **Science Week**

This week we have become scientists and inventors in school. Each afternoon we looked at inventions that might help us to solve a problem. On Monday, we designed an invention that would help the Little Red Hen to safely get across the river. On Tuesday, we became engineers and built a tower from recycled materials to help Jack get up to giant's castle with a focus on making the tower tall and strong. On Wednesday we designed our own invention that would help improve the world with a focus on the environment.

### **Easter Celebrations**

Reverent Dan joined us from St James Church on Wednesday with a special live link Easter service. It was lovely to be able to join in something altogether, albeit via screen, and remind children why the Easter festival is so important to Christians. We then enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in our bubbles and took part in a fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade. There were some truly amazing creations to behold! Well done everybody for helping the children with these.

## Happy Easter!

We hope you and your families have a lovely Easter break and manage to connect with some of your loved ones once again.

## Our Learning

### Literacy and Topic

The children continue to explore their current topic of 'The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl' and have been spent time concocting different food courses for the disgusting Twit Café (with a focus on noun phrases and adjectives) and redesigning the awful Twit garden for a lovely one (setting description). We also celebrated 'World Poetry Day' on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March by looking at a range of poems, considering what they were about and what common features they might have then practicing reading them out loud to each other or to the class.

### Maths:

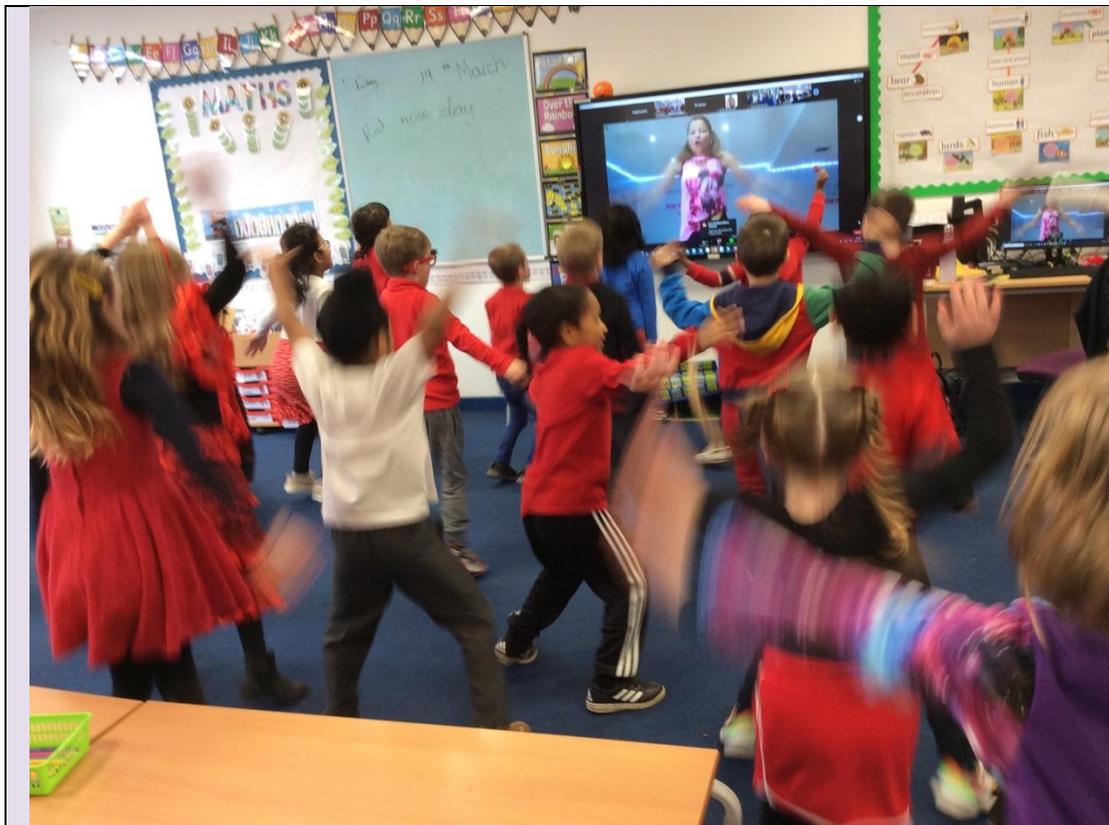
Year 1 have been working on subtraction and revising methods for subtraction including looking at connections between numbers eg:  $5-3=2$  so  $2+3=5$ . Year 2 have continued to explore money (coin and notes) and we have been looking at problems involving giving change where amounts needs to be added (part one) then this amount is taken away from the coin or note that is paid with to give change. **As this is quite tricky, it would be great if you could practice counting and adding numbers of coins together with the children.**

### Religious Education:

We continued to explore our big question of 'Should everyone Follow Jesus?' and moved on to looking at Palm Sunday (with a video from Reverent James) where the people of Jerusalem worshiped Jesus when he arrived. We re-enacted this as a role-play and performed to each other. We then looked at the Easter story and reflected on why this is important to Christians.

## **Social Development**

Every morning we have continued to allow time for discussion and social development with a focus on resilience but also looking at issues that relate to the wider world such as the environment and religious festivals that are being celebrated at this time of year eg: the Hindu festival of Holi.



A Red Nose  
day workout  
challenge.



Creating a  
Red Nose  
day funny  
face.



Dressing up  
as key  
workers.



Sending out  
thank-you  
cards to key  
workers

### Christian Value Certificates

Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last week.

**Beech**-26.3.21 - Sophie S for **LOVE**. She had shown kindness, patience and so much care for another child who had returned to school after a procedure and ensured she had someone to walk with at her own pace.

**Birch**- 26.3.21 -Aadyia Awan for **LOVE**. Aadyia Always being a good friend and showing kindness.

**Blackthorn**-26.3.21 - Ethan Ali for **RESPECT**. Ethan has worked hard but he has also been consistently kind, positive and extremely helpful.

### Diary Dates

(More dates to follow in the next newsletter).

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**- Children return to school.

Beech Class - Forest School Tuesday, PE Thursday.

Birch Class - Forest School Monday, PE Friday.

Blackthorn Class - Forest School Friday, PE Tuesday.

**Please note, as before, children can come to school in PE and forest kit on these days.**

Many thanks.