

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

Friday 1st April 2022

News and Reminders

As we approach the end of another term, we wanted to say thank you for your support, as well as congratulations to all of the children for continuing to work extremely hard.

Spelling Test: The children will complete their half termly spelling test next Thursday - 7th April. The children have been practising weekly on Spelling Shed and a copy of all of the ladders is available on Seesaw. They need to score at least 18 out of 20 to progress to the next step. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn their spellings.

Key Dates: We finish school at 1pm on Friday 8th April and will return for the Summer Term on Tuesday 26th April. The school is closed to children on Monday 25th April as it is an INSET day.

Clubs: A letter has been sent out regarding clubs for next term. Club selection can be completed on ParentMail and should be selected by 9am on Friday 8th April.

Quizzes on Accelerated Reader: Some children and parents have mentioned that some of the books they have read do not have quizzes on Accelerated Reader. You can use this link - <https://www1.renaissance.com/Customer-Center/Suggest-Quizzes-UK> - to suggest new books and quizzes.

Homework

The next homework will be set on **Tuesday 26th April**. Following weeks, homework will continue to be set on **Monday** at 4pm.

Although there is no homework set over the Easter break, we would appreciate it if the children continue to:

- read regularly (and quiz on Accelerated Reader - <https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>)
- use Times Table Rockstars and Numbots to practise their number facts.

Year 6:

Year 6 will be given a revision pack over Easter, in preparation for their SATs that take place in May. This will be a printed pack, containing reading, maths and SPAG activities. There will be a selection of questions to complete, as well as some helpful tips and reminders.

Our Learning

Comic Relief: The children loved participating in lots of different activities as part of Comic Relief. We looked at the aim of the charity and the ways in which money raised supports other children in the UK and around the world. They particularly enjoyed choosing and eating cakes during the day, as well as having the opportunity to throw wet sponges at the school adults after school. Thank you to everyone who made donations to the charity.

Spanish Day: Since beginning Spanish lessons at the start of this academic year, the children have started learning different words and phrases. They completed a variety of activities throughout the day and enjoyed showcasing their skills.

Science Week: As this year's theme for the Science week was 'Growth', we focused on the growth of microorganisms. The children enjoyed completing different experiments: investigating the effect different conditions have on the growth of mould on bread and also swabbing and monitoring bacteria growth on different objects. The children looked at the impact of sanitising products on bacteria growth and were surprised at the results. At the end of the week, the children created posters about growth. They all interpreted the theme in their own way and made some informative and creative posters.

National Space Centre visit: Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the National Space Centre on Monday 21st March. The day was packed full with exciting activities and workshops. This included a tour of the night sky in the planetarium and a workshop where the children were given the challenge to programme a 'Mars' rover to move in different ways. Before attending the trip and following our return, the children have written some fantastic non-fiction pieces.

Spirituality: In response to events going on in the world, some children in Year 5 and 6 have created comics and newsletters that they wish to sell to fellow children and send the proceeds to charity.

Sporting events: It has been fantastic having further sporting events throughout the past month: rugby tournaments, football matches and cross country. There have been many positive comments from both staff and parents regarding the children's attitude, cooperation for each other and development in skills and confidence. We look forward to hopefully attending future events in the Summer Term. It was also wonderful to see the children perform in the Gymnastics Competition this morning. Despite not having this competition for a few years, the standard was still incredible and all of the children performed beautifully.

Photos: Here are some of the amazing things we have been doing in Year 5 and 6 recently.





Superstar Learners

Christian Values Certificates: Well done to all of the children who have received a Christian Value certificate over the past month.

Reading:

Word Count (March)	Percentage of Quizzes Passed (March)
1 st : Spruce	1 st : Sycamore (95.5%)
2 nd : Walnut	2 nd : Spruce (94.8%)
3 rd : Sycamore	3 rd : Walnut (93.5%)

Numbots and Times Table Rock

Stars: Well done to the following children who have earned the highest amount of coins during February.

	Spruce	Sycamore	Walnut
Numbots	Ethan S Ethan A	Dylan J Finch Lyla	Noorhanfa Grace Keira-Mae
TTRS	David Zachary Tommy	Emma Chantelle Iliana	Leah Amelia Prisha

Diary Dates

W/C 4th April: Speaking and Listening Week

Friday 8th April: Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 8th April: School closes at 1pm.

Monday 25th April: INSET Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 26th April: School opens for Summer Term

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday (school closed)