

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

Friday 21st April 2023

News and Reminders

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. The children have been very busy celebrating diversity week this week and have enjoyed sharing their Easter news with each other. The following few weeks are also going to be busy and fun-filled.

Year 6: Full details about Skern Lodge and SATS week will be coming out via parentmail. Please look out for this important information.

Coronation activities: On Friday 5th May children will be taking part in some different activities in school linked to the King's Coronation. They will work in groups with children from different year groups. During the afternoon they will continue the celebrations outside with some squash and cake and celebrations.

PE days: **Walnut:** Monday and Tuesday
Sycamore: Tuesday and Thursday
Spruce: Tuesday and Thursday

Homework

Year 6: The children in Year 6 have been busy completing their SATs revision packs so have not had any homework on Purple Mash. Their spellings have continued to be set on Spelling Shed and they should continue to read and quiz regularly. We ask that children bring their packs in every Monday so that we can look through what they have completed and hand out more revision material if it is needed. There is no set amount that children are expected to complete but we suggest they aim for 60-90 minutes a week. This shouldn't be done in one go but in small chunks. Please email us if you feel there are any specific areas your child has struggled with as we can plan this into our revision lessons over the next few weeks.

Year 5: Year 5 children continue to have maths and SPaG homework set on Purple Mash and weekly spellings on Spelling Shed.

Please remind / support your child in completing their homework. If they have busy evenings / weekends, homework club runs every Friday lunchtime.

Website for Accelerated Reader quizzes: <https://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>

Our Learning

Literacy: Our learning this week has been based on a short film called 'Broken.' It is an animation which shows what happens when Rock, Paper and Scissors meet. The children will be working up to writing the opening of the film clip, with a specific focus on DAD - dialogue, action and description.

Science: This half term we will be starting our new 'Light' topic. We will be finding out about how light travels, the splitting of white light and how shadows are formed.

Topic: This term we will be looking at the UK: comparing the counties of the UK and looking at major cities; investigating the physical characteristics of the UK; understanding how people have changed the UK's landscape and also researching industries and energy resources. We will be looking at how climate change has affected us at a local level with fieldwork later in the summer term.

Spirituality: This week in assembly we discussed our new value of 'Honesty.' We spoke about what it means to be honest and why it is so important - even if we know we have done something we shouldn't have.

Diversity week: We have spent this week discussing our heritage and where our family comes from. We chose a country that we have links to and researched to find out more about it. We found out we have links to Zimbabwe, Australia, St Vincent, China, Ireland, Italy, South Africa and Pakistan amongst many others! Stanley told Walnut class about his links to South Africa, David spoke about Nigeria and played a traditional drum, Musa spoke about Pakistan. We spent time finding these places on interactive maps. A big thank you to all of the children who had prepared something to talk about and those who brought in items or photos to share.



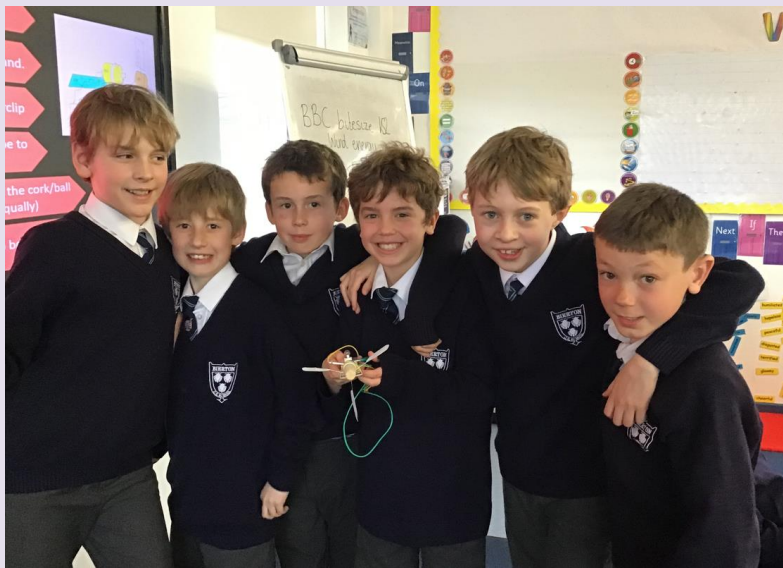
We had a busy few weeks before we broke up for the Easter holidays. Here is some information and photos about things we got up to!

Easter Bonnet parade: The Easter bonnets that the children made were amazing! We were very proud of their efforts. Here are some photos of our parade:

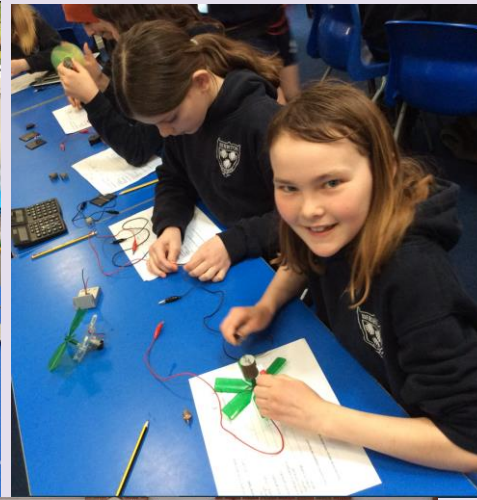


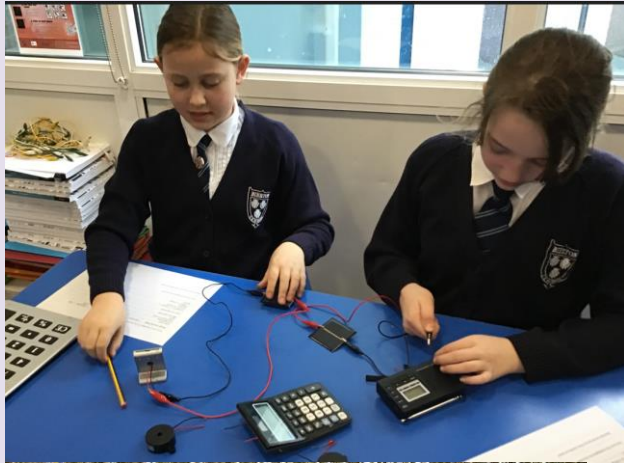


Science week: Before Easter we celebrated Science week. The theme was connections and in year 5/6 we focussed on the connections we have with our planet, specifically renewable energy. We made wind turbines and hydro power models. We were also lucky enough to have Dr Francis come in to take two science workshops - one where we looked at using solar panels, batteries and lemons to power different pieces of equipment, the other workshop we learnt about states of matter. During this workshop we made ice cream! Here are some photos from Science week.

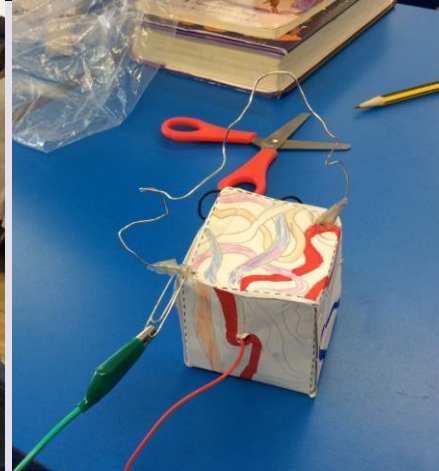


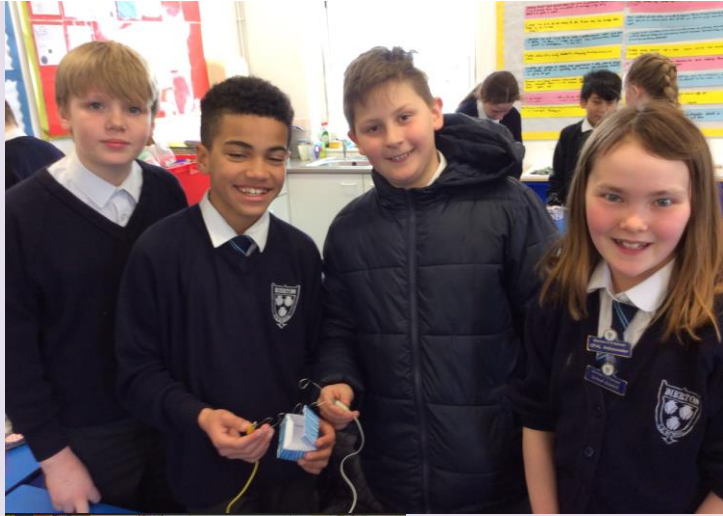






DT/Art week: During Art/DT week we used what we had learnt in our Science topic of 'Electricity' to make an electrical game. We also completed an online topic called digital world and on the Tuesday we invited our parents in to help us draw/paint a family portrait. A big thank you to all of the parents who were able to come in and support us with this.





Superstar Learners

Christian Values Certificates:

Christian Value awards:

Walnut Class: Emily - responsibility

Micah - cooperation

Sycamore Class:

Spruce Class: Henry - Honesty

Georgina - Love

Diary Dates

Friday 28th May: break the rules day (pay via parentmail)

9th - 12th May: Year 6 SATs week

W/C 22nd May: Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge

W/C 15th May: Year 5 Assessment Week and RSE week.

Friday 26th May: End of Summer Term 1 (school closes at 3:15pm)

W/C 29th May: Half Term