

Year 3 and 4

1st April 2022

News and Reminders

Easter Bonnet

Just a reminder Friday 8th April is our Easter bonnet parade. We would like to invite all children to make an Easter Bonnet or Hat to enter into our Easter Competition. You might like to include some of the symbols which help to represent the meaning of Easter onto your hat. During the morning, we will then hold an Easter Bonnet Parade where all the children will get to show off their hats and a winner for the most interesting/best/most representative of Easter or child-initiated Bonnet/Hat will be selected from each class. The Easter Bunny will be popping in to secretly leave some delicious chocolaty treats for the winners in each age group!

Trips

Out trip is on Friday 13th May to Whipsnade Zoo. Thank you to those parents who offered to help on the trip it is much appreciated. If you have not yet paid please can you do so as if we do not receive enough payment we may have to cancel the trip.

Spellings

Just a reminder that the children should be continuing to practise their spellings on Spelling Shed ready for a test at the end of the term. Ideally, they should look at these a few times over the week for approximately 10 minutes. If you prefer to use the hard copy, you can print it from Seesaw. Our spelling test will be Thursday 7th April.

Literacy and Oracy:

We have just finished our unit based on The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson. The children have written their own version of the stories. This has been a great opportunity for the children to show off the skills they have been learning. We saw lots of examples of similes, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases.

In year 3/4 we have started our Oracy journey which is helping us to develop our speaking and listening skills. By using different talk tactics, which are sentence openers, the children are beginning to extend their answers and feel more

confident to contribute to a group discussion. We have also played some different games to develop our vocabulary including Articulate which is a great way to help the children to work on their describing skills.

On World book day it was lovely to see and share all the books that the children brought in. We went to share our books with children in Ash, Alder and Beech class. It was so nice to be able to mix with the other classes and to see the children sharing their books with others.

Maths:

Year 3 have been looking at time this week and solving problems involving changes in seconds, minutes and hours. We have found it a bit tricky to identify the different hands. We will start to look at fractions next week and continue to look at time in our fluency session to continue to build up their confidence.

Year 4 have been looking at fractions, including equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We have used our knowledge of times tables to help us to find equivalent fractions and to identify the patterns that they form.

Science:

This half term our topic has been plants. We started the topic by planting bean seeds to look at how roots grow from the seed. We have enjoyed seeing the different ways that the roots have grown. We have used that information to help us to understand how plants grow and the function of a root in a plant.

Spirituality

We have been evaluating our question in R.E., "Should believers give things up?" we have linked this to the story of Lent and how people give up things for the 40 days of Lent. We have reflected on this and discussed why some people do give things up as part of their beliefs.

Gymnastics

Today in school it was the gymnastics final. The children have worked really hard over the last few weeks to create a routine in their pairs. We have seen some great examples of co-operation. We watched all the routines in the class and then chose our favourite routines. Each class had two finalist pairs who performed today. They were so confident when sharing their routines in front of all of KS2.

Christian Value Certificates

Congratulations to the following children for demonstrating our Christian Values:

Hazel Class

Nirah - Love

Lyle Responsibility

Hallie, Freya, Jack, Eva - Co-operation

Holly Class

Lacey - Love

Poppy - Responsibility

Pine Class

Oscar-Respect

Marnie- Love

Diary Dates

WC 4th April- Speaking and Listening week.

Friday 8th April - Easter Bonnet Celebration. Break up 1pm

Monday 25th April - Inset day (School closed)

Tuesday 26th April - School reopens

Monday 2nd May- Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 13th May - Trip to Whipsnade