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***'With God, all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26***

Let's find out what our children have been enjoying and discovering in their learning over the last couple of weeks.

#### **A message from Mrs Carciero**

It's our last week before half-term. We have had a special visitor this week talking to the pupils about their learning and looking at their fantastic work. She saw Owls looking at floating and sinking and Years 3 and 4 investigating soil and water. Year 2 were looking at levers and Mrs Georgeson even brought her bike in! Year 6 were looking at electrical circuits so if we have a power cut, we know who to call! Mrs Walters had a lovely day and the pupils all enjoyed talking to her. She saw lots of smiles on their faces whilst they had fun learning. A big well done from me everyone!

To finish our week, some of the pupils have been showing off their football skills with my other school, Clutton CE Primary. Making new friends is always fun! A special mention to Ben in Year 4 who has been wearing his Blue Peter badge with pride for helping in the community. Super work Ben. Have a lovely week and enjoy the spring sunshine!

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**February**  
27/2/23

School reopens  
Parents' Evening

**March**

1/3/23

Parents' Evening

2/3/23

World Book Day - The BIG Book Swap

6/3/23

Spring 2 enrichment clubs begin

13/3/23

British Science Week

17/3/23

Red Nose Day - Dress in red in exchange for a silver coin donation

19/3/23

Mother's Day - Mother's Day shop gift collection

23/3/23

World Maths Day

30/3/23

Easter Service at St Paul's - led by Father Mark

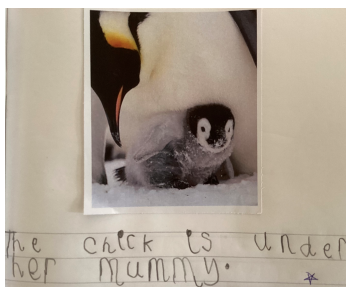
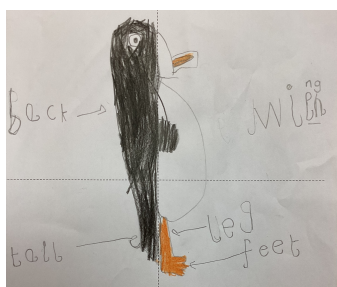
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School closes for Easter



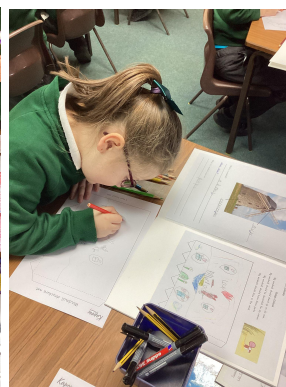
## Owl Class:

It's been a fun-packed fortnight in Owl Class. We may be Owl Class, but over the past two weeks, our classroom has been filled with a different kind of bird: penguins! We've been learning all about the different species of penguin and their habitats. We were surprised to find out that some penguins don't live on the ice; they live in forests and on beaches. The rockhopper penguin is one of our favourites because we love their crazy hair styles. Because they live on the rocks, they hop around rather than waddle - that's how they got their name.. We were so shocked to find out that a male emperor penguin can grow up to one metre tall. One metre! That's nearly as tall as Jacob and Max! We're amazing our teachers with our drawings and our writing. Have a look. Father Mark surprised us last week - he was our 'Secret Reader'. We win a secret reader when we've earned enough 'reading at home' rewards, so thank you to our grown-ups for supporting our reading. Father Mark covered us in confetti when he let of a magic canon. We Owls are also becoming amazing mathematicians. We've been using part-whole models to explore number composition. We discovered that you can make totals in different ways. We made five with five ones, with a one and a four and then with a two and a three. It's now time for a break before we start some new topics. Your only homework is to have fun and to read and share stories. Happy half term!



## Red Kite Class:

It has been a busy two weeks in Red Kite class. We have now finished working with numbers up to 20 in our maths lessons so after half term, we will move to looking at numbers up to 50! Children have now developed a range of strategies to use when adding and subtracting - well done to all! In our design and technology lessons, Red Kites have designed and made windmills. The finished products were absolutely fantastic and everyone was able to articulate the purpose of an axle, structure and turbine. In English we have finished writing our 'journey' stories. The children have worked hard to use new vocabulary as well as remembering our capital letters and full stops. Our new phonics scheme is already showing to have a positive impact on our spelling too. We hope all Red Kites and their families have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you after the spring break.





## Merlin Class

What another busy fortnight for Merlin class! We have finished our topic on money in Maths and have started our topic on multiplication. We have been looking at equal groups and have begun to represent these using concrete materials. In English, we have finished our story and we have thought carefully about how the character feels at the end. I look forward to us all writing our own adventure story, showing off what we have learnt with our own character. The children have worked hard in history where they have thought about how things have changed from before The Great Fire and after it. We have learned that lots of London changed as a result of the fire, including what houses were made from. There was some fantastic work produced on this- well done! The children really enjoyed creating animations using the Scratch Junior program on the computers where they were able to make the animal fly by using coding. The children have also celebrated Mental Health Week by producing some lovely pictures with positive messages for the local church. I am so pleased how many children are reading at home- please keep it up and thank you for your support! What a super half term Y2! Well done!



## Osprey Class:

Osprey class have had an incredibly busy fortnight! Since our last newsletter we have finished our Maths topic on multiplication and division, and have started our new unit of work on measurement. We have already been busy measuring in m, cm and mm and have even been converting some measurements! In English our planning is underway to complete our final writing piece which is a story based on our topic book 'Stone Age Boy'. In science we have reached the end of our 'Rocks and Soils' topic, and this week we will be making our own soil and investigating how important earthworms really are. After lots of planning and designing, in D&T we finally got to create our own seasonal vegetable tarts - this was great fun and they looked delicious! Last week was children's mental health week, and we read an amazing story called 'Neighbours' which was shared with us by Miss Edwards. This wonderful story opened up some fantastic conversations about the importance of looking after our mental health. We know that it's 'good to talk', even when it might feel difficult to do so. A big THANK YOU to all who are continuing to read at home - the children love sharing their reading records in class, and have started a tally chart to see who can 'strive for five'. Keep it up Ospreys!



### **Kestrel Class:**

What a lot of fun we've had this week! In science, we've been revising the human digestive system. Things certainly got interesting when we made a slushy banana sandwich recipe and used it to represent what happens when you eat something. We had to represent saliva with watery food colouring and stomach enzymes with lemon juice and vinegar. We used a knife to represent the incisor teeth and a potato masher to represent the molars. We spooned the gooey mixture into a zip-lock bag to represent the stomach and then a pair of tights to represent the small / large intestines. Next, we squeezed as much liquid out as we could to show just what happens when we

need a wee. Finally we cut a hole in the bottom of the tights to show how faeces exits the body via the rectum! It was great fun! We've also been finding out about solids and liquids and how they can change state using heating or cooling. We showed how particles move through mime and then investigated how to get a fortune out from a block of ice by heating in different places around the school.

In Design Technology, we've been making paper mock-ups of book covers in two different styles - envelope and jacket. We've then used our mock-ups to cut out felt of the correct size and then begun stitching / fastening things together using a running stitch. Next, we have to add our designs and either a button, or velcro fastening. We can't wait to take our finished covers home and start to use them!



### **Peregrine Class:**

During the spring term, Peregrine class have been working hard on SATs revision questions in reading, GPS and maths. We have been working through SATs style questions so the children are used to the type and style of questioning. During the next half term we will be working on our pace and stamina to make sure the children can answer all the questions. In Science, we completed our topic 'classification of living things' and discovered how to group animals and plants by their looks. We grew mould and went out to search for worms (using mustard water) to understand how to classify and what characteristics to look out for. We started our new science topic, where we will all become electrical engineers, and understand how to build electrical circuits. In art with Mrs Dutta, we have been learning all about shading and line drawings.

In English, we have re-written our narrative 'The Selfish Giant'. The children have written some amazing stories including all the devices we are teaching them in class. Over the last week, we have been working on ratio and proportion and discovered that knowledge of our times tables is key to understanding ratio. TT Rockstars practice is key, so please ensure the children practise for 10 mins every day. Have a relaxing break year 6, we have a lot to do next half term and keep reading!



## READING AT HOME

We ask all of our families to support our pupils and their reading development by reading at home.

You can do this by:

- Reading with your child at least 5 times a week - STRIVE FOR FIVE
- Record all 'reading at home' sessions on our online platform, Boom Reader
- Ensure that school reading books return in a good condition ready for the next pupil to use

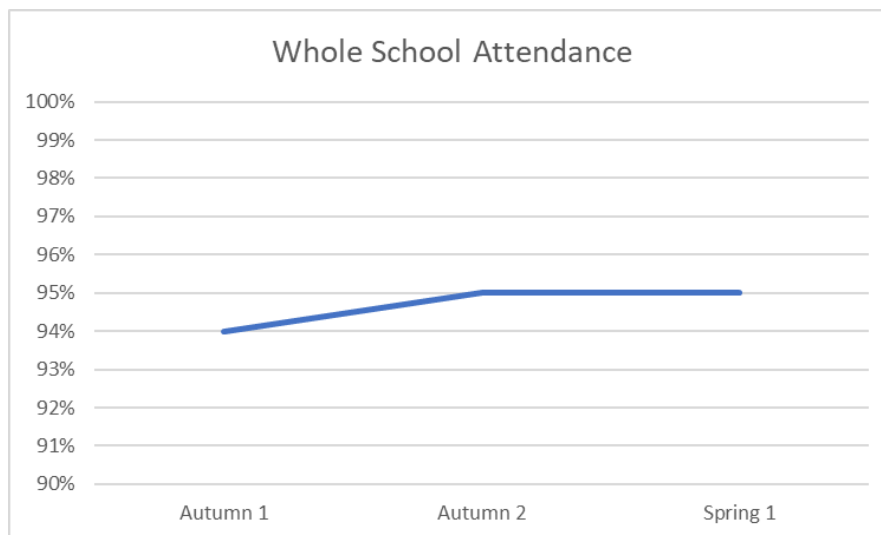
Teachers will support you by:

- Ensuring that pupils bring home an appropriately match book to their current level of learning
- Checking Boom Reader daily to monitor engagement
- Offering support to families that are not reading at home regularly, in line with our target
- Celebrate and recognise those pupils and families who read at home regularly

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be a priority for us here at Little Sutton. Good attendance has a direct impact on children's progress, attainment, enjoyment of learning and relationships within school. We love to see our pupils in school and thriving!

Promoting good attendance is everyone's responsibility. Whilst our attendance percentage has improved from Autumn 1, we would like to continue to increase the amount of days that all of our pupils are in school. If you would like any support with school attendance, please contact Mrs Davies.



## MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- Please refrain from parking in the staff car park between 8:15am - 4:30pm unless prior permission has been obtained.
- Please can we ask that all of our families park considerably during school drop off and pick up. Please remember that school is located in a residential area.



Little Sutton are lucky to have a team of parents and volunteers that support us through FOLSS (Friends Of Little Sutton School). The team work together to organise events in order to raise money for the school. So far this year, some of the money raised has been used to buy new musical instruments and high quality reading books for our pupils.

Our FOLSS are on the lookout for new members! If you would like to learn more, please come to the AGM which will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 8th March at 6pm.**



**Stay informed and get involved.**

All parents are invited to come to PTA AGM to learn more about the PTA, learn about how it serves the school, and to bring any suggestions moving into the new school year. We are actively looking for new members and looking to the parents of our school to help vote in the new key roles of the PTA. This is a great opportunity to get involved or make your voice heard.

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