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Newsletter
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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

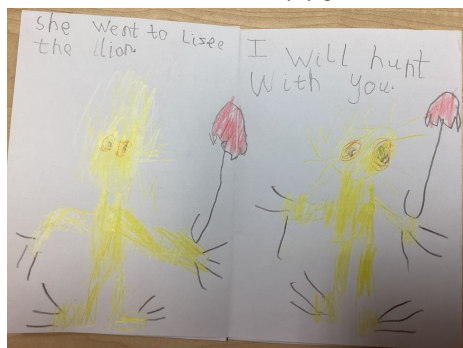
The Easter term seems to have sped by, yet again! Thank you to all the families who came and supported the pupils at the Church yesterday. I know Father Mark was so pleased to see everyone joining in with the celebrations. Thank you to the PTA for organising the egg competition. What a creative bunch you are! We have loved seeing all the entries and it has made us all smile. Next term is going to be a busy one with so please enjoy the holidays. Enjoy spending time with family and friends and hopefully we will see some sunshine!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 31/3/23	School closes for Easter
April 17/4/23 18/4/23	School reopens for Summer Term PTA Bunny Hop
May 1/5/23 4/5/23 5/5/23	School closed for Bank Holiday School closed for Polling Day Coronation party at school - Dance through the decades workshop for each class

Owl Class:

We've had a fantastic Spring Term! We keep on amazing ourselves with how many skills we're learning in our first year of school. We're authors! Yes...we're authors at four and five years old. We've written our own books based on the story 'The Elephant's Umbrella'. In our stories, the umbrella gets swept off by the wind and taken to another jungle animal who wants to keep it. You'll have to keep your eyes on [Twitter](#) to find out what happens to the umbrella, as we'll be reading some of our stories to you. We sailed to the continent of Africa in our learning adventures this half term and learnt all about the equator. When we were exploring the globe, we noticed that the cold continents we explored were far away from the equator and the hot ones were right on it. Now we can predict the climate in different countries when we find them on the globe. In maths we've been learning about the numbers 11 to 20 and we've been doing 'place value workouts' to break the digits up into tens and ones. Now we know our numbers, we're ready to focus on problem solving and can't wait to put all our knowledge into practice next term. Happy Easter from all the Owls.



Red Kite Class:

What an action packed couple of weeks for Red Kite Class! In Design and Technology we have been learning about fruits and vegetables. We have prepared them, tasted them and had lots of fun making them into smoothies! In English, we have finished reading our Pathways book, 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. We loved reading about the adventures of the baby mammoth and we have planned and written our own sequel called 'The Curious Case of the Missing Dinosaur'. In our stories, a baby dinosaur causes all sorts of mischief in a museum! We have been engaging in some new learning in Maths, about length, height, mass and capacity and we're really excited to have finished our second Maths book of the year! In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of rules and how decisions get made. We have begun to understand how democracy works in society and we tried to make a fair decision ourselves. We listed what we liked to do as a special activity in school, we voted for it and then we got to do it - we chose an extra play time! In Science, we have been continuing with our unit of comparing materials. This week we were investigating which properties make the best slime! Make sure you get plenty of rest over Easter, ready for more fun and learning in the summer term!



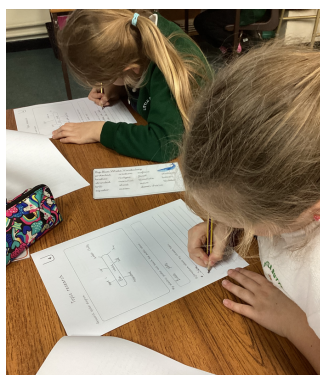
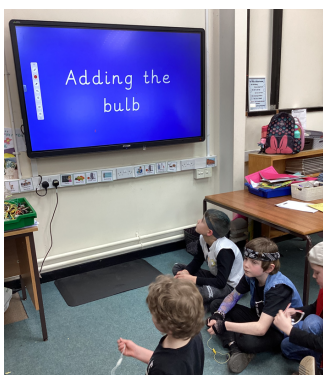
Merlin Class

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Merlin Class! Y2 have been very creative in art. We have used wire and plasticine to make superheroes and used mixed media such as paint, pastels and paper to make a collage of superheroes. In history, we have explored what our school was like in the past. We found lots of old photos and used these photos to learn about the past. Some of us asked some very interesting questions about the school and we have explored some of the answers this week. A big thank you to Annabella's Mum who gave me some old photographs and answered some questions about how the school has changed since she was here. We have designed and made a healthy wrap in DT, where some of us enjoyed tasting new foods. In English, we have been continuing with our Literacy Pathways book, Major Glad and Major Dizzy where we have been using our senses to explore what it would be like under the floorboards. We went under the tables, turned the lights off to imagine we were really there! In Maths, the children are working hard on their 5 times table! A polite reminder to all parents to continue to listen to the children read. Strive for 5! I hope you all have a lovely Easter!



Osprey Class:

Osprey class have reached the end of our spring term with a bang! We have completed our maths topic of fractions and have just started our new unit of work – Mass. We are looking forward to adding, subtracting and solving problems related to the mass of different objects. We loved our TT Rockstars battle and some of us are making fantastic progress with our times tables - remember, practice makes permanent! In English, we have researched and created our own website articles full of facts about blue whales, and have completed some persuasive writing – we want our readers to be convinced to protect our whales! It's surprising how making a tiny change can make a huge difference. In D&T we have researched, designed and created our own electronic posters. We carried out peer assessment on each other's work and gave feedback. Then we learned how to assemble electronic components together to make a circuit to light up our posters. Our finished pieces would look at home in the Natural History Museum! We have really enjoyed our PE topic of dance, and have been developing some of our movement skills in other lessons too. It's amazing to see how all our areas of learning link together. Have a wonderful Easter break!



Kestrel Class:

What an enjoyable last couple of weeks it has been!

This week, two representatives from our class have taken part in a mini Olympics event at the local sports centre. A good time has been had by all involved and lots of new sports have been tried out by both staff and pupils.

In our English work, we've been building our vocabulary and looking at ways of avoiding repetition in our writing.

We've then looked at how to change reported speech into direct speech, using the correct tenses in our sentences. It's really been quite tricky, but we're starting to get the hang of using inverted commas correctly.

Our Geography unit is - you guessed it - about volcanoes! (Well, actually it's about 'why people live near volcanoes.')

As part of our work we're looking at different types of mountain formations and about the different layers of the earth - the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. We now understand that tectonic plates are sections of the earth's crust that move in different ways and that this movement causes mountains to be formed, as well as causes earthquakes.

In our Maths unit this term, we have finished our investigations into length and perimeter and are now looking into fractions and equivalence. It's proving to be an interesting topic and everyone is doing brilliantly - especially when the subject of fractions and food crops up! So far we have mainly looked at proper / improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Design Technology sessions are always enjoyed by Kestrel Class. We're now starting to look at recipes and how they can be changed for different occasions / groups of people. We can't wait

to get to the tasting part after the Easter holiday!

We've finished off the term in style too. We all very much enjoyed meeting our rockstar challenge set by Miss Edwards and absolutely sang up a storm with Queen's 'Radio Ga Ga.' Even though we didn't win the 'sing off,' we're all incredibly proud of the hard work we're putting into learning our times-tables. Keep going everyone. We need to be really speedy!

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a very 'Happy Easter.' Remember to relax and enjoy your time off, but keep reading and 'striving for 5!'



Buzzard Class:

What a busy and fantastic term for Buzzard Class! Y5 have been focusing on healthy eating in DT and have created their own nutritional messy spaghetti – including surprises along the way! Using real pasta, food colouring and hand drawn ingredients. In English, we have covered biography and diary entries, based on our fantastic topic 'Space' and class story 'The Darkest Dark' written by the astronaut Chris Hadfield. The focus was to create our own space journeys and experiences, from facts and information based on famous astronauts. In Maths, we have covered tricky lessons focusing on division, converting fractions and percentages. Our next topic will be geometry, shapes, position and direction. We have placed first in a Dance Competition, been on a school trip to the Little Sutton Methodist Church, for a Cross Factor – Easter Event and have enjoyed World Maths Day as TT Rock stars. I am very impressed with how hard you have all worked and to see your confidence grow. Keep up the hard work and remember to practise your TT Rock stars over the half term. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and I can't wait to see you soon!



Peregrine Class:

Year 6 have worked extremely hard over the half term. It's SATs season and the children have focussed and embraced the extra revision and test practise like pros. It hasn't all been about SATs though. Our Year sixes have managed to squeeze in lots of new learning too as they've explored the Galapagos and all the wonders the islands hold. They did a wonderful job narrating the story of Easter as our whole school celebration at St. Paul's Church too and were excellent buddies to our Owls on their first big walk to the church - thanks Year 6. There's been lots of fun to be had in class, despite the hard work, focus and dedication. They found time to pull together an amazing 'rock' performance in our 'Battle of the Bands' for Little Sutton's Maths Day. They had a lot to live up to as the reigning champions. It was a hard fought battle with just one vote in it, but Year 6 did it and pulled another victory out of the bag! TT ROCKSTARS CHAMPS 2022 AND 2023! Enjoy your Easter break and recharge ready for Summer Term.

MATHS DAY AT LITTLE SUTTON

Maths is often a subject people love or hate - with very few shades of feeling in between, but we are turning that tide in Little Sutton. The right and 'wrongness' of maths can make it a subject children fear, but as we continue to promote mistakes as a positive on the path of learning, we can see the confidence of those more reluctant mathematicians shining through. Maths is at the heart of many career paths and is crucial in our everyday lives so it's important that we help children feel positive about maths and find enjoyment in the struggles and grappling of problem solving.

As we were unable to celebrate World Maths Day earlier in the month, we hosted our own 'Little Sutton Maths Day' to celebrate all things mathematical.

The younger members of our school celebrated by wearing some fantastic, number-based costumes. Families got creative with mathematical problems written on t-shirts, decorated headbands, patterned clothing and some with clothes, capes and hats covered in numbers. Inspired by the book, 'We All Went On Safari', by Laurie Krebs, all the infants went on a number safari around the grounds, solving mathematical problems related to the pages of the book.

In KS2 the children celebrated maths through a TT Rockstars Battle! The rockstar outfits and make-up were incredible and the children brought the attitude to match (all acting obviously), as they battled it out in a sing off. Year 6 came out victorious, but it was a close run battle with just one vote in it.

As Maths Subject Lead, I'd like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to you all for your efforts in helping the children with their outfits. The children looked fantastic and there was lots of excited chatter around the school as children admired each other's costumes. It all really helped make the day a success and inject the fun into maths.

Miss Edwards



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

GOODBYE TO MAL!



This week, we said goodbye and 'happy retirement' to a dear friend and colleague, Mal Stocker-Jones. Mal has worked at Little Sutton C of E for many years and he has been responsible for developing a real love of sports throughout the school. On Tuesday, the children and staff held a special assembly for Mal, which included a set of challenges that Mal had to complete. We all had a great time!

Mal has been a much loved role model for the children of Little Sutton and we know that all of our pupils will miss him greatly. Mal has been responsible for many of our sporting successes over the years, as well as facilitating a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children.

We would like to thank Mal for all of the happy memories and the skills that he has passed on to all of the pupils at Little Sutton. His legacy will live on for many years!

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.