



January 28<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Around school

### Nursery

This week Nursery class have been finding out about Volcanoes and in the outdoor area some children started to play 'Floor is Lava'. To keep themselves safe from the lava they worked together to construct bridges and paths using blocks, boxes, crates, pipes and cable reels. It was wonderful to observe the children sharing their ideas, transporting the materials and problem-solving during their play.

### Reception

In Reception the children have been learning about people who help us. This week's focus has been on visits to the dentist and how to look after our teeth. The children have thoroughly enjoyed acting as both the dentist and patient in their role play area and are now expert teeth cleaners!

### Year 1

As part of the Year 1 History topic looking at changes in farming, Mrs Leonard's class had a visit from two tractor owners bringing their tractors, one old and one new. The children were amazed by some of the differences such as the computing equipment on the modern tractor and this will help the children to begin to understand changes over time. I was teaching elsewhere which was a shame! Thank you to Mrs Leonard and Mrs Spence for arranging this.

### Year 2

In Year 2 the children have been planting lilies and raspberry canes to help them understand what plants need to grow and stay healthy. The summer raspberries will complement our autumn raspberries along the edge of the garden and the lilies are in pots within the garden.

In Geography, the children enjoyed the local area walk checking street names and following their maps.

### Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been learning more about the Stone age. They have been exploring all of the different aspects of life in Britain after the last Ice Age. The children are thoroughly enjoying this topic and Miss Crampton has been particularly impressed with certain children who have carried on their learning at home.

### Year 4

In Year 4 the children have been learning more about Ancient Greece. In History the class found out more about the origins of the Olympic Games and some interesting facts about the athletes! I have been particularly impressed by their English work and the character descriptions of Ancient Greek myths, monsters and Gods.

### Year 5

This week in Year 5 the children have been using their historical knowledge of Anglo-Saxons to inspire their own ending to the famous tale of Beowulf. They have thoroughly enjoyed using their creative flair to write their own alternative ending for our hero and Miss Copeland has been extremely impressed by the writing they have produced.

## **Year 6**

This week in Year 6 the children have been writing about Machu Picchu in Peru. They have worked tremendously hard, incorporating a range of challenging writing techniques whilst becoming experts on the Ancient Incan site.

During outdoor learning we had the opportunity to use the roundhouse as we looked for inspiration for our upcoming outdoor art display, taking photographs, making wax rubbings and collecting items for a collage.

Music this week has gone down a storm as we continue to learn to play the Star Wars theme tune on the glockenspiel. Without exception, the children are showing musical talent, reading notes, interpreting rhythm, and feeling the beat, all of which is promising to provide a fantastic performance.

## **Valentine Discos**

Discos for the different phases of school have been arranged by Miss Richardson and FOMS during school time. We will provide a drink and sweets. The children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of the disco.

## **Sooper Books**

On the link [here](#) you can access some free stories from Sooper Books. They are audio books which are another way that may help your child enjoy books and stories. There are other free books available if you click on the link within the webpage too.

## **Big Garden Bird Watch**

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here. Just spend one hour between Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife wherever you are, whatever you see, you may want to sign up. Information about the event can be found [here](#).

## **COVID updates**

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell, including the normal winter illnesses that are affecting children at this time of year.

If they have COVID symptoms they should isolate and take a test: [Gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

## **Free School Meals Applications**

Have you had a change in circumstances? If you would like to know if you qualify for free school meals please complete the application form available on both the school website and Weduc or contact the school office for the application forms.

## **Dates for the Diary**

February 7 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Disco: Nursery & Reception; 1:15pm – 2:45pm
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Disco: Year 1 & Year 2; 1:15pm – 2:45pm
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Disco: Year 3 & Year 4; 1:15pm – 2:45pm
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Disco: Year 5 & Year 6; 1:15pm – 2:45pm
February 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring half term
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

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