



News & Events

World Book Day takes place on Thursday next week, when the children can come to school dressed as a book character. If your child does not want to dress up, they are welcome to come in their own clothes. We are holding an Easter bingo in a few weeks time and would welcome any donations of chocolate or Easter themed prizes.

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery and Reception

This week, Nursery have been on a delightful adventure to the farmyard! We've explored the world of Farmer Duck and his animal friends through various activities. We began our journey with the tale of "Farmer Duck." The children were captivated by Farmer Duck's determination and kindness as he cared for his animal friends. We discussed the different characters and their personalities. The children took on roles like Farmer Duck, the playful chicks, the mischievous pigs, and the gentle cows. They practiced animal sounds, pretended to feed the animals, and even built a cozy barn for them. We incorporated counting activities into our farm-themed playtime. We sang songs like "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and counted the different animals, using objects and manipulatives to reinforce their understanding of numbers.



Reception have had a great first week back. We started reading our new book 'The Tiny Seed' and carefully planted mint, sunflower and bean seeds. While we planted the seeds we took photos and then wrote a label for each picture. We took great care to sound out our words and made sure we used capital letters and full stops. Our Understanding the World topic is 'Signs of Spring'. We began by discussing the differences between the four seasons and used the watercolour paints to create trees that represent the four seasons. On Friday the class took part in a Commando Joes activity with some of our Year 4 Sports Leaders. The older children worked with Reception to build dens in the hall.

Star of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Miles
<u>Class 1</u>	David
<u>Class 2</u>	Regan
<u>Class 3</u>	Blu
<u>Class 4</u>	Abigail
<u>Class 5</u>	Logan

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day. Dress as your favourite story character

Tuesday 12th March

Year 1 parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.

Friday 15th March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

Week Beginning 18th March

Parent's Evenings

Tuesday 26th March

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Thursday 28th March

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.





Class 2 and 3

Year 1 have continued work on 'The Odd Egg' and wrote in the role of the Duck. They used the prefix 'un' to talk about how Duck was feeling. In Numeracy they have practised counting forwards and backwards to 50 and have partitioned numbers to 50 in to tens and ones. In History they looked at different types of homes and identified the type of house they live in. To end the week the children completed spring directed drawings and in PE the children enjoyed balancing and rolling as part of their work on gymnastics. A lovely start to the half term!

Year 2 had a lovely start to the half term as they went to watch the play 'The Museum of Magical Things' and joined in with a range of singing and dancing activities. They met the author and illustrator of the book as well. In Literacy this week the children have been writing letters and using questions to ask for advice about the bear under the stairs. They have used the question words would, should and could in their work. In Numeracy the children have started work on money, finding the total and making different amounts using coins and notes. In History they began to learn about space and have been introduced to the famous astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. They asked questions about space pictures too. To end the week they used chalks to produce space pictures and have started to add texture to their work. An excellent start to the half term. Well done everyone!



Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy, Year 3 have started a new book called Cloud Tea Monkeys. It begins with the description of a girl called Tashi who works on a tea plantation with her mother. We spent time being apprentice tea tasters and using our senses to describe 5 different types of tea with expanded noun phrases and then we created our own tea box designs. Next we looked at using prepositional phrases to explain an illustration within the book. In numeracy, we have been learning to divide by using a place value grid and whole-part method. In music we have started learning a new song called 'The Dragon Song' which explains the importance of kindness, friendship and acceptance. In PHSE we have been discussing our dreams for the future and looking at Jane Goodall and how her dreams came true. In P.E we have started playing invasion games based on netball.

Class 5 have enjoyed reading their new book 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman this week. They have been exploring the five senses and making predictions about the characters in the book. In maths we have continued to develop our knowledge of equivalent fractions by using pictures and fraction walls. In science we have started to investigate states of matter and have been exploring solids, liquids and gases. In geography we are starting to look at our new topic, Europe. We have been looking at the artist L. S. Lowry in our art lessons and drawing industrial landscapes using his artistic ideas.

