



News & Events

We had a hugely busy week with the children enjoying a variety of activities to celebrate VE day, from tea dancing to medal making! The children displayed great interest, enthusiasm and respect. Next we have library visits, singing club workshops, Mr Skippy and the start of Beach School activities with Mrs. Mutch. A lot to look forward to! We have a number of items of lost property which will be available for you to retrieve on the yard each morning this week.

We still have a number of bugs circulating in school. A little reminder that children should remain at home for 48 hours after the final time they are sick or have diarrhoea.

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Darcy-Rose
<u>Reception</u>	Tommy-Lee
<u>Class 1</u>	Maya
<u>Class 2</u>	Sophie
<u>Class 3</u>	Ollie
<u>Class 4</u>	Jack T-V

Diary Dates

Summer Term

Monday 12th May
Year 1 and 2 Library for author visit
Tuesday 13th May
Skipping workshops Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th May
Singing club workshops
Thursday 15th May
'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.
Saturday 17th May
Singing club attend Sing Fest concert 6.30p.m.
Wednesday 21st May
Year 3 and 4 Quadkids
Friday 23rd May
School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

Nursery and Reception



We've had another fantastic week diving deep into the prehistoric world of "Stomp, Chomp, Big Dinosaurs!" continuing our exciting dinosaur topic. The children have been absolutely captivated by these magnificent creatures! We've been busy building our dinosaur vocabulary, and some of the key words we've been using include: **stomp, chomp, big, dinosaurs, long, long ago, extinct, spiky, bony, plates, horns, fierce, gentle, plant-eater (herbivore), meat-eater (carnivore)**. The children have been keen explorers, carefully looking at the different features of dinosaurs. We've discussed their spiky backs, bony plates, and sharp

horns. We've also learned some of their amazing names, like the mighty Tyrannosaurus Rex, the gentle Triceratops, and the long-necked Diplodocus. We introduced the concepts of herbivores, dinosaurs that eat plants, and carnivores, dinosaurs that eat meat. The children were fascinated to learn that these incredible animals lived a long, long time ago and are now extinct. We've been acting out the story and making our own dinosaur roars and movements. We've also been learning some simple but fascinating dinosaur facts, like how some dinosaurs were enormous and others were quite small, and how their different body parts helped them to survive.

Reception have had a very busy week. We have continued reading our book, 'My Shadow is Pink' and have written a leaflet to help the character to feel more confident about starting school. We used our phonic sounds to help us with our spelling and made sure we used finger spaces and full stops in our writing. We have been making shadows using different materials and have been exploring what happens when light shines through different materials. We even made colourful shadows using some of our construction toys. In maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20. We have also been using mathematical language to describe the position of numbers - **before, after, in between**. On Thursday we worked with Year 3 to design and make squares for a VE day wall-hanging. Everyone then had great fun in the field in the afternoon. We had a picnic and played games with the rest of the school.



Monday 2nd June

Teacher Training day

Tuesday 3rd June

School reopens for children

Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mrs Mutch's class)

Wednesday 4th June

Sports Day 1.30p.m.

Thursday 5th June

Year 4 visit The Glendale Show'

Friday 6th June

Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.

Monday 9th June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class





Class 1 and 2

Year One started their new book 'Lost and Found' this week and asked questions about Penguin, selecting more powerful adjectives to improve their work. In Numeracy the children have been learning to make arrays and write the number sentences that they represent. During Geography the children located the polar regions on a map and described their location. In Science the children found and labelled wild plants. On Thursday everyone enjoyed celebrating VE Day making flags, crowns and medals.



Year 2 had a brilliant week. They started reading their new book 'The Dragon Machine' and went on a dragon hunt around school. The children had to use prepositions to describe where the dragons were hiding and then used this information to write their own 'Dragon Spotting Guide in School'. In Numeracy the children have continued their work on fractions focusing on recognising one third and finding the amount. They looked at what a whole is and how to write this as a fraction and then problem solved to find a whole amount from a fraction. During Geography the children looked at desert climates and discussed how climate changes as we move away from the equator.



As part of their PSHE the children discussed different kinds of touch and how it feels to receive hugs, handshakes and thumbs up. In PE they enjoyed practising their throwing and catching skills and used these during a team game of kick ball rounders. On Thursday the children enjoyed VE Day, celebrating 80 years since the end of the war in Europe. The children enjoyed making crowns, medals and worked together to produce a beautiful banner out of fabric to remember the day.

Class 3 and 4



What a busy and exciting week Year 3 have had! In Literacy, the children have been exploring the imaginative world of "How to Live Forever," bringing the characters to life through acting, especially the wise old men and Peter. It's been fantastic that they're also getting to grips with contractions and understanding how those little apostrophes work! For Numeracy, it's been great to see them building a strong foundation with partitioning whole fractions and using part-whole methods. These are such important skills for their mathematical journey. PHSE was incredibly valuable this week, focusing on problem-solving within arguments and learning how to respond to criticism constructively. In history, they went on a journey back in time to explore ancient Mayan cities and even used Google Earth to locate them. Finally, we celebrated VE Day with arts and crafts and designed felt tiles to commemorate such an important historical event.

In maths year 4 have continued to learn about decimals. This week we learnt how to divide a 1 and 2 digit number by 100. In Literacy we began to plan an explanation text based on our current text, 'The Ever-Changing Earth.' We had a super opportunity on Thursday to take part in a VE Day tea dance workshop. The children dived into the activity with gusto, learning two dances and mastering some difficult choreography! Friday was a busy day for Year 4. In the morning they took part in a multi skills sports workshop at the leisure centre. The children took part in a variety of different activities and represented well. In the afternoon the children enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the year!

