

Newsletter 22 – Spring 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:		
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

We are Brilliant Winners

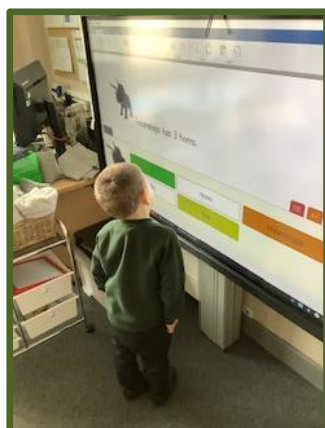
EYFS: Corey (RA), Reggie (RB)

KS1: Eleanor (1A), Jack (1B) Leo (2A) Freddie (2B)

KS2: Saya (3B) Wiktoria (3A) Isla Webster (4A)

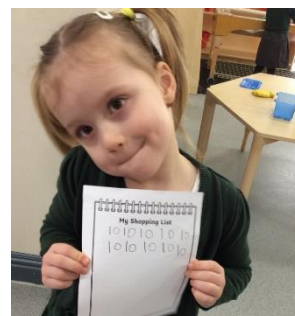
The Hub

The Hub 2's literacy focus for this half-term is non-fiction texts. This week the children have begun to construct sentences about their favourite things, and have used Clicker software to record and share their ideas.



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been working really hard to copy, extend and create ABAB patterns. First, we copied action patterns by clapping our hands and wiggling our fingers. We discussed which action would be next. Then, we began to change the actions by patting our knees and tapping our shoulders. We used a range of resources in nursery to create our own patterns.



Reception

This week we have introduced our new topic 'Wild Wonderful World', by sharing photographs and talking about the children's pets at home or their ideal pet. We discuss how we look after and care for animals by giving them food, water, love and shelter. The children have created some fantastic writing about pets during child-initiated time.

We have also explored animal habitats in our local park; woodlands, grass and pond. The children created a simple map of Queens Park, drawing homes for the animals that might live there.



Year 1

As part of our new topic 'Wonderful Weather,' Year 1 have explored hot and cold colours through art. They then used the style of the famous artist, Jackson Pollock to create a hot, cold and neutral painting. We used Jackson's technique of dripping and splat painting on the floor.



Year 2

This week, we started to learn about our 'Great Fire of London' topic by investigating what houses were like at the time. We looked at different sources to find out more about them before making our own version of a Tudor house. We put them all together to recreate Pudding Lane, which is where the fire started.



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day on Monday with Tim, a music specialist. To start our new topic, we journeyed to the jungle and created rainforest soundscapes.



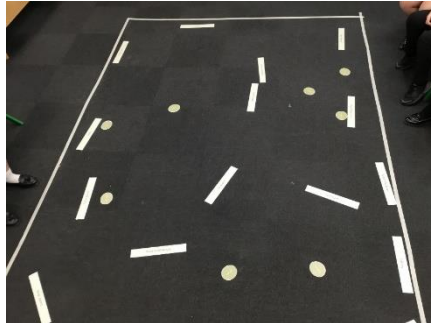
Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been introduced to our new text 'The firework makers daughter' by Sir Phillip Pullman. We used our create skills and our readers mind to create the setting of the opening scene.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started learning about The Invention of Hugo Cabret. Through narrative immersion, we stepped into the Gare du Nord and considered the features of the train station and the surrounding area. We thought of different ways we could describe the train station and role played the daily commute of Parisian citizens. We have created some fabulous pieces of writing.



Year 6

In Science this week, Year 6 worked in teams to investigate how shadows change when their proximity to light sources is altered. We found that the further the object is from the light source, the smaller the shadow becomes.



Art News



Year 5 are participating in the Art Bytes Competition this year! Please look out for this logo and information to follow!

Art Bytes are working hard to publish all the artworks we have submitted. The next step will be for us to proof read our school's portfolio. Then, our page will go live with our three finalists selected. After this it's down to you...

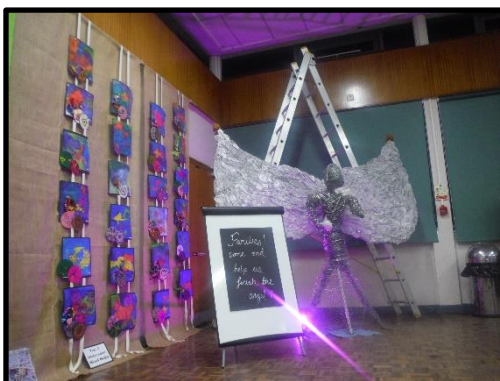
We need you – the whole school community – to join in when voting opens between Monday 15th and Thursday 30th April!

Performing Arts



Changes are afoot with Soul Children. Stay tuned to hear of new developments for singing within school. Communication will go out through letters, emails and meetings. Any questions, please email Mrs Walsh.

School Exhibition



Our next school exhibition is approaching fast! We are preparing to create a fantastic display for children to share their work with families during the Parent's Evenings of 12th and 13th March.

Don't miss it! Come along and celebrate with us and your children. 😊

PE News

PE expectations

As the weather is still wet and cold we wish to remind you of the correct PE kit that children should be wearing in school.

Indoor PE kit: Green or white T Shirt, black shorts, black pumps



Outdoor PE kit: Black plain jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black waterproof jacket if they wish.



Sports competitions

It's another busy month for sports competitions. We have the following competitions coming up:

Competition	Year group	Date
Football	5&6	Wednesday 6 th March Wednesday 13 th March
Football	2	Thursday 7 th March
Girls football	3, 4, 5, 6	Thursday 8 th March
Games for all	3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday 12 th March
Gymnastics	1&2	Friday 22 rd March

If your child has been selected to represent the school in one of these competitions they will receive a letter. Please return the consent slip to a member of the PE team or your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Swimming

Y4 children are taking part in swimming lessons this half term as part of the national PE curriculum. Please see the list below of when all other KS2 year groups will be attending swimming lessons.

Summer 1 (April-May half term)	Year 3
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Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.



In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- > What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

