



Headteacher

It was brilliant to see so many parents in school at Parent's Evening this week!

Thank you to all who attended.

We are now planning to have more parent events in summer term which class teachers will inform you of via Class Dojo.

It is a very exciting time that after two years of talking about it and planning for it, our new extension is nearing completion and will hopefully be finished early in May. We plan to use it for a number of different things to support our children and families and community moving forward.

Have a lovely Easter break and we all look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 19th April.

EYFS

At the beginning of this month we celebrated Book Week which was enjoyed by everyone. The children in reception shared their love of reading with each other through the launch of 'Chatterbooks' which supports children to talk about books in a meaningful way and share their favourite books and genres and favourite authors.

We then set off on a journey to some of the countries in the world through our topic of 'Around the World'. Our first stop was London. The children discovered that Chorley and London are both in England and wrote postcards about London. They enjoyed making Union Jack Flags from 2D shapes and making their own marmalade sandwiches, just like Paddington Bear!

After London we moved on to Africa. The children found out about the animals that live in Africa and about some traditional music and songs. The children were able to taste some tropical fruits and talked about the different types of weather or climate we might see in Africa. The children wove their own baskets in this week.

Last week we enjoyed learning about Australia and finding out about different Australian animals and places. The children also enjoyed making and testing their own boomerangs.

This week we have been focusing on India. The children enjoyed tasting Indian foods and smelling different spices. They have also made clay pots, to drink tea from, which are traditional in India. They tried on some traditional Indian clothes and experimented with dancing too. What a busy half-term and an exciting whirlwind trip!

Year 1

The month of march certainly has marched by!

March began with a bang with our 'Book Week'. We spent the week talking all things books and ended the week with an amazing 'Masked Reader' competition.

We have finally welcomed parents to school to join our orienteering event - celebrating our learning about Amelia Earhart and her amazing adventures! We have, once again, reflected upon our dreams, focusing on the skills that we need to nurture and fulfil our dreams.

March also brought the conclusion of our Teddy Tennis sessions and we have all learned so much and we are very thankful to our coaches for their skilled teaching.

March closed with a fantastic face to face parents' evening where I was able to talk to parents about the amazing work ethic that the children are demonstrating!

We wish you all an amazing, exciting and restful Easter holiday and we look forward to returning for our final term in Year 1.

Year 2

Wow – it seems as though March has flown by! Year 2 have continued to work hard in all aspects of our curriculum and produced some great work. It has been lovely to have parents back in school and to welcome KS1 parents to our Orienteering challenge and for parents to know a little more about what we are currently learning. It was also fantastic to have a face to face parents' evening and speak about children's progress in person and not via a computer screen!

Earlier in the month, we enjoyed the school vision day where we were able to match skills needed to achieve our dream job. In history, we have now completed our learning about Amelia Earhart and the we have now got lots of knowledge about her! In English, we have been writing fictional stories about an alien invasion and we have recently been working with the Red Cross to write 'Letters of Kindnesses' to refugees travelling from Ukraine. In maths, we have been learning about statistics, producing tally charts and pictograms. We even tallied the hundreds of items sent in by parents for the Ukraine collection. As we have moved towards Easter, we have been enjoying the warmer weather, monitoring the plants we are growing in science and finding out what conditions plants need to grow.



Year 3

What a great end to the Spring term with our outdoor musical concert to celebrate everyone's hard work within both music and history. We have been learning all about the Baroque period, looking at the instruments and composers of that era. We have also looked at rock music and compared the two periods when looking at instruments. In music, we have written our own song to go with the music of Vivaldi and Handel. In DT, we have completed our vehicles for the Queen and have had some degree of success in making them move. Science saw the end of our rocks and soils topic and the making of our very own edible layered soils—we even had the worms in the top soil!

This half term has seen so many things happening within school. We have enjoyed book week, cricket workshops and we have had another successful Vision Day. The whole school also watched the passing of the baton for the commonwealth games.

Well done everyone for all the hard work that you have done. Hopefully the sun will continue to smile on us next half term. Happy Easter.

Year 4

What a brilliant half term this has been in Year 4. We have been working really hard in English and written our own, innovated version of 'Leon and the Place Between'. In our writing, we have been looking at using fronted adverbials and speech and we are beginning to use both of these skills independently in our writing.

We have enjoyed our history topic—'Musical History' and researching the romantic period. We have also thoroughly enjoyed listening to music from this era and learning two songs which we will perform at our concert. As part of our history, we have also looked at instruments, when they were invented and how they have changed over time.

In art, we have started our new topic of sculpture and printing. We started by looking at pottery, specifically tea light holders. We have then designed our own tea light holder and have begun to create it using clay. Once they are dry, we are going to paint them. The children are really excited to see their final piece of art.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great month, with the highlight being a trip to the Mayor's Parlour, where we learned how councillors debate and make decisions that influence our day-to-day lives. We have had a very musical month as we head to our big performance at the end of term.

We have learned how to play a percussion instrument with increasing accuracy. There is also a drumming performance on the horizon which we have been practising hard to be ready for. Excitingly, we had author, Jen Carney, drop in to visit our class, talk to the children and sign some of her books. We look forward to seeing parents in school again for our musical performances before we break up for the Easter holiday.



Year 6

How has another month come to an end? The year is whizzing by and SATs will upon us soon. We have worked our socks off this month and have made amazing improvements to our maths and English work and we are very proud of the progress we have made! We had an amazing outdoor music concert where we had the fantastic opportunity to sing Lean On Me and play some instruments and celebrate our history of music topic. During the topic we looked at the different eras of music including baroque and romantic and our class focus which was contemporary. We focused on jazz music and listened to a variety of songs from different jazz periods including "ragtime" and "behop". We used the skill of printing in art and used Andy Warhol as our inspiration. We created beautiful prints of Nina Simone in the style of Marilyn Diptych from 1962. The children also had the fantastic opportunity to talk to Aaron from 'The Apprentice' about his life in the military and ask for tips and advice about starting your own business — which some of us aspire to do. This led well into our Dream Day, where we were able to research our dream job and talk and share aspirations.