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# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4- MARCH 2024

## MESSAGE FROM MRS WALKER

Dear Families,

It always amazes me how this term sees the change from dark and cold winter to the first signs of Spring. We are all appreciating the lighter nights in what has been a very short few weeks from February half term to the Easter holidays.

World Book Day took on a whole new life this year as we extended it into World Book Week! Our children were a delight to take to Waterstones and The Works and I hope you had the pleasure of sharing their book purchases with them. Our reading breakfasts proved incredibly popular although Mrs Peacock and Mr Hackett will not be able to look at a frozen croissant for quite some time. It was lovely to be able to share these special times with parents who joined us.

We also held Drop Everything and Read sessions throughout the week where the children were involved in their lessons but would drop everything to read their books at the bell. This was loved by all as all the adults had the same instruction and the children loved seeing the adults reading their books too.

We had the pleasure of Ofsted visiting us at the very start of term, and we are awaiting the publication of their report which we will then share with yourselves. It just remains for me to wish you all a restful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday the 16th April.

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# YEAR 3

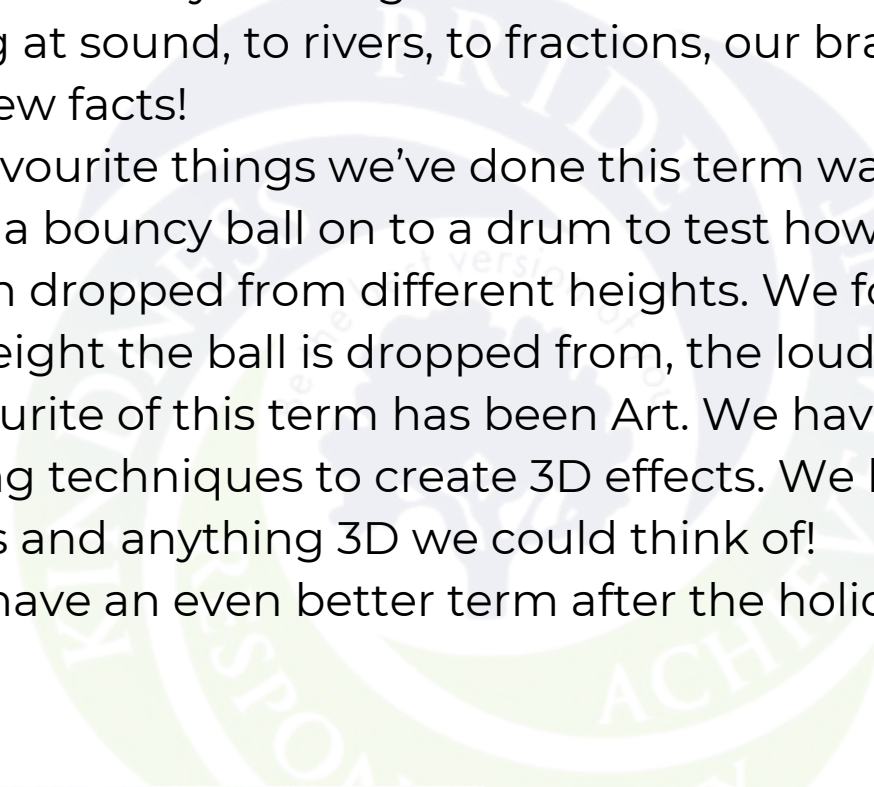


This term year 3 have really enjoyed celebrating and joining in world book week. We started our week off with a reading breakfast and having our parents come in and join us. It was lovely to have our parents join our session and take part in our reading session. We read the start of Nothing to See Hear Hotel and used our expert tips to predict what would happen next and visualise the granny. We enjoyed reading with children from other year groups and experiencing stories from different teachers. We were then very fortunate and took a trip into town to go and spend our book tokens in Waterstones. We absolutely loved the world book week.





# YEAR 4



Year 4 have had a very exciting term 4!  
From looking at sound, to rivers, to fractions, our brains are well and truly full of new facts!  
One of our favourite things we've done this term was testing sound. We dropped a bouncy ball on to a drum to test how loud a sound can get when dropped from different heights. We found that the higher the height the ball is dropped from, the louder the sound!  
Another favourite of this term has been Art. We have focused on using painting techniques to create 3D effects. We have drawn apples, mugs and anything 3D we could think of!  
We hope to have an even better term after the holidays. Hoppy Easter



# YEAR 5



Year 5, this half term, has been learning all about the ancient Greeks in class. We kicked off our new half term with an amazing immersive day with our very own ancient Greek. We loved seeing everyone's creative costumes from using bed sheets to creating cardboard armour. During our Greek day, we discovered a lot of crazy information about all of the Greek gods and goddesses- you definitely didn't want to be in a family with them! This curriculum day was a great start to not only our history but our writing and reading for this term!

Not only have we learnt all about the Greek, but in DT we have been creating pasta sauce. To begin our learning, we made a 'basic' sauce so we could practise our different grips to chop vegetables, grate carrots and use a garlic crusher; we then also went over the basic health and safety of using a hob(which put some of our science about heat conductors into practise). After creating our 'basic' sauce, we explore how to adapt a recipe to make it healthier and how to create appropriate packaging that included: brand name, ingredients, nutritional information and illustrations. Finally, we put all our new knowledge and skills together to create our new, tasty sauces.





# YEAR 6



Although short, this term has been jam-packed with exciting opportunities for Year 6. As part of World Book Day, children were able to walk to Waterstones to redeem their free book token and experience what it was like to find and buy a book of their choosing. Since the visit, many children have returned to the shop to find a new book they either spotted on the day or something completely new. We continued to celebrate our love of reading by dressing up as our favourite book characters and invited our adults into school to share a guided reading lesson.

We have been using their trip to the holocaust museum last term in their writing, creating atmospheric narratives based on the Rose Blanche story and a dramatic diary entry from the perspective of a child in Germany at the time.

In our afternoon lessons, we have started a new computing unit where we have been creating and editing spreadsheets, focussing on creating formulae to assist in recording and presenting data. We started this by creating tables offline on our tables, then moved this onto a digital spreadsheet.



# IMPORTANT DATES



## Term 5

Monday 15th Apr	Training Day
Tuesday 16th Apr	Open to Pupils
Monday 6th May	School Closed May Day
Monday 13th - 20th May	Mental Health Week
Monday 13th—17th May	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 20th—24th May	Y6 Residential
Tuesday 21st May	Y5 Class 7 Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 22nd May	Y5 Class 8 Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 23rd May	Y5 Class 9 Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 23rd May	Y4 Event 2pm
Friday 24th May	Term 5 Ends

### Rescheduled class assemblies:

Tuesday 23rd April - Y3 Class 1 Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 24th April - Y3 Class 2 Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 25th April - Y3 Class 3 Assembly 9.15am

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Safeguarding:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Walker

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Goodall, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Bright, Mrs Pearce and Miss James.

### FSM Voucher:

You should have now received your voucher for the Easter holidays if your child is entitled to free school meals. This voucher is valued at £60 per child.



# WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

