

NEWSLETTER

SPRING

2ND HALF TERM

2024



NOTE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

What a busy Spring term- short in weeks but full in activity and learning.

I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening in the classroom this half term. The children have been extremely busy with their learning and have demonstrated good progress. The school has also been active in the local community and have engaged in a number of national events. We were very proud of our fantastic dancers and amazing recorder players who both performed at the Victoria Hall.

As a reward for the busy term the children enjoyed their Bouncy castle treat and the present from the Easter Bunny at our Easter Bonnet Parade.

Thank you to all our parents for all the support over the term and your generous donations. We have collected money for our sponsored read and looking forward to our delivery of books to enhance our library. It was good to see you at our termly parent consultation evening too.

Mrs Davies



Be kind



Be polite



Be sensible



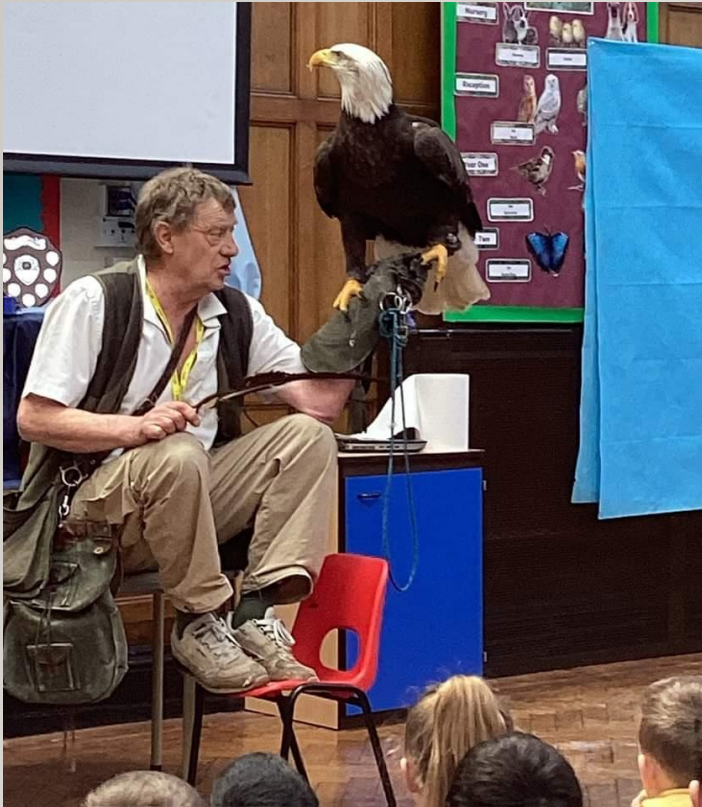
World Book Day

Everyone came to school dressed as a character from their favourite story. We came together in assembly to look at all the wonderful costumes. Each class were given a secret story to go back to class and read- these were sent from a different school. Every child was presented with a world book day token to swap for a book. We have had a wonderful day full of reading and stories!



As part of our World Book Day celebrations some of our Year 2 children visited Gorsefield Residential home. The children read stories and made friends with the residents. The elderly people enjoyed meeting the children. The children were polite, friendly and caring showing understanding of how we can support our local community.





All the children in Key Stage 1 took part in Mini Medic training this term. They explored the medical boxes and all about the recovery position.

The whole school were captivated by the Bird Man. It was a fantastic experience to meet the birds and see them flying around the hall!! We hope you like the photos.



Tuesday 5th March 2024

After attending our after school recorder club, children from Y1 and Y2 took part in the Recorder Festival 2024. They performed alongside other schools at the Victoria Hall. They performed many pieces of music in front of an audience of parents and other visitors.



Children from Key Stage 1 enjoyed taking part in a dance performance 'Lights, Camera, Action!' At the Victoria Hall. They performed a dance from the Greatest Showman in front of many other schools and a full venue of grown ups! They did a fantastic job and we are all very proud of them.

NURSERY



Nursery have been very busy this half term. We have had a visit from Kylie from the library. We also enjoyed the visit from the bird man and made our own birds. We have been planting flowers to make our nursery environment look bright and hopefully attract some lovely insects. The children have been taking part in the balance ability scheme and have now moved onto balance bikes.



RECEPTION



We have had a very busy term! We have enjoyed many different stories including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, Look up and The Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed exploring the bean lifecycle, growing our own beans and baking our own gingerbread men. In addition, we loved looking at space and rainbows, making sun catchers, experimenting with skittles to make rainbows and our own Starry Night artwork inspired by Van Gogh. During British Science Week we explored nests, making our own clay nest and looking at Barn Owls. The highlight of the week was us getting to meet different birds of prey with a visit from the Birdman.



YEAR 1



In Year 1 this term we have been learning about Magical Kingdoms. We started our topic with a Castle adventure day - we learned archery and how to fence with ASM in our fancy dress costumes! We have been reading and retelling lots of fairytales, both original and alternatives. The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk inspired two fantastic STEM activities in Science which we linked to our topic on Materials. In PE we have learnt a medieval dance and with ASM we have been learning how to play different games. In Art we studied Paul Klee's work which inspired our own artwork, linked to our Maths lessons on 2D shapes. We have also been securing our place value to 50 in maths with addition, subtraction and related facts to 20.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had the opportunity to visit Tunstall library. During their visit they listened to stories and explored the books the library has to offer. All children were given a library card and were able to check out 1 book to bring back to school. The children really enjoyed this experience and we hope this is the first of many trips to the library. In year 2 this term we have been learning about plants in science. We have dissected bulbs and seeds to find out what they are like inside. We have planted bulbs and seeds and are observing them growing over time. In Geography we have used songs to help us learn the seven continents and the 5 oceans. We have read lots of books linked to plants and growing. Year 2 have completed swimming sessions this term and chance to shine cricket. Year 2 have taken part in the mini medics training.





ATTENDANCE



Our school target
is 97%

School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future.



Learning is like a tower of blocks where we build on firm foundations. Absence creates gaps in learning making new information difficult to embed.



If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office by no later than 9.30a.m. on 01782 234450

Please note that if your child has been physically sick either in school time or at home, then in accordance with the Health Protection Agency, we are not permitted to have your child back in school until 48 hours has passed since the last sickness episode.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2024

School Opens – Monday 8th April

May Day Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Closes – Friday 24th May

Half Term – Monday 27th May to Monday 3rd June (inclusive)

School Opens – Tuesday 4th June

School Closes – Friday 19th July