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St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Families,

We loved seeing lots of you at Sports' Day this week. We are so proud of how much effort the children have put into their PE over the last half term to prepare them for the day - didn't they do well?! A special thanks must go to Mr Russ for all the hard work he put in to make the day such a success. And also, a big thank you to Mrs F and the very helpful Yr6 children that have given up their time to support Butterfly class. You can find pictures from the day attached at the bottom of this newsletter.

Last week in Literacy, we thought about going on journeys. We looked at different modes of transport and discussed why we can't walk to countries that are far away. The children packed suitcases, thinking about what they would need in hot and cold climates. We used the book "The Train Ride", as a starting point for descriptive language. We pretended to look out of the train window and wrote "I can see a ...". Keep practising writing little sentences at home.

This week, we have started a two week unit about pirates! The children really enjoyed reading "My Granny is a pirate" and told us that lots of their family members are secret pirates too! We thoroughly enjoyed pretending we lived on a pirate ship, listening to instructions whilst playing "Captain's Coming"! "The Troll" is another humorous pirate story which sparked our imagination. The children wrote recipes for the pirates and described what they found inside the treasure chest.

In Maths, we have been exploring odd and even numbers. The children have been listening to songs and reading "Odd Todd and Even Steven" to support this new learning. We have also been exploring how odd and even numbers can be shared between two people and what result this has; It has been a very explorative maths topic! Our focus this week has been on positional language, view points and combining amounts - we have been VERY busy. One activity that the children loved, was trying to find what we had taken pictures of, based on the view point. It was certainly a tricky one but our Butterflies were fully immersed in their learning and they persevered when some photos were more tricky than others.

We have had such a fun few weeks - baking, pretending to make fruit tea, designing car ramps, using ice paint, creating pirate maps, designing mermaid tails and so much more!

Notices for the week:

- Please remember we have our **pirate dress up day** on **Monday 3rd July**.
- If you are able to help on a stall at the Summer Fair (**8th July**), please speak to the Class Rep or a member of staff. We are in need of more volunteers. The Fair is an amazing way to raise money for the school, which will be used directly on your children.
- On **Tuesday 11th July**, the children will be making fruit smoothies. On either Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th, please could you bring in some fruit for us to use. Thank you!
- Phonics books will be collected on **Monday 10th July** so please ensure these are in your child's bag on this day.
- In the last week of school, we will be giving you all the work your child has completed this year. We need to keep the ring binder folders in school, so ask that you could provide us either with your own ring binder, or an A4 paper wallet/envelope. Thank you.

Optional home learning:

Because the children had so much fun with the photo viewpoint activity, it is something that you could try at home. Find things to photograph and take the photo from different viewpoints. This could be behind the item, under the item, above the item etc. Your child can then go on a hunt to discover what the photo is of and what viewpoint it was taken from.

Best wishes,

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A special thank you to these stars for making it such a fantastic morning.



A special treat to cool down after all the exercise.



The winning team!



Butterfly class had so much fun and we couldn't be more proud of how well they did!

