

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the last school newsletter of the term.

A huge thank you also to the PTA who organised the recent Christmas Fair and the discos. The PTA do an amazing job in raising money for the school through the many events they organise over the school year. The money they raise goes towards funding whole school resources or extra-curricular activities that the school is unable to fund. I am sure you are aware of the additional pressures on school budgets and the funds generated by the PTA are an incredible source of additional funding for whole school projects.



This December we say goodbye to three members of staff who are leaving us:

Mrs Kousar has been a Learning Support Assistant at the school for over 10 years, and is moving on to a local Secondary School to pursue a career as a Science Technician. Mrs Kousar will be greatly missed by the whole school community and we wish her all the best in her new career.

Mrs Kang, Early Years Practitioner starting a new role at a local company, which focuses on training new Early Years Practitioners. Mrs Kang will be greatly missed by the whole team, and we wish her lots of luck in her new carer.

Lastly, Miss Clanfield who joined as Willow class teacher in December has had to make the difficult decision to leave due to personal circumstances. Miss Clanfield has had a huge impact since she joined us in September and will be missed. We hope to work with her again in the future.

On behalf of the children, staff and governing body I would like to wish you all a peaceful festive break.

I hope you will enjoy reading all the various year group news.

Yours sincerely

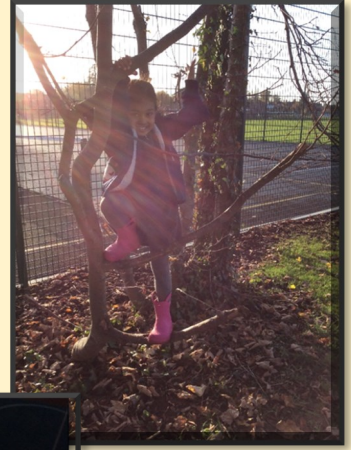
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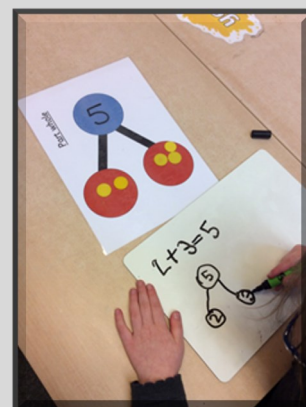
Nursery News

The Nursery children are now well settled at school and are enjoying learning about the seasons of Autumn and Winter. Our topic Into the Woods saw us learning all about forests and woodland animals with stories such as The Gruffalo, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and One Snowy Night. We had great fun baking our own Gingerbread Men and spiky salt dough hedgehogs and using sticks to make our own Stickman puppets. We also started going on our Outdoor Welly Walks which are proving to be great fun and very educational. Every time we visit the woods on the field we find something different like mushrooms, dandelions clocks, catkins and daisies. We have noticed how the trees have lost most of their leaves now as they get ready for winter. We are also busy tuning into sounds outside and in, listening to the sounds of the wind and birds outside and learning our sound of the week inside. Getting ready for the Christmas festival has been very exciting... we've helped decorate our classroom and home corners with baubles and snowflakes and made our seasonal tree look all wintry. Our last week before the holidays will be full of festive fun crafts, our Winter Singing Celebration (which you can view via Tapestry from Friday 16 Dec) and our class Christmas parties.



Reception News

What an amazing term we have had! The Reception children have worked so hard and engaged in a number of different activities. Our theme this term has been "Terrific tales". The children have enjoyed reading favourite and familiar stories such as Zog by Julia Donaldson and Little Red Riding Hood. We have been doing some amazing writing using our phonics knowledge. The children have enjoyed getting into character and acting out the stories that we have been learning about. In maths we have continued to learn about numbers and the composition of 5. We have been practising finding one more and one less and exploring the properties of different 2D shapes. We have created some wonderful art this term taking inspiration from artists such as Paul Klee. The children have enjoyed learning about different seasons and noticing all of the different Autumnal / Winter changes in our garden. We wish everyone a happy winter break - The Reception Staff



Year 1 News

We are so proud of our Year 1 children. They have had a busy, happy Autumn Term. We wish all our families a very happy Christmas holiday!



In Maths, we have been practising our addition and subtraction facts and identifying 2D and 3D shapes.

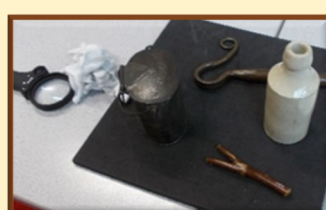
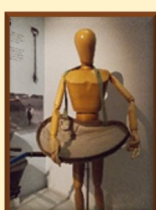
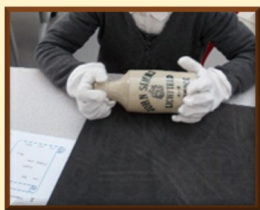


In DT, we made spinners that create an illusion when you spin them!



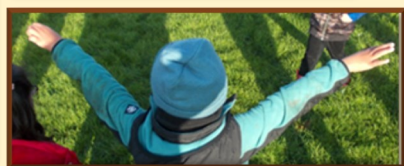
Class Outing to MERL Museum

The children enjoyed a sunny walk all the way down to the MERL Museum. They participated in a workshop all about the history of local farming. They got to handle artefacts and look around the museum at all the wonderful farming implements. The museum has free entry and is well worth a visit as a family!



Outdoor Learning

The children really enjoyed this term's outdoor learning. They were encouraged to experience the simple pleasure of fallen leaves and explored sorting the leaves by shape and size. Music played in the background to encourage the children to throw the leaves, spin with them, or gather handfuls and scatter them. The field offered a wide open space for the children to run and with the added bonus of a hill to roll down! The expression on their faces was one of sheer delight!



Year 2 News

This has been an incredibly busy term for Year 2. In geography, we explored ports, harbours and villages, with particular focus on human and physical features. We then started our science unit - living things and their habitats. We cannot wait for a visit from the reptiles where we can scientifically observe unique creatures in the flesh!

Our focus for RE has been on Christianity. We welcomed a local charity, RE Inspired, who delivered a fantastic, hands-on session for us.

During outdoor learning, we took time to care for our environment and clear the playground. We then planted bulbs which we are excited to see flourish in Spring.

During open afternoons, we thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our parents into the classroom to showcase our wonderful learning. As we near the end of term, we are looking forward to our Winter Celebration performance to parents and the disco!



Year 3 News

Year 3 have been bright sparks this term by creating light-up pictures in Design Technology. They successfully created electrical circuits to illuminate a bulb, then designed a picture with the light shining through. Ideas included a glowing jellyfish and a festive shining star on top of a Christmas tree. Other creative projects this term have included working together to make scarecrows from recycling to add to the Outdoor Learning space, and creating computer animations inspired by our dragon topic, based on the book *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. Well done Year 3!



Year 4 News

The children in year 4 have enjoyed learning all about the Romans in Britain. In fact, they immersed themselves in Roman life on our enjoyable and educational visit to Ufton Court. The children learned about how the Roman army became one of the most formidable forces of the time. They donned shields to practise battle and defence formations which included the shield wall, the wedge, the tortoise and the orb when the pupils had to protect their teachers from attack. They also learned about games and pastimes that the Romans engaged in and then had the opportunity to play them themselves. The children also became amateur archaeologists. Working in groups, they were given Roman artefacts and tried to guess what they were used for.



Here are some pictures of the day.



In science, the children have been learning all about the human digestive system. They particularly enjoyed the experiment where we placed eggs in a variety of fluids, some acidic, some alkali and some neutral to replicate the effect that these would have on human teeth. The monitoring of effects is still ongoing.

We have linked our science to writing and the children have written super diary entries of themselves imagined as pieces of food laden with wonderful descriptions as they undertake a wonderful and, sometimes, yucky journey through the human digestive system.

The children also had a very interactive and enjoyable session with RE Inspired who help to enrich our RE curriculum. As well as helping the children to know and understand the Christmas story we had some excellent acting and role play skills on show.

Year 4 are still looking forward to a few activities as the term approaches its end. They will be rounding off their nutritional learning by making delicious sandwiches. Furthermore, our outdoor learning will be a spot of water-colour painting of our popular poplar tree.

Year 5 News



A very warm (in spirit if not temperature) greeting to all Year 5 parents and carers.

As the holidays draw near, the time has come to reflect on a very positive term for Year 5. The children of Eagle, Buzzard and Falcon have striven to model the Sutton Six Values on a daily basis and, whilst we have had some bumps along the way, as the term comes to an end, I believe every child can look back on their efforts and find many things to be proud of. So, let's begin with a huge well done to each and every child in Year 5.

This term we have continued to try and give the children as wide an educational experience as possible. In music, Year 5 have been writing their own school anthems, in art we have explored how to add texture to our paintings and in DT we have nearly completed our tower building work – by the time you read this, they should all be done.



Science, in particular, captured the imagination of the children and they seemed to take a great deal from the Earth and Space topic. We linked this to some creative writing and there was some highly imaginative personification poetry, taking inspiration from Mars the planet, as well as the Roman God of War and Holst's Planet Suite. As a side note, the work on Mars was brought further to life thanks to the planet itself being so visible in the night-sky. The next time it will be this clear, the children will all be in their twenties!



Of course, there was plenty more learning done. Maths and computing, PE and outdoor learning, RE and RHE filled our days, and the children gave their all to every subject and lesson. I think the whole Year 5 team have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the individual character of each child shine out, with each choosing their own particular favourite subject. We can only be happy that the whole year group has each found something they enjoy and want to excel at. Long may this continue.

Have a great holiday and myself and the team look forward to seeing you in January.

Mr Watson



In the words of Y6:

In year 6 we have covered a wide range of different topics, all of which have been extremely interesting for the students. Furthermore, the knowledge has stuck in our minds and the curriculum has been achieved.

Reading

Reading is a really useful subject to improve your science and maths too. In our school the reading hive and library are a huge help, as the books have higher level punctuation; along with that they are very interesting to read.

Maths

In maths we have been doing many interesting topics such as: fractions, percentages, decimal conversions and word problems. Mrs Hussain and Mrs Dakovic have been a huge help in allowing us to improve in this subject. Mrs Lawson is another of our teachers who is endlessly willing to help us improve.

Writing

Writing visits all areas such as: scientific reports, persuasive texts, diary entries and more. This term we have done a scientific report on mould growth and texts about WW2. Another aspect looked at in writing is spag (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Science

During this term we have done many different things in science. All of us enjoyed experiments on electricity and mould growth. Furthermore, the experiment on mould growth was very interesting because we were able to view the mould growing and different types of mould. With the electricity topic we made many circuits and learnt how to draw the different components.

RHE

During RHE this year we have been looking at germs, bacteria and vaccines. We studied why we need them and looked at a historical hero; Edward Jenner, who is one of the most important people in the scientific world. In addition, we learnt that without him vaccines would not exist.

Music

In music we have been changing the melody of the Drunken Sailor, translating our work onto the treble staff. Consequently, we then put them into a song maker and saved it into a word document. Moreover, music is an engaging topic.

PE

In PE, we have 2 different weeks, red and blue. On red weeks we will do dodgeball and on blue weeks we will do sports like handball, gymnastics and hockey; all of us enjoy PE and our teacher is very helpful and fun.

History

During history this year, we have been studying WW2; this includes: propaganda, the evacuation of children, the role of women, The Blitz, The Battle of Britain, VE Day, D Day and The Holocaust. History is a very interesting and enjoyable subject and we have learnt an incredible amount.

Computing

In computing this term, we learnt about different types of messages. In addition, we learnt about different ways to communicating. This was very helpful as some of the examples given were new ideas to all of us like Morse code.

Art

In art, we have been learning how to draw in two-point perspective. Although it is quite challenging at first, all of us have mastered it over time. Furthermore, we are making clay pots and also painting them.

Spanish

In Spanish, we have learned how to say our name, age, nationality and where we live. Also, we learned how to say the names of animals and describe them. Furthermore, our year has learned the words "it is" and "it isn't". Moreover, we can't wait to discover more.

Religious Education

We have enjoyed our RE lessons this term. In Christianity, we have learned about the significance of Mary who fought in non-violent protests for African – American individuals'. Our lessons have been very informative. We thank our RE teacher Mrs Lone.

Nutritional learning

In NL we swam in a river of knowledge as we learnt about food and its nutritional value. We also learnt that too much of certain foods can cause us to be obese. Another thing we learnt is that too much of any food can be bad. Furthermore, we have answered many questions and gathered a lot of information.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Year 6 have been eager to learn about all the various aspects and are asking very captivating questions; these have helped the whole class to improve. We are very excited for the next term: we hope to expand our growing knowledge.

Overall, we think that this will be an extremely fun year and are excited to learn more on these topics.

PTA News



The PTA would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and fabulous attendance at our Winter Fair.



We hope you enjoyed the games and entertainment from the Twangers and were able to get yourself into the holiday spirit.

We raised over £750 at the fair which will go towards projects decided by the staff and pupils at the school. A special thank you to all the helpers who helped make events such as this one possible. We couldn't do it without you all!

