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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Lent

*Let the love of The Lord
Light up your life
This Lent and Always*

Amen

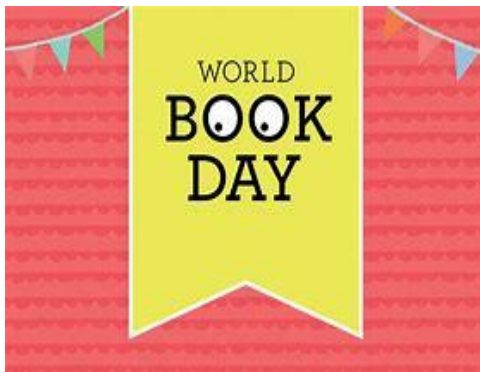
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Y1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Y1 had a fantastic time on the driving safari, on foot safari, watching the amazing sealion show and even became animal detectives!



World Book Day 2024



SPB will be celebrating World Book Day on *Thursday 7th March*. Children are asked to come to school dressed as a book character, or in their pyjamas, ready for a bed time story. In addition, could they please bring into school the book their character relates to, or a bed time story book.

The day will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day, and all-year round!

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Diary Dates

Cross Country Race 5 @ Sefton Park – Monday 26th February 4pm

U11 Girls Football @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 29th February 3pm

Mass at SPB – Monday 4th March @ 9.15am

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 5th March

Cross Country Race 6 @ Wavertree – Thursday 7th March 4pm

Cross Country City Championships @ Wavertree – Tuesday 12th March 4pm

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 13th March

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter Eggs – Friday 15th March

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

Final Y5 Swimming Session – Monday 18th March

Cross Country City Championships @ Wavertree – Monday 18th March 4pm

Y4 First Holy Communion Session 4 @ CTK – Tuesday 19th March at 4.15pm & 6pm

Easter Bingo KS1 – Wednesday 20th March

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents' Evening – Thursday 21st March

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter Eggs – Friday 22nd March

Mass at SPB – Monday 25th March @ 9.15am

Reception Parents' Evening – Monday 25th March

Easter Bingo KS2 – Wednesday 27th March

School closes for Easter break – Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm

Easter Break – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Children return to school – Monday 15th April 8.30am

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Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 19.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club Every other Monday starting 26.02.24	Y2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 20.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Debate Academy 30.01.24 to 26.04.24	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.05pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 21.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 22.02.24 for 5 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Dot Art	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 23.02.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

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General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had a very busy first week back to school! This week we have started our new topic on Pirates! We have read 'In the Night Pirates' and started learning a storytelling version of the story. This helps with our expression and storytelling language. We can then use this and practise it in our play. We have also made a pirate area in our small world, here we can dress up as a pirate and practise our storytelling. In maths this week we have been learning all about repeating patterns, we have been practising these in the creative area using paints and also in our funky fingers area using the threading resources. In the play dough area, we have been creating treasure for our pirates and even designing some ships! We have also designed flags for our ships. In the maths area we have continued to practise our counting skills counting the pirate's objects and writing them in the box. In the writing area we have been writing lists for the pirates as they set sail on their adventures! Outside we have been pretending to be pirates and creating our own props to support our imaginary play. In RE we have started our topic of Lent. We learned that Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and it started last week on Ash Wednesday. We listened to the story of Jesus in the desert and talked about how during Lent we think of ways in which we can be more like Jesus and how forgiving others is one way we can do this. Finally, we shared a promise that we are going to make during Lent, we decorated our Lenten promises and hung them on a tree in our classroom.

The children in Gruffalo class enjoyed their bike-ability lesson this week! Elmer will have this next term.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

Wow! We have had such a fun first week back to school. On Monday, we found our corridor had been transformed into a forest and we had been left some clues related to our next English focus text. We also had a visit from a wolf called Max who came to tell us about an adventure he had been on! We eventually found out the story was called 'Where the Wild Things Are.'

In Maths, we have been learning how to measure objects using different units. We have used cubes, our hands, our feet and a ruler. We learnt that a ruler is a more accurate way of measuring.

Our RE lesson this week focused on 'change'. We absolutely loved looking at our baby pictures and thinking about the ways we have changed from then to now. We loved playing a game of guess who, to figure out who each baby/toddler was.

On Wednesday, in our Art lesson, we explored the work of Dennis Wojtkiewicz. We then had a chance to do our own pencil drawings of some cross-sections of fruit.

Finally, the highlight of the week for us all was our Science trip to Knowsley Safari Park.

The rain didn't stop us having fun! All the children were so impeccably behaved and were an absolute credit to our school. We are so proud of them! Check out Twitter for lots of pictures.

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic first week back of our Spring Term for Year 2. We started the week off with our new English topic, Diaries. We used our vehicle text, The Night Gardener, to explore a range of grammar features like expanded noun phrases and conjunctions before stepping into the illustrations from the story and putting ourselves in Williams shoes. In Maths, we have been learning all about Pictograms and handling data. We have learned how to use tally charts and input information into a chart. We were then able to use this in our Computing session where we created tally charts of class information and inputted it onto our own pictograms. On Wednesday, our first two groups of children visited the 'Incredible Edibles' in Court Hey park. The children set such a fantastic example and engaged in the learning when planting their very own bean seeds. We look forward to seeing if our plants grow! Finally, we have started to learn all about Tocuaro, a small village in Mexico. We revisited our prior learning and identified the oceans and continents before finding Mexico and Tocuaro on the map.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have enjoyed an interesting week as we started a number of new learning areas. In Science, we discussed how *'a force is a push or a pull'* that can make things speed up, slow down, change shape, change direction and make things stop; whilst in Geography, brushing up on their prior knowledge of continents, oceans and compass points, led on to the main learning objective – locating volcanoes on a map. Thinking about closed questions was the focus in our first computing lesson – questions which only generate a 'yes' or 'no' answer. This will lead the children into creating physical and on-screen branching databases. In Maths, we continue to add and subtract money amounts. Next week, the children will move onto 'Time'. We finished the week, along with the rest of the school, participating in International Mother Language Day, where, as well as exploring languages around the world, we watched a familiar story with Spanish subtitles.

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 returned to school on Monday rested and ready to work hard. We started the week by commencing our new fiction unit in English, focusing on the book 'Leaf' – a story about a polar bear that finds itself in a woodland environment. We began by using the illustrations to make predictions about what might happen in the story. Later in the week, we created setting descriptions and poems using prepositions.

In maths, Year 4 have continued their learning on fractions. We have been practising adding fractions, providing answers in both improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as simplifying answers to their simplest form.

During our weekly ukulele lesson, we reviewed how to play the C and A Minor chords and practised transitioning between them. Our children have made rapid progress with this and will soon be ready to start learning songs!

In preparation for making our purses in D.T, we learned how to thread a needle and used a running stitch to sew two pieces of fabric together. We will be applying these skills next week when we create our final piece!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have begun a new English topic this week, our vehicle text being a story called FArTHER. We made predication about what we thought would happen in the story and wrote personification poems and setting narratives. In Maths, we have continued to look at decimals, in particular fraction and decimal equivalents and comparing them. We had great fun in Science, investigating irreversible changes. We mixed warm milk and vinegar to make plastic and vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to inflate balloons. It was an exciting but smelly afternoon! In RE, we began to look at memories, our own memories and how religious events are recalled, namely the story of the Passover. We thoroughly enjoyed producing our final dragon eyes in Art this week. We combined all of our knowledge of size, shape and colour from the topic to create our own large-scale drawings. The results were brilliant!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have started the week investigating the topic of percentages. We looked at finding similarities with fractions and began finding solutions to tricky word problems. In English, we started our new novel looking at the tale of Hansel and Gretel and in turn this will give us inspiration to write a persuasive letter next week. In Geography, we revisited the continents and oceans of the world and revisited the time zones of the world. We enjoyed our music lesson this week which was taken from the song 'Happy' and began to sing two lines of song using harmony. In Design & Technology we planned how we could design a kite that would stand the test of being robust with a solid frame. We are excited to make these kites over the forthcoming weeks.

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