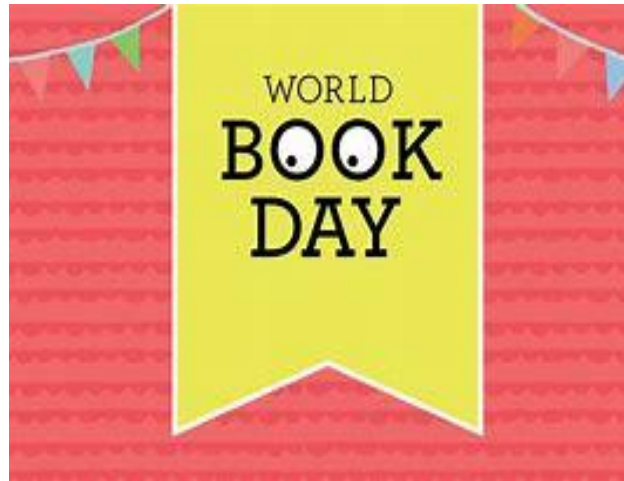


SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



World Book Day 2024

SPB will be celebrating World Book Day next week 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!

Science Day Workshops

This week, our whole school took part in a Science Day Workshop in preparation for *British Science Week (8th-17th March)*. This year, the theme for British Science Week is Time; key to so many discoveries in science, technology, engineering and maths. After an interactive assembly, each year group took part in a workshop exploring time in relation to a particular science strand. Each year group also touched on the roles played by an individual scientist, technologist or engineer in that field. Please check out your class Twitter pages and year group newsletters to see what each year group got up to!



Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 13th March: Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 (1.00pm – 6.20pm)

Thursday 21st March: Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 (1.00pm – 6.20pm)

Monday 25th March: EYFS Reception (1.00pm – 6.20pm)

Please click the link below to read a copy of the letter from Mr Flood.

Parents' Evening Letter

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Diary Dates

Mass at SPB – Monday 4th March @ 9.15am

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day – Thursday 7th 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 1pm – 6.20pm

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 1pm – 6.20pm

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

Mass at SPB – Monday 25th March @ 9.15am

Reception Parents' Evening – Monday 25th March 1pm – 6.20pm

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

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:

Another busy week here in Reception! This is our last week of Pirates... We have continued to learn and perfect the storytelling version of 'In the Night Pirates'. We have continued to practise this in the small world, using the 'Night Pirates' tuff tray and also using the pirate fancy dress. We have been consolidating a lot of maths this week, with a focus on addition. In the maths area we have been counting or subitising the dots and then cutting and sticking the correct numeral to match. (Also working those scissor skills). In the playdough area we have been making coins and adding them together to work out the correct number to add to the treasure chests. We have been consolidating learning on repeated patterns by making our own patterns in the tuff tray. In maths this week we have moved onto measuring and looking at how we measure objects. We have used beginner rulers to measure objects in our journals. We have been working on our scissor skills by making pirate stick puppets. We also had another cut and stick activity linked to our science day learning on human timelines. We have also been working our fine motor skills with pirate colouring in! In the creative area we have been creating pirates' ships using junk modelling and larger pirates ships outdoors! Thank you for the resources, the children have loved this! We have had pirate tea parties for the teddies in the home corner too. We have been learning all about floating and sinking too this week. We learnt what the words float and sink mean and also what the word 'dense' means. We talked about the different materials we know, thinking about whether we think they would float or sink. We experimented with different materials during busy time in the water tray. Lastly our challenge this week has been to write a wanted posted about Tom in the story. We have used our phonic knowledge to write labels and a sentence. We have been really impressed at how much progress the children have made in their independent writing! In RE this week we have started to learn about the Easter story. Reading about Palm Sunday and discussing what happened on Good Friday. The children consolidated their learning by creating the first page in their Easter Booklets. Reminder that it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We can't wait to see all the children in their fancy dress outfits. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have continued with our English focus text; 'Where the Wild Things Are.' We analysed the story and identified our favourite noun phrases and then we used them to help us write a character description of the wild things. We have also started planning and writing our own version of the story!

In Maths, we have been revising lots of concepts that we have learnt during the last term. We have really consolidated our knowledge before moving on to some more difficult concepts.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed participating in Science Day with the rest of the school. Our workshop focused on the timeline of seasons. We explored why seasons exist and we practically demonstrated how the Earth, Sun and Moon work. We also learnt all about a famous Scientist called Eunice Newton Foote who was the first scientist to discover the idea of climate change.

In Art, we created cross sections of fruit using different art instruments. We used chalk on black card, charcoal and we used paint to make prints. Our artwork was amazing!

YEAR TWO:

In R.E. this week, the children learned about the symbolism of Ash Wednesday. They thought about Lent being a time of reflection and a time when we can choose to give things up or to carry out acts of kindness. Everyone made a Lenten promise. In Computing, the children used tally charts to input data into pictograms. On Wednesday, the children took part in a whole school Science Day with the theme of 'Time'. They ordered different animals depending on the length of their lifespan and took part in some fun team games making animal sculptures using their bodies! We also recapped the important person Kitty Wilkinson and how she improved the lives of so many people during her lifespan. In English, we have continued looking at and using the features of diaries. In Maths, we have been revisiting and consolidating our learning from Year 2 so far. On Friday afternoon we enjoyed a hot chocolate treat as a reward for being the year group with the most nominations for Class of the Week in our EYFS/KSI Assembly in the Autumn Term! Well done Year 2!

REMINDER: Next week our **PE Day will be Monday 4th March**. Visits to Incredible Edibles will continue on Wednesday 6th March.

YEAR THREE:

This week Year 3 began a new unit in Maths- *Time*. So far, we have covered telling the time using 'a.m.' and 'p.m.'; telling time to the minute; using analogue and digital time and telling time by using both the minute and hour hands. In English, the children wrote sentences using the determiners 'a' or 'an', they used prepositions for place and time and they explored word families. This prepared them for Friday's lesson, where both classes wrote a description of a setting based on the focus text *'Jemmy Button'*. Year 3 found out that Earth is made up of four different layers in Thursday's Geography lesson, whilst in R.E. the children looked at the rites involved in the Eucharist.

The highlight of the week came on Wednesday during 'Science Day'. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the KS2 assembly followed by a workshop, which then led into further activities on Thursday. The children studied a geological timeline that went back millions of years and learned many facts about how our planet has changed during that time!

YEAR FOUR:

It's been such a busy week in Year 4!

In English, we have continued to explore the illustrations in our Vehicle Text, 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. Groups were asked to had to bring each scene to life, acting as character and showing the setting with their body shapes to provide ideas for the planning of their own narratives. We were extremely impressed with their detailed plans, which included a range of high-level vocabulary. The children are really looking forward to writing their 'Outsider Narrative' from the perspective of the polar bear next week.

In Maths, we have moved on from fractions and have started our new chapter on time. The children were confident when converting various times from the 12 to the 24-hour clock.

As part of our whole-school Science Day, Year 4 created their own electricity timelines. They discovered when humans first started to work with electricity and how that has led to the current ongoing quest to create and manipulate electricity in sustainable ways.

We even managed to find some time for the children to make their own purses and wallets in Design and Technology. Confidently, they used their newly acquired sewing skills to make sure their design was secure and would keep their money safe. There are definitely some budding designers in this year group!

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 have really enjoyed analysing our vehicle text, FArTHER in English. We've written some great setting and character descriptions and identified lots of different language features. In Guided Reading, we've really got into the Outlaw book, Michael Morpurgo's work based on the story of Robin Hood. In Maths we've been adding and subtracting decimals, growing in confidence working with these types of numbers. In RE, we read Luke's Gospel retelling the events of the Last Supper and role-played this key event, focusing on the feelings of Jesus and the apostles. In Geography, we began looking at global trade and made fact files about what we had learnt. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Science Day workshops and learning about the Queen of Comets. We enjoyed the quiz, learning about the significance of time and making posters about the Race to Space. We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Bateman and Miss Fahy this week - we've really enjoyed having them in class this term!

YEAR SIX:

We have had a fun week this week with writing in a persuasive tone in the style of Hansel and Gretel. We explored a range of persuasive features including using the subjunctive form and using emotive language. We are looking forward to write our final persuasive letter next week. Ratio has been the focus of our maths topic this week where we can now compare numbers and use our previous knowledge of percentages to show the simplest ratio to find missing values. We were on our recorders again playing along to the song 'Happy' which was enjoyable and look forward to next week playing in harmony with each other to the same song. Our PSHE focus was exploring the 17 sustainable development goals and tried to act out a freeze frame of these goals. In Geography, we revised the lines of longitude, latitude and the tropics and used the co-ordinates to locate specific countries. For our Science day, we were in an assembly which showed us how time has its prevalence in our world, from clocks to sundials, water clocks to mobile phones, time plays an important part in our lives. From this we studied evolution of time and paid reference to Charles Darwin and made a timeline of his life.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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