



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 3 April

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: See below for the attendance data for this week.

Well done to Year 3 Kinder Class for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.2%	94.3%	90.5%	97.2%	90.5%	95.7%	91.4%

We have come to an end of another term! Have a fabulous Easter Break and we will see you back in school on Monday 20 April. We hope we all get to enjoy some sunshine, and everyone returns safe and well for term 5.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches - In line with our current policy, mobile phones are not allowed in school and must be handed to the class teacher (this is only agreed for yr 5/6) upon entering school. We have also noticed a few children coming into school with Smart Watches, however, these are also not allowed and therefore should not be worn to school at any time. We will be updating our policies for online safety, mobile phones and other Smart devices next term and will share these with you on our return.

Easter fair We raised £1,400 at this event- thank you all so much for your support, it was a fantastic achievement and helps to support the extra things the school needs, that would otherwise not be possible. The cake entries were also particularly good and very much appreciated.

Well done to all those who entered the Easter Card competition, prizes were awarded during our celebration assembly this morning and all entries received a little treat for their efforts.

Girls football and the school football team will be continuing after half term. Other clubs will be planned for later in Term 5.

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When we come back on the 20 April I will be focusing on attendance. If you phone in or send a message regarding your child not attending school because of illness, can you please state the nature of their illness - rather than saying they are unwell e.g. cough and high temp, sickness and diarrhoea etc etc as we need this detail for our system. Don't forget you can check your child's attendance through Arbor at any time. We will also expect some sort of evidence when they have been off for a few days or have a longer-term illness e.g. Doctor's appointment screenshot. This is in line with government guidance as good attendance is so important and is regularly monitored by the DFE.

Have a wonderful Easter Break.

Billy Class

We would like to say a big 'well done' to all children in Billy Class for working super hard when completing their Phonics assessments this week! We are so proud of every one of them and how far they have come with their reading. They have had lots of fun, making Easter crafts and chocolate nests this week!

Phonics first week back: Phase 4 CVCC words such as went/help/tent/wind. C stands for consonant and V stands for vowel (a,e,i,o & u).

We will be learning about tadpoles during the first week of Term 4 and will share the story, 'How does a tadpole grow?' by Eric Carle with the children. The children will write simple instructions for how frogs grow.

In Maths, we will be building numbers beyond 10 and continuing patterns beyond 10.

Date for your diary: **Wednesday 6 May** will be our class assembly. This will be at **10:15** in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next term we look forward to spending lots of time outside, hopefully in the sunshine! Please can we ask that all children bring in a **named** sun hat to school. Children will still need to bring in a named coat when it's a bit chillier or wet.

Have a wonderful Easter break with your families. Read lots, get outside when you can and get plenty of rest as it's been a very busy term! We look forward to seeing you all in Term 5! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

Well done to everyone for a fantastic class assembly. It went off with a bang (bonfire night pun) and the children certainly showed off what they had learned!

Easter festivities: we have been learning the Easter story, and it has prompted lots of deep thinking! Thank you to those families who were able to support the Easter Fair. We have also had a mini-Easter egg hunt as well as creating some Easter cards.

Next term our question is '**What makes a Queen Great?**'. We will be learning about the legacies of Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Every child needs to bring a small bag to school every day to take home drawings, books, letters etc. Some of the bags have grown in size and we do not have room to store them.

Phonics this week:

Consolidating learning from across the year

- Ay (ai as in play)
- A_e (ai as in snake).
- Ea (ee as in bead)
- E_e (ee as in even).

Reading Books: to earn bookmark stickers, please write in for **every day** that your child reads. It can also include books from the library, from your home etc.

READING BOOKS SHOULD BE RETURNED EVERY TUESDAY AT THE LATEST.

Please remember to return books on **Tuesday 21 April.**

Library Books: your child has brought home a note of what books are outstanding. Any unreturned or damaged books will have to be paid for or replaced (a very good, second-hand copy is also acceptable).

Have a wonderful Easter break, however you choose to celebrate it. Stay safe, enjoy any sun we get, and we will see you again on **Monday 20 April!**

Alpine Class - Year 2

What a lovely final week of term! The children have continued to work hard and have enjoyed some treats too; we have done lots of Easter crafting this week, enjoyed hokey-pokeys just like the Victorians did (although we were hoping for some warmer weather to enjoy them in by this point in the year!) and put our engineering skills to the test in our DT, creating some incredible seaside Ferris Wheels!

We are still enjoying the Magic Faraway Tree, I know some of the children have already talked about going to see the movie of the book, which came out last week, Ms Rodriguez and her daughter certainly enjoyed it!

Easter holiday homework has come home this week; just a few fun challenges to keep you busy if you wish. Remember children will earn 10 house points (and Dojos!) for every holiday challenge completed.

We will continue our learning about plants, your beans will have come home with your children this week, along with their bean diary, please continue to complete this with your children if you can, and perhaps even transplant them into soil when they are ready...class bean-growing competition anyone?! We will be excited to share bean progress when the children return next term, so any photos would be amazing!

Next term, we will be looking at the climate zones around the world, we will discuss the characteristics of different climates, write travel brochures for holidays abroad, and even use live webcams to view the weather in different places around the globe!

Have a wonderful Easter break, eat plenty of chocolate, but not too much! See you in a couple of weeks!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a brilliant and jam-packed last week of term in Kinder Class. We have published our mountain leaflets and finished off work in geography, art and computing. All the children had a wonderful time at the Easter Fair and were very grateful to the FOGL for the event

Next term our Topic is the Romans. We will be looking at who the Romans were, what did they do? Why are they famous and look to answer the question 'what impact did the Romans have on Britain?'

In class we have started a new book, 'Charlie changes into a chicken' by Sam Copeland. The children have loved the beginning of it and find the book very funny.

Don't Forget our Class Assembly is **Wednesday 29th April at 10.15** in the hall

Homework

Your child will have come home with homework based on next term topic of the Romans. Please choose at least 3 of the tasks to complete and bring them in to show on the **5 May**. House points and Dojos will be rewarded to those who complete these tasks. Please also encourage your child to do plenty of reading and timetables practise.

Have a wonderful Easter break, please get plenty of rest and enjoy time with loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all in **Term 5 - Monday 20 April**

Cashmere Class - Year 4

What a busy, but fun, final week of term! The children have continued to work hard and have enjoyed some creative, exciting lessons and some treats too; we have created some amazing art pieces in the form of canopic jars, we created electrical circuits and wrote a biography!

Thank you all so much for coming to our class assembly, despite the challenges, the children have worked hard to create and deliver their assembly. Something they have done all term, learning all about this topic, as well as many other areas of the curriculum.

Easter holiday homework has come home this week; just a few fun challenges to keep you busy if you wish. Remember children will earn 10 house points (and Dojos!) for every holiday challenge completed.

Next term, we will be looking at comparisons and differences between the UK and France. Easter holiday homework has been set; something fun and relaxing (sort of?). We would love you to create a map of France, showing its capital city, cities, rivers, mountains, valleys, famous forests, etc. The more detailed and creative the better! It can be 2D or 3D. The best entries will be used during our lessons next term. All children who take part will earn 10 house points (and 10 Dojos!).

Do please continue to read every day, all reading entries, signed in the home reading records, will be rewarded with stickers that go towards the children's reading awards. Please continue to play on TTRS, those children who play 15 minutes a week will be rewarded with house points and Dojos, depending on the effort they put in. If you don't practise over the holidays, expect your speed and accuracy to be lower when you return! To avoid this, practise and play!

Have a wonderful Easter break, eat plenty of chocolate, relax, get outside and have fun! See you in a couple of weeks!

Pygora Class - Year 5

We have had a very busy last week of term! The children have created some beautiful art pieces in the style of Derek Gores using mixed media, and they have also had fun designing and making 'doodlers' for DT. They have created an amazing class book all about South America, and we've read lots more of our class story!

Reading Recommendations...



Aarav has picked his holiday read - he has the second instalment in the Mallory Vayle series...The Beast from Beneath. We are looking forward to hearing his review when he gets back - if your child is looking for something to read over the next couple of weeks, this could be a good choice!

Homework

For this holiday we have set some special challenges that link to next term's topic all about Smugglers! The children need to choose one challenge to complete and bring it into school during the first week back after the Easter holiday. Please also encourage your child to keep reading as much as possible over the next two weeks.

We hope you all have a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in term 5!

Pygmy Class - Year 6

This term, Pygmy class have loved learning all about WW2 and have been working hard in their Maths. They all performed a speech to another class and worked fantastically in their groups. Ms Barcham has also told me she has been impressed with some of their singing this term - crossed fingers this is a good sign for our production!

Next term we will be looking at why rivers are important in geography, the circulatory system in science and of course be preparing for SATs which will be held in the **week beginning 11 May**. As I have had some parents ask me, the exact format will be:

Monday 11 - Grammar and punctuation (45 minutes) & spelling (20 minutes)
Tuesday 12 - Reading (60 minutes)
Wednesday 13 - Maths Arithmetic (30 minutes) & Maths reasoning 1 (45 minutes)
Thursday 14 - Maths reasoning 2 (45 minutes)

We will also be doing a mock SATs at the start of term to get the children used to how the tests will be given. A letter will also be sent home with more information once we come back after the Easter holidays.

Have a lovely Easter holiday. Hopefully the children won't become too bouncy for you if they eat a little more chocolate than usual!

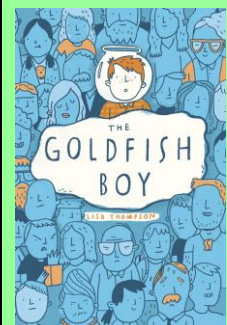
Homework - due on Wednesday 1 April

Maths - p. 25 - Ratio and proportion
English - Please can the children complete the Grammar

I have also sent home the Year 5/6 spelling list for them to have a go at practising any they are not confident in.

Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading at least **3 times** a week.

Book recommendation:



This week Tallulah has recommended the book 'The goldfish boy'. This is a story about finding friendship when you're lonely – and hope when all you feel is fear. Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next-door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance!