



SPRING GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 9

Friday, 28th January 2022

Headteacher's Message

We have had a busy week in school and have given you a flavour of this through the updates from each class included in the newsletter. Going forward this will become a regular feature of our newsletters. We hope you enjoy reading the snapshots of what the children have been learning.

Over the past months a lot of thought and work has taken place with regard to creating a school library that is attractive, interesting and appealing to our pupils. It is shaping up very well and Mrs Kibblewhite, the Literacy Lead in school, has been a great motivator in achieving this. Mrs Tyler has proved how handy she is with an alan key and has assembled many book cases recently! We are looking forward to being able to start using this properly very soon.

In our quest to encourage all children to read and take pleasure in books we are hoping to create a display of all the places where they like to read. We would like you to send in one photo of your child reading - if it is in an unusual place even better! Please upload your photo via Google Classroom (same as uploading homework) and we will include it in a montage that will be housed in the library.

Mrs Griffiths and I both attended a PE conference this week that focused on how an active lifestyle and positive mind-set can help overcome feelings of anxiety and low mood and can promote life skills such as tenacity and resilience. It was an inspirational day and reminded us of the uplifting power of sport and exercise. It culminated with us meeting Sir Mo Farah which was very exciting!



Winners of Golden Lock
(Spring 1st Half Term)



Appreciation Award Winners
(21st & 27th Jan 2022)



Once again for the 7th year in a row Spring Grove has achieved Gold STARS accreditation for 2020/21 for all the hard-work in transforming travel habits and reducing car use in the local community.

GOLD
Gold level accreditation 2020/21



This is to certify that
Spring Grove Primary School

has been awarded a Gold award in recognition of achievement in active and safer travel initiatives.

November 2021

Date

Will Norman
Walking and Cycling Commissioner
Transport for London

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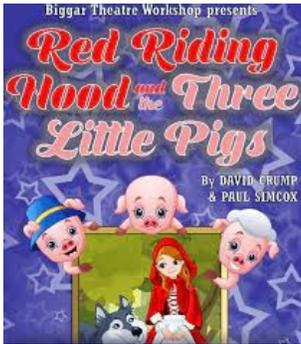


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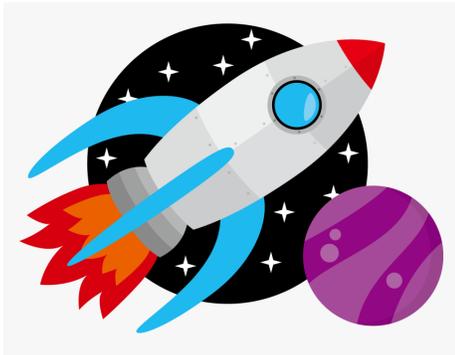


NURSERY

Nursery have been very busy learning about traditional tales over the last two weeks and we have read Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Whilst learning about the Three Little Pigs we were very lucky to have had a visit from one of the pigs! They were upset because the wolf had blown down their house. Our task was to build a new house that was **strong** and **sturdy**, we know all about these words from our work on Humpty Dumpty last term! Whilst we were reading Little Red Riding Hood we got sent a parcel, it was a big pair of teeth! We are not sure who sent them, maybe the wolf, maybe they were Granny's- we will continue to investigate! If you have lost your teeth, come and talk to



RECEPTION



Reception are really enjoying this term's topic- Space! We have learnt all about the planet we live on, as well as finding out more about our solar system and the other planets within it. We have had some friendly extra-terrestrial visitors who have needed our help which has sparked lots of wonderful writing, building, drawing and creating. We also enjoyed learning about the Moon and the people who have explored it. The children have been able to use a lot of the new space related vocabulary they have picked up from this topic and we are so impressed with what they have been able to talk about and remember.

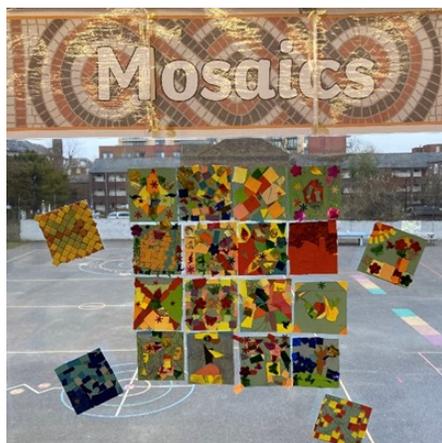
YEAR 1

Year One have been very busy learning all about castles! We have investigated the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and have located different castles within the U.K. We have been using maps and even had a go at using google maps to locate these different castles and explore their surroundings. We are continuing to learn the names of the different parts of a castle and find out their purpose. We have also been investigating the various people that have lived and worked in castles, including dragons, which we all have really enjoyed! We have read many stories featuring dragons, including George and the Dragon and Old MacDonald had a farm. We have finished the week by making our very own movable knight. We look forward to seeing all the castles that have been made at home next week when they come into school.

YEAR 2

Year Two have continued to learn about multiplication and division and have worked extremely hard to tackle some tricky questions. Our current PSHE theme is **'Dreams and Goals'** and this week we have been working in groups to tackle a rather unusual goal. We were given two tasks to complete as a team, first we had to count in twos in French and then we had to name numbers 1-10 in Chinese Mandarin. We were all superstars because we worked collaboratively and demonstrated why it is important to get along with the rest of our team members to ensure a goal was achieved. Finally in geography we enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom, and we were able to name and label the different countries in the U.K.

YEAR 3



Year Three have been working exceptionally hard this week! They have sparked the most interesting discussions around Ancient Greece, sharing some fascinating facts about the culture, food and artwork! We have enjoyed reading different Greek myths and creating our own descriptive writing based on them. It has been so rewarding to watch the enthusiasm and excitement on the children's faces, while learning about these different myths from Greek culture. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about Guru Nanak and the Sikh faith. They have come up with their own questions that they would like to research and have completed a range of different carousel activities, working in groups and individually, as designers, creators and writers. Basketball seems to be our most favourite sport! We have greatly enjoyed learning many new skills and have worked as a team to decide our tactics while playing a game. We have begun our new Science topic and we have been eager to explore and find out more about different forces. We have been conducting our own investigations in groups using magnets to find out answers to questions that we had. We continue to discuss our own dreams and make our own possible goals, as we continue with our current jigsaw puzzle in PSHE.



YEAR 4



Year Four have been very busy doing a variety of different fun lessons especially in Science over the last few weeks. One highlight was when the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about how to make high and low pitch sounds using plastic straws! We have also been acting as children’s television presenters explaining how people can hear! In English, we have been learning how to create tension and suspense in stories. In PE, we have been working in teams to take out the apparatus safely and then creating a sequence of movements on them. In Jigsaw PSHE, Year 4 have been sharing our dreams and discussing how to cope if some of them are broken.

YEAR 5 JAMILA

This week, **Year 5 Jamila** have had an exciting time! We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Hampton Court Palace as we could imagine what life would have been like in the Royal Kitchens and in Royal Court life. We found out lots of interesting facts, for example: did you know that milk is an ingredient that was used in Tudor recipes?

When we were in school, we continued to build a vocabulary bank for our topic ‘Eye of the Storm’ and used it to create fantastic setting descriptions. We have also been developing our passing skills in Handball and have applied our understanding of friction in Science to an experiment involving a shoe and different surfaces. We are looking forward to seeing what we will learn next week!



In art, we have been looking at artists from Henry VIII’s time particularly Hans Holbein and have worked collaboratively to develop portraits of Henry VIII’s wives. Next week, we are looking forward to a session with the National Archives at Kew when we will be interrogating portraits and finding out about how they were used to portray a certain image.

YEAR 5 RUNDELL

Well, what a busy start we have had to the Spring term! The children have settled quickly and are producing wonderful work. We have found out how Henry VIII got up in the morning by investigating primary sources for information and found out how complicated it was. We also had a fabulous trip to Hampton Court, Henry VIII’s palace, where we toured the Tudor kitchens and King Henry’s part of the palace. We really got a feel for the huge size of the rooms, fireplaces and doors and of its grandeur. We are busy preparing our own documentaries, writing and recording our scripts as well as including music from Tudor



YEAR 6



This week, we have had fun finishing off our DT projects - we planned and designed our own Anderson shelters which were originally built to protect people from bomb blasts during World War Two. This project concluded our topic on World War Two - we enjoyed working in pairs and solving problems relating to the design and structure together. We also started our new topic on 'Extreme Weather' around the world. We have studied volcanoes and hurricanes and will be researching how and why earthquakes happen. We will be using our knowledge of extreme weather conditions to write explanation texts in the following weeks.



Half Term Theatre

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SHOW DATES AND TIMES

Mon 14th Feb	at 14:00 and 15:45
Tue 15th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:45
Wed 16th Feb	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Thu 17th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:45
Fri 18th Feb	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Sat 19th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:50
Sun 20th Feb	at 10:00, 11:45, 14:00 and 15:45

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PERFORM ATG TICKETS

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING TERM 2022

February	Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
	Monday 14th to Friday 18th	Half Term Break
	Monday 21st	Inset Day (School Closed)
	Tuesday 22nd	Return to School
March	Monday 21st to Thursday 24th	Year 6 Bikeability Training
	Tuesday 22nd	Virtual Parents' Evening (3.50pm to 6pm)
	Thursday 24th	Virtual Parents' Evening (4pm to 7pm)
April	Friday 1st	Last Day of Term - school closes at 1.30pm

Easter Break – Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April

1 Minute Maths



We would like to draw your attention to a fantastic free resource/app that has been produced by White Rose Maths, the scheme we use to plan our maths lessons across the school.

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils (ie, age 5-6 years). Individual one-minute tasks focus on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising', the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting.

Your child can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a

question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

The ability to recall maths facts is a key skill which is needed to be able to access the maths curriculum .

Designed in-house for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!



Family Maths Challenge

Hello Mathematicians,

Thank you to those of you who submitted their answers for the 'Tricky Twenty Triangle' puzzle. I hope you enjoyed it.

This week I would like to focus on estimating. This is something that can be tricky to do. Remember an estimate means to find a value that is close enough to the right answer, usually with some thought or calculation involved. An example of this could be, 'Ananya estimated there were 10,000 sunflowers in the field by counting one row and then multiplying by the number of rows.'

With this strategy in mind have a go at the activity below. Remember you can upload your work onto GC or hand it into your teacher to give to me.

Think of something that you do every day - for example, clean your teeth - and estimate how many times you will do this in your whole life.

Then see if you can work it out (you can use a calculator or an adult to help) - it will not be an exact answer!



Morning & Afternoon Clubs Survey

We are currently reviewing our club offer at Spring Grove and as part of this process we would like to invite you to complete a survey to let us know the activities your child is interested to join.

<https://www.springgroveprimary.london/form/morning-after-school-clubs-survey/>