



SPRING GROVE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 11

Friday, 4th March 2022



Headteacher's Message

World Book Day

A brilliant World Book Day was enjoyed by all of the children and staff yesterday. Everyone entered into the spirit of things and there were some truly wonderful costumes on display. Some of the children and staff had been very imaginative and had made their outfits so a special hats off to all of them! Thanks to all for the efforts that were made to dress up and be a part of the day.

Covid-19 Update

The school Covid-19 risk assessment has been updated in line with changes to national guidance and is placed on the school website for your information. I would like to emphasise that we are still requesting that parents keep children off school if they are unwell or are displaying symptoms of Covid. If children do have Covid then they are asked to isolate for 5 days and take a lateral flow test on days 5 and 6 – they may return to school if the result is negative.

Parent Evenings

Letters will be coming out soon for parents to book an online slot for the forthcoming Parent Evenings scheduled for **22nd and 24th March**. We have made the decision to keep to online appointments. Appointment slots, whether online or face to face, are 10 minutes long and we have found that the online ones have been more focused. We will, at the start of next term, offer an opportunity for parents to come into school and look through books and view class displays.

World Book Day Celebrations



YEAR 4 RAUF



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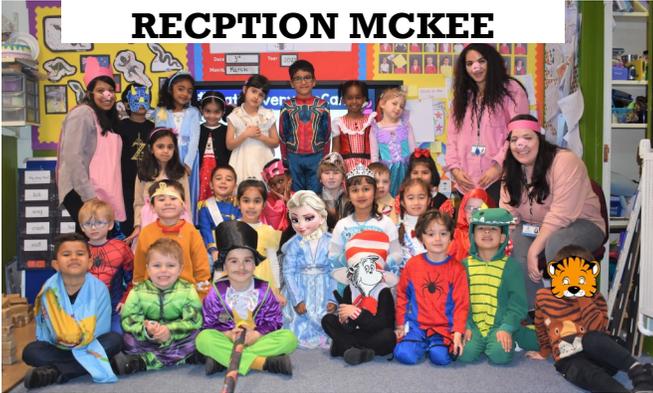


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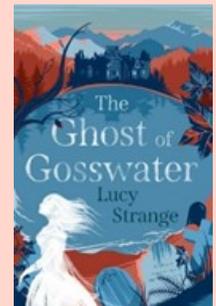
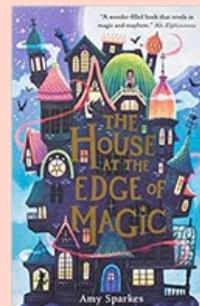
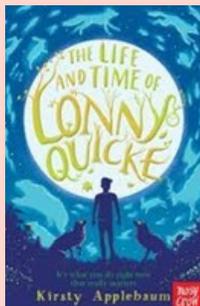
Reading Buddies are back!

Year 5 children have been very excited that they are now Reading Buddies to children in Year 1 and Year 2. This week, we had our first sessions and the children showed what great Reading Buddies they are to the younger children. Our sessions were humming with book talk and excitement. Miss Forster and I were extremely proud of them. The younger children left with big smiles on their faces and we cannot wait to see them again next week.



Book Clubs

As popular as ever, **Book Clubs** are in full swing in Years 5 and 6. This half term we are beginning to read the books chosen for the Hounslow Junior Book Awards, which will take place in July. The books are varied and brand new titles. We want to thank **FOSGS** for supporting our book clubs over the years and for funding the new books each year, we really could not do it without them! We are now in our 5th year and have gone from two book clubs to 7. The children are very excited to get reading and to vote for their favourite book.



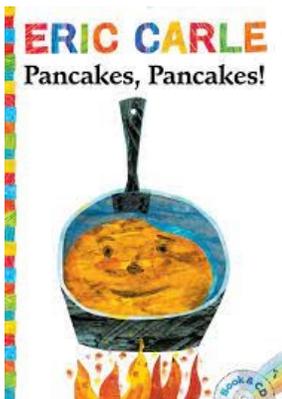
NURSERY



We have had a fun filled two weeks in **Nursery!** Last week we learnt all about healthy living: we read some alternative traditional tales which led to discussions about **eating healthily**, learnt about the importance of blowing our noses (and not picking them) and practiced brushing our teeth. It culminated in a well being afternoon where the children had a spa experience! They took it in turns to massage each other's hands, have a shoulder rub and have a foot soak whilst putting cucumbers on their eyes! This week we celebrated **pancake day** and all the children had the

opportunity to flip their own pancakes and take them to our homemade shop where we practiced our numbers and 'bought' a topping for our pancake. We have also been learning about the **Gingerbread Man** and we explored what would happen if the **Gingerbread Man** swam across the river. I was impressed with how well the children used our new vocabulary (soaking, soggy and crumbly) to explain what was happening. We also baked a Gingerbread Man - you'll never guess what happened...he ran away!

RECEPTION



The children have been learning all about pancakes this week! We started by reading the book '**Pancakes, Pancakes**' by **Eric Carle** which tells the story of a young boy called Jack who wanted pancakes for his breakfast. The story got us talking about how we make pancakes and the ingredients we need. We decided we would like to make our own and used the book to help us write a shopping list to make sure we purchased the right ingredients. The children looked at some ideas for pancake toppings and fillings and we introduced the language sweet and savoury to help the children sort the options and decide what they like best. They then designed and labelled their own dream pancake, taking care to draw and colour what they would like to eat.

Some of the children worked together in a small group to make the batter for the pancakes and the teachers cooked them on the stove. The children decided they preferred sweet toppings over savoury and we enjoyed eating the pancakes we cooked with lemon and sugar. After spending most of the week learning about pancakes and how to make them by Thursday the children knew exactly what they needed and the steps to take to cook them! They created some instructions to tell the other classes in the school how to make a pancake using clear language and 'bossy' words (imperative verbs). We continue to be impressed by how much the children are able to focus and how much progress they are making with their writing, it is so lovely to see.

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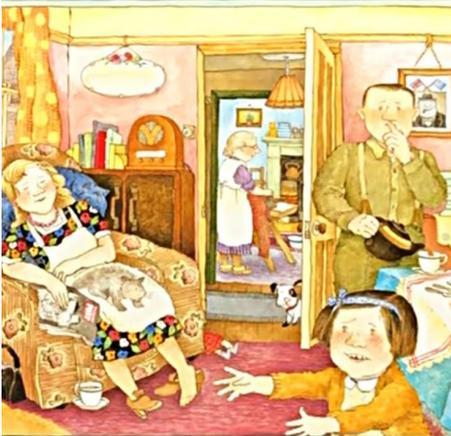
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In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers to 10 and using our subitising skills to quickly identify different amounts. The children are getting better at explaining how they know a group shows different amounts and can quickly find smaller groups within a larger one, for example seeing 2 and 5 within a group of 7. Building on these skills will help the children with their early number sense which is very important for the foundations of mathematical learning.

YEAR 1

Wow, it was lovely this week to see how much enjoyment the children had from being their chosen book character- great job with book day dress up everyone! During **World Book Day** we talked about each book the children's characters featured in and the children shared why they liked that book, it was great to be able to hear all the lovely reasons the children shared.



PEEPO
BY JANET AND ALLAN AHLBERG
STORIES FOR KIDS
BY MISS SUNNY ☀️
&
BIZZY BOOK CLUB

We have started our **Victorian topic** and have been looking at different aspects of a child's life during the Victorian era. We researched about some illness that many unfortunate children suffered from, the objects they would have had at home as well as comparing the lifestyle of a rich and poor child. Finally, we have read the story **Peepo by Janet and Allan Ahlberg** and have looked closely at the many illustrations that depict a very different life to

the one the children live today. It is a lovely story to read with many things to talk about and the obvious repeated phrases allows the children to easily join in!

YEAR 2

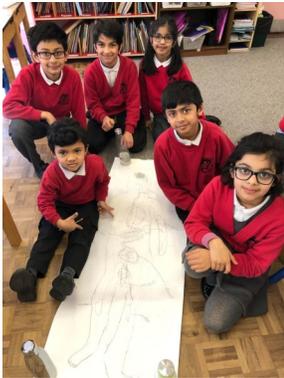
Thursday was a very unusual day as the children were not in school, rather we had a class full of book characters! It was fantastic to see the variety of costumes and during our **Book Day Assembly** we all took part in a whole school parade, where children got to showcase their costume as they strutted down the 'runway'. This week the children have written their own stories and I am so pleased by their creativity and how well the stories are written! The children have written some fantastic descriptions using adjectives and adverbs and all of our stories will be part of a story writing competition that is currently taking place between some local schools- I wish all the children the very best of luck!

YEAR 3



Year Three have had a wonderful start to the new term and have greatly enjoyed hearing the many different poems that have been read to them- they have also had a go at creating their own poems! Since our return we have been looking at different reports and have compared them to other genres of writing. Everyone was fascinated to have read a report about **Hogwarts** this week and it has been a pleasure to have listened to the children share some interesting information that they have found out about a country they have researched independently. The next step is to use this information to write their very own reports. The children have been committed to their learning and have further developed their skills to become a more resilient learner in the face of a challenge to help achieve their goals. I am delighted with how much pride they have shown in their learning, which also includes the home learning activities that I have set- Keep up the good work everyone! In Maths, the children have had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of money. Finally, it has been incredible to watch the children's passion for art grow, as they enthusiastically created their own Greek pots using their own designs from last half term.

YEAR 4



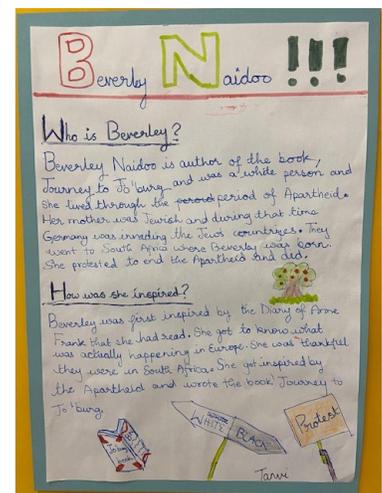
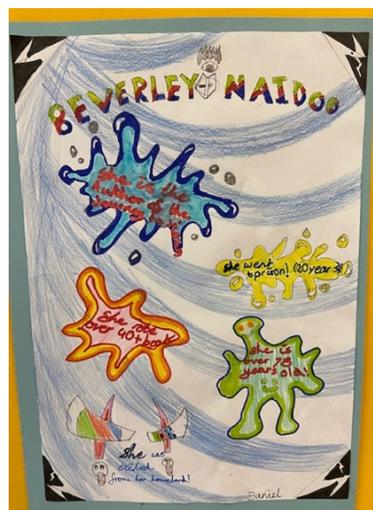
This half term, Year 4 Rauf started a new Science topic called ‘Teeth and Digestion’. The children had to work in groups to draw what they think the digestive system looks like inside a body. In Maths, we have been finding the fraction of a quantity. In English, we are reading a new class book called, ‘King Of the Sky’. The children had to use words and phrases from a paragraph to visualise what image they see in their mind and then compare their drawing to the illustrator’s picture in the book.

Finally on Thursday, many of the children dressed up brilliantly for **World Book Day** and had so much fun completing some World Book Day activities.

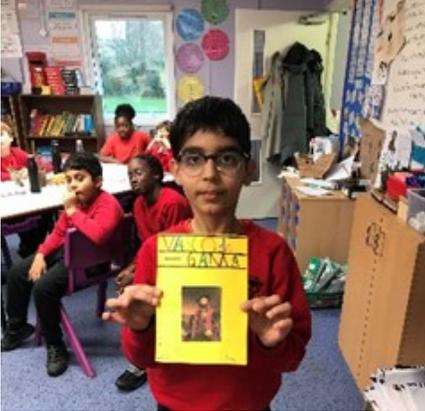


YEAR 5 JAMILA

This week, Year 5 Jamila have begun reading '**Journey to Jo'burg**' by Beverley Naidoo. We have found learning about the context of the book particularly interesting as it was set during the apartheid in South Africa. We discovered that the author Beverley Naidoo drew upon her personal experiences and that helped to influence her writing. In class we have created some amazing posters about her! In Maths, we have started learning about Fractions by identifying equivalent fractions and fractions which are greater than one. We have been understanding more about Fairtrade in Geography, with a focus on how climate change is affecting farmers around the world in both temperate and tropical climates. Beginning to investigate all of our new topics has been really exciting!



YEAR 5 RUNDELL



Year 5 Rundell have begun presenting their half - term projects about Tudor Explorers to the class. The children worked hard to gather key word notes and then to present their information in an interesting way.

They are proving very knowledgeable about a range of Explorers. We think you'll



agree they are a very creative bunch! Here are just a few of the fabulous projects they created. We have begun our new novel Journey to Jo'burg and will be writing a range of pieces and taking part in drama linked to it over the next few weeks.

By Jaia, Manvita, Hadi, Malachi and Anay



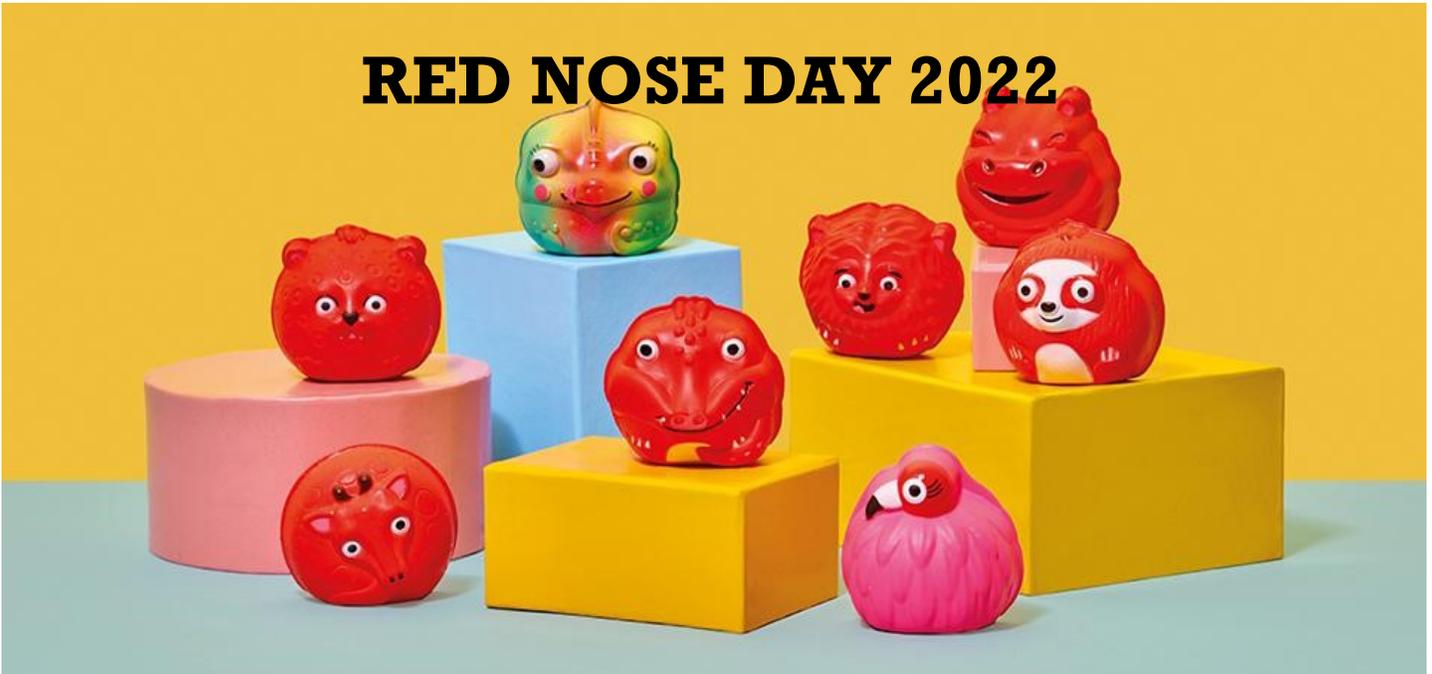
YEAR 6



During Healthy Living Week, we learned a great deal about the importance of our physical and emotional health. We did some circuit training in PE and discussed the benefits of exercise. We also talked about moments where we might feel emotional and trialled some well-being strategies throughout the week. We also created our own 'Coping Strategies' posters which we will find useful for the future. In Science, we have designed some board

games using electrical circuits and we have just started a new unit of work in English and Topic - it is all about the Vikings! We also celebrated **World Book Day** on Thursday and wore some fabulous costumes to mark the occasion! We paraded our costumes in an assembly which was the highlight of everyone's day!

RED NOSE DAY 2022



On **Friday 18th March** we will be having a non-uniform day and we will be asking if the children could come to school wearing their own clothes inside out! On the day, to support raising money for Comic Relief, we will be asking for a donation of **£1**. The money raised is spent by Comic Relief to help transform the lives of poor and vulnerable people, both at home and across the world's poorest countries.

We have a limited supply of themed **Comic Relief red noses** that can be bought in school for **£1.50** from our **House Captains** from **Monday 14th to Friday 18th March**. They will be selling them during the lunch break for pupils across the school. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile event.

Book Fair

Tuesday, 8th March to Thursday, 10th March

Don't forget our **Book Fair** comes to school on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** after school in the hall. Please make sure you come and take a look at the amazing range of books that are on offer!

Nursery parents will be welcomed to come to the book fair before school on **Thursday at 8:30** in the school hall. Please go to the school office and take care whilst walking down the drive and through the main car park.

Family Maths Challenge

Hello Mathematicians,

This fortnight I found another puzzle that would be great to solve as a family while you are out and about.

When you go to the shops do you ever look for special offers like two for the price of one? Or buy one, get the second half price?

See how many special offers you can find by looking in a shop or online – are they all good bargains? Sometimes offers are not as good as they seem. For example, two 1 litre bottles of fruit juice for £5.00 when a 2 litre bottle costs £4.99!

Can you find any interesting offers? If you do post them below.

Is there a quick way to work out the total?

Are there any patterns if you add together four house numbers instead of three?

Can you explain the patterns you have noticed?

Family comments:

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING TERM 2022

March	Tuesday 8th to 11th	Book Fair in school
	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

Children return to school on Tuesday 19th April



Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Hounslow** on Tuesdays

9.45am-2.30pm from 26 April to
14 June (not 31 May).



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