



SPRING GROVE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 14

Friday, 6th May 2022

It has been very busy in school since the Easter Break and the change in weather has been very welcomed change. It has been brilliant to have seen many classes taking the opportunity to use the outside area as part of their learning, only this week **Year One** were crawling through the hedgerows exploring what native plants were growing and today **Year Five** have swapped their school shoes for wellington boots as they explore the **River Thames in Kew** as part of their River topic!



Last weekend was a long bank holiday and we hope that you all enjoyed the break.

To all our families who celebrated **Eid-Al Fitr** on Monday we would like to wish you a very **happy Eid Mubarak**.

We have also hosted two **Nursery** tours, welcoming some potential new families and showcasing our amazing Nursery classroom and outside area and had our first Open House Event this year. We hope that you found it useful to have spent some time looking through your child's work and to visit their classroom. We know that the teachers were so excited to finally have some time to talk to you in person as you visited the classrooms.

We would also like to take this opportunity to **congratulate Year Three** for their fabulous class assembly last Friday, they all spoke with confidence and performed so well to their audience. Their assembly not only informed us all about their RE learning and trip to the **Gurdwara** but was very entertaining. Well done **Year Three** and all the teaching staff who helped to plan and support the children.



Summer Garden Club

NURSERY—INKPEN

In Nursery, we have started learning all about **doctors and nurses** and have been thinking about our bodies and body parts- inside and out! Some of us have learnt some new words to identify different parts of our body, for example: the stomach, lungs, brain and heart. We have thought about how to keep ourselves healthy, linking back to the learning that took place during healthy living week, and reminded ourselves of the importance of washing ones hands, catching coughs and sneezes, eating healthy foods and not picking our noses! We have spent some time learning what a bone is and were introduced to the word **skeleton**. We also looked at some x-rays and have recreated our own skeletons using things we could find around Nursery.



RECEPTION—MCKEE



At the start of the week the children shared with the rest of the class all the fun things they did, the people that they saw and the places they had visited at the weekend. We modelled speaking about past events, and explained to the children that when we talk about things that have already happened we use the past tense. We have also been comparing and discussing different periods of time and what events happen daily, weekly and yearly. Many of the children in **Reception** are getting very excited about **Eid!** We have spent some time this week sharing what we know and have watched a video that showed us how some

people prepare themselves for Eid. After watching the video we compared how people celebrate Eid to some other festivals that we know. We were very impressed with the children's listening skills, they listened so attentively to each other as they shared their own beliefs and asked each other questions- well done everyone! The whole class also enjoyed making glittery Eid cards to spread festivities over the holiday. **Eid Mubarak** to all of the families celebrating!

YEAR 1—DONALDSON



The highlight of this week was our trip to **Windsor Castle**, which was a fantastic experience for everyone! A big thank you to all the parents who supported us on the day, as without you we would not have been able to go. Aside from all the walking we did, the children managed to take part in many brilliant activities and see lots of interesting things. We managed to see the **Guard Mount** better known as the guard change, listen to the guard's band and visit **St George's Chapel**. I was so impressed with the children's abilities to be able to identify the different parts of the castle as they walked around

the grounds remembering all we had learnt during our Castle topic last term. Thankfully, there were no knights shooting arrows towards us on the day, which was a surprise for some of the children. Luckily, the weather was dry during our visit, so we were able to have a picnic lunch- that was an added bonus! Whilst at

Windsor Castle we took part in one of the school workshops all about Castles that involved dressing up and some role-play, which the children found very exciting. The day finished with a self guided tour inside the castle buildings and the children were amazed to discover all the different flags, armoury, pieces of artwork and statues inside.



It was wonderful to see so many of you during our **Open House Event on Wednesday, 27th April**. We really hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books and that you could see just how hard they have been working.

YEAR 2—GREY

Year Two have been very busy this week, but the children have enjoyed it! It was lovely seeing and being able to have the chance to chat with you all on Wednesday evening at our Open House Event. Thank you for your time and I hope that you were pleased with your child's learning and their classroom environment.

On Thursday, we went on our first ever school trip and the children were so excited and thrilled to be visiting one of the Queen's residences- **Windsor Castle**. The children were excellent Spring Grove Primary ambassadors and they asked some fantastic questions as they toured Windsor Castle with their adult helpers.



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YEAR 2—GREY

This week in Maths, we have continued to learn about Fractions. The children have learned: that a half represents 1 out of 2 equal parts; a quarter represents 1 out of 4 equal parts and a third represents 1 out of 3 equal parts. We have learnt what the mathematical terms numerator and denominator mean and we have applied our multiplication and division knowledge to solve a range of problems.

During our English grammar sessions, we have been learning about past tense verbs and expanded noun phrases. We were able to apply what we had learnt in our grammar sessions to write an alternative scene for the story **Traction Man by Mini Grey**. I was amazed with how hard the children had tried to ensure they were writing in the correct tense and with their choice of descriptive vocabulary. Well done everyone!

We have also started our new history topic **Pirates** and we have begun to learn who are pirates and what pirates do. We have enjoyed reading the story **The Pirates Next Door by Jonny Dubble** and have managed to follow a set of instructions to draw a pirate.

YEAR 3—ZEPHANIA

Year Three started the **Summer Term** with a trip to our local **Gurdwara** and it was a wonderful experience! During our English lessons we wrote our own recounts before sharing them with the rest of the class. It was lovely to see and hear what the children had learnt during our trip and their favourite memories. Surprisingly, many of the children enjoyed the **Langar**, which means free food, that was served at the Gurdwara. Overall, it was a fun filled day and it is an experience the children will never forget. This week, the children have been working extremely hard to prepare for our class



YEAR 4 RAUF

Well, time has really flown and we can't believe we are entering our last term in **Year Four!** Since the start of the term, the children have been fascinated to learn about **Celtic Britain** and the spread of the **Roman Empire!** We have read the Legend of Rome to help us learn how Rome was founded.

In Maths, we have been learning how to make a whole by adding tenths and hundredths and have been writing and comparing decimal numbers. In Science, we have been comparing different food chains and food webs and have even created our own examples!. The children have been continuing

to develop their knowledge of French numbers up to 60! On Wednesday we had our Open House Event and it was great to be able to see how keen most of the children were to show their parents around our classroom. It was lovely to finally meet a few of you in person and I hope that you enjoyed the time that you spent in Year Four.

YEAR 5 JAMILA

Year Five Jamila have been working really hard this week and have made a terrific start to the Summer term. In Maths, we have been finding fractional amounts of different quantities and have been developing our problem solving skills applying all of our knowledge of fractions. In Geography, we have been developing our map reading skills by locating different rivers found throughout Britain and the World. In Computing, we have started our new topic, We are Artists, and have been researching different artists to help inspire us before we create our own Scratch designs. In PE, we are learning the rules to help us play a game of Rounders and developing our batting and fielding techniques.

YEAR 5 RUNDELL

In **Year Five Rundell class** we have started the new term with enthusiasm! We completed our family shields which we designed and developed using the sewing techniques we have learnt. We have researched different family crests and found out they began in the time of Tudor Kings in the time of knights who wore armour. Their crests were displayed on their horses so they could be identified when jousting. Creating our shields required creativity, flexibility to make changes where necessary and perseverance when we found things difficult. The children worked hard and we are really pleased with the results. We hope you agree they are great.



It was lovely to see so many parents at our open afternoon on Wednesday. The children were very excited to show you their work and should be very proud of all they have achieved so far this year. **Rundell** class have started the new term with enthusiasm! We completed our family shields which we designed and developed using the sewing techniques we have learnt. We researched family crests and found out they began in the time of Tudor Kings, in the time of knights who wore armour. Their crests were displayed on their horses so they could be identified when jousting. Creating our shields required creativity, flexibility to make changes where necessary and perseverance when we found things difficult. The children worked hard and we are really pleased with the results. We hope you agree they are great.

We have begun our new class story, **Rooftoppers**, by **Katherine Rundell** which we will be using as our writing stimulus this term. We have used drama to immerse ourselves in the story and now, we are planning a News Report about the sinking of a **Victorian cruise liner, the HMS Tayleur**.

YEAR 6—TAN

Year Six have had an excellent start to the term and have been busy preparing for our **Key Stage Two SATs** which will be administered next week. A great deal of work has gone into the preparation for these assessments - and we are confident that the children will do themselves proud! In PE this week, we took part in a team-building exercise where we had to search for coloured pegs hidden throughout the school grounds. We had to use a school map to find the hidden locations of these pegs - the trickiest part was that we had to stay together as a team at all times -plus finding the pegs wasn't easy. It was a fabulous lesson and great fun, too! We also thoroughly enjoyed our Open House Event on Wednesday where we were able to showcase our fabulous learning and displays to our families. They were so proud of the hard work and effort we have put into our education.



IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER TERM 2022

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

May	Monday 9th to Thursday 12th	Year 6 SATS Week
	Wednesday 25th	Railway Children' Theatre Production (Y1-Y6)
	Thursday 26th	Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day in School

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Half Term (School is closed)

June	Monday 6th	Return to school
July	Thursday 21st	Last Day of Term - school closes at 1.30pm

Summer Break from Friday 22nd July

Attendance & Punctuality

(as of 5th May 2022)

Class	Academic Year 2021/22	Summer Term 2022	
		Attendance %	Lateness
Nur-Inkpen	88.9	94.6	10
Rec-Mckee	93.0	96.4	4
1-Donaldson	91.9	95.0	11
2-Grey	93.5	97.3	6
3-Zephania	93.6	95.1	3
4-Rauf	95.6	92.2	3
5-Rundell	95.1	95.0	6
5-Jamila	95.6	92.6	1
6-Tan	94.3	95.1	8