



SPRING GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 15

Friday, 20th May 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Thursday 26th May. There are a number of activities planned for the children for the day. Please look out for the letter that will be coming out detailing the plans. Get searching for your red, white and blue clothes now to wear on the day!

Reading

All classes have a daily story time where they enjoy listening to their teacher reading a story to them. This presents a valuable opportunity to experience the joy of a good story and to appreciate just how relaxing books can be. It also enables teachers to introduce children to authors and stories that they may not naturally choose for themselves. We would love to hear about books that are shared at home and read aloud to the children. Please email us and let us know of books that you are sharing as a family – we may be able to feature them in our school library.

Questionnaire on Reading

Please follow the links below to a parent questionnaire on reading. Please complete it as it will help us understand more about your child and how we can further support their reading development and interest in books.

Links to Parent questionnaire

Nursery Parents—<https://www.springgroveprimary.london/form/reading-survey-2022-nursery/>

Reception to Year 6 Parents—<https://www.springgroveprimary.london/form/reading-survey-2022-reception-ks1-ks2/>

Great Quotes About Reading

by famous people

Eerdmans.com/YoungReaders

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.

- Lemony Snicket

You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.

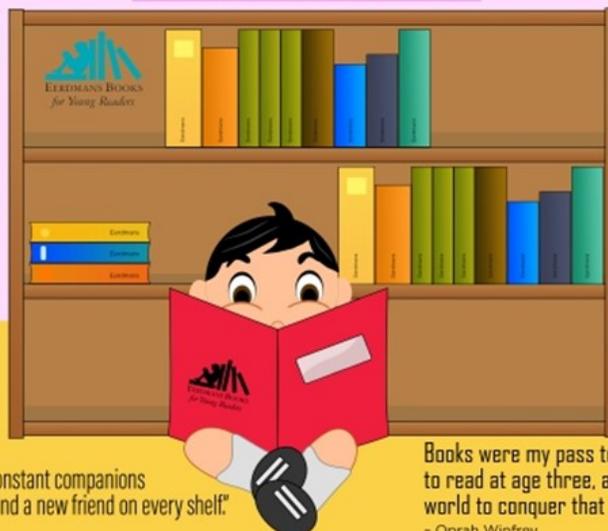
- C.S. Lewis

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.

- Napoléon Bonaparte

From an early age, books were my constant companions and my local library a place I could find a new friend on every shelf!

- Sarah Jessica Parker



Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

- Jim Rohn

'Classic' – a book which people praise and don't read.

- Mark Twain

A capacity, and taste, for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.

- Abraham Lincoln

Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and there discovered was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi."

- Oprah Winfrey

Uniform

Please ensure that children attend school wearing the correct uniform. Shoes should be black with trainers only worn on PE days. Children with long hair should keep it tidy and if tied back it should be with a simple band in school colours and not an elaborate headband. It would also be helpful if children could have a shower- proof jacket with them on days when rain is forecast. Your support with this is appreciated.

Family Maths Challenge

We are relaunching the Family Maths Challenge. The purpose of this is for families to do this together. It is a great way to promote discussion around maths and to further your children's learning and understanding. Each fortnight we shall select a winning family. The child who submitted the entry will be awarded 20 house points. Everyone who enters will also be awarded 1 house point.

Weight of Fruit

Find an apple (or potato or similar), feel it in your hand and estimate its weight. Ask your family for their estimates. Record this information.

- ⇒ Now weigh it – how close were you? Were you the closest?
- ⇒ How many apples/potatoes would weigh a kilogram?
- ⇒ Can you find anything else in your house that has the same (or close to) weight? Test it in your hand first and then weigh it.
- ⇒ Can you estimate how much an egg weighs?
- ⇒ Carefully weigh it – were you surprised?

Please send your comments .



NURSERY—INKPEN



What an eventful couple of weeks we have had in Nursery. Last week we were learning about police officers when a 'real' life crime happened in Nursery - someone stole Mrs Berry's shopping. The culprit left their footprints and handprints in our Nursery, so the children set about looking for further clues, exploring different fingerprints and making posters to see if we could find out who committed this crime. We are still trying to solve the mystery, so if you have any information please let



Nursery know!

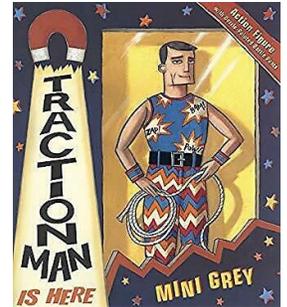
This week we have been learning all about **Firefighters**. We were lucky enough to have had a visit from the fire brigade on Tuesday. The children were allowed to climb inside the fire engine and see all the clothes that the firefighters wear when they get called to an emergency. Some of us wore a helmet- they were very heavy on our heads! We all had the opportunity to spray the hose, and we played a game that involved trying to knock a ball off the top of a cone- it is trickier than it sounds!

We have also been learning about teamwork, thinking why it is an important skill for a firefighter. We were given a problem to solve as a class – one of our 'pet' dinosaurs (soft toys) got stuck on the roof of our shed and we had to think about how we would get him down as a team.



RECEPTION—MCKEE

This week we have been learning about different superheroes because **Reception Class** really enjoyed reading **Traction Man by Mini Grey**. The book is filled with wonderful, descriptive vocabulary that really helps transport the reader into the story. The children loved to hear all about Traction Man and scrubbing Brush's adventures! We asked the children to try and recall their favourite parts of the story and some children even drew pictures to show them. Then we asked the children to write simple sentences and label the images they created, explaining why they liked the parts they did. One of our most favourite parts of the story was when Traction Man was awarded a medal because he saved the day! The children felt they too deserved a medal (and we agreed) to reward them for all of their hard work this year, so they made their own medals which they enjoyed wearing! We took this opportunity to discuss some of the children's achievements since starting in September.



Later in the week, the children were visited by a real superhero who needed help to defeat the **Evil Number Professor**. They had to work together to order some number cards up to 30 as quickly as possible to win a prize! During our fruit and milk times we have read, Percy the Park Keeper's Rescue Party and the children decided to have a jumping competition just like the bunnies did in the story. We thought about the best way to do really long jumps, and then practised bending our knees and using our arms to help propel us forward. The children used meter sticks to measure their jumps and discussed how larger numbers meant longer jumps. Our maths learning this week also included adding two amounts, recapping 2D and 3D shapes and sharing.

YEAR 1—DONALDSON

This week, in Maths we have continued with our fraction unit and have been learning to identify, find and represent a half. We began by identifying a half of a shape and have been focusing our attention on each part to ensure that they are equal. We then investigated how many equal parts were needed to make a whole. We have also learnt to recognise the denominator, the bottom number, when writing the fraction a half and we now know that the denominator tells us how many equal parts an amount or shape has been divided into. Also we learnt to find, represent and identify a quarter.

As part of our topic, we have been learning to identify the different parts of a flowering plant and have been discussing the different parts of a plant that we eat- which the children found fascinating! As part of our growing topic we have grown our own plants from seeds and have been recording its development and growth. Some of our plants have really taken off and we will be taking them home at the end of term.



YEAR 2—GREY

This week has been another really busy and fun week in **Year Two!** The children have finally completed their final SATs assessments and we would like to thank you for all your hard work supporting your child during this period. In Maths, we have been revisiting a number of different concepts that have been taught since September. We have been focusing on adding and subtracting 2 two-digit numbers using a range of efficient methods. In English, we published our recounts that we had planned and edited last week. I was impressed with all the children's presentation especially their joined up handwriting—well done! During our PSHE session, we have continued with our relationship puzzle piece and have been learning about different conflicts that we may have in different relationships. We discussed the importance of being positive instead of negative when mending a relationship. Saying things like 'I'm annoyed that you....but I can see that you....' Is kinder than 'I don't want to be your friend anymore'.

YEAR 3—ZEPHANIA

Year Three have really enjoyed learning about rainforest and we have been very impressed with the quality of the vocabulary the children have been using in their work. We have had so much fun role playing in English thinking carefully about our expression and it has helped the children to think about the thoughts and feelings of the characters in our class story. As well as this, the children have created some beautiful artwork for our class display- I am extremely happy with the children's efforts, well done everyone. It has been wonderful to hear the progress they have been making in music and our classroom has been filled with some fabulous sounds each Monday afternoon as they play their recorders very delicately and beautifully. We cannot wait for the **Queen's Diamond jubilee celebrations** next week and Year Three are looking forward to showing off all our creative skills.



YEAR 4 RAUF

Year Four have been involved in lots of exciting activities over the last couple of weeks! In Science, we have been learning about how electricity gets into our houses and in Art we have been creating interesting mosaic pictures using bits of paper on the hall floor!

The main highlight was our fantastic trip to the **Verulamium Museum in St.Albans** on Wednesday which enhanced our knowledge and understanding about the Roman invasion of Britain. We had a great opportunity to handle a range of real-life Roman artefacts that were discovered by archaeologists in St Albans. Some of us even dressed up, including a Roman soldier! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!



YEAR 5 JAMILA

Year Five Jamila really enjoyed going to the **River Thames** to complete some river fieldwork last week . We managed to gather a range of data during our trip, for example: the acidic and alkaline levels of the river; pollution levels and the types of living animals and plants found in the river. We have begun our new unit in Maths and have been learning about Decimals, we even had the chance to apply our knowledge of fractions in our new maths unit! In Art, we have re-created some paintings in the style of J.M.W. Turner using watercolours and we have also been preparing for our



class assembly by practicing our song and our lines. It has been amazing to have been able to observe the childrens' performance skills as they have improved so much! In French, we have been learning some new words for places we go on holiday.

YEAR 5 RUNDELL

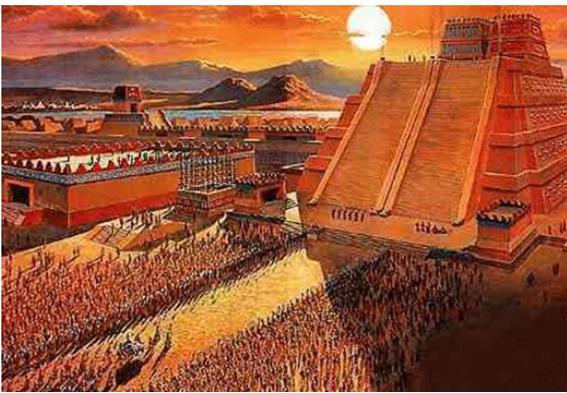
Year Five Rundell have had a busy few weeks. Just over a week ago, the sun shone as we went to study the **River Thames** near Kew Bridge, as part of our current topic. We learnt about the impact man has had on the river over centuries and looked at the quality of the water today and the amazing variety of invertebrate life living in the river. We were also able to spot a variety of river birds and name them. This week, we began our Turner House exhibition project, which began at **Turner's house in St Margaret's**, where we began to find out about the artist **J.M.W. Turner** and his painting. We have written news reports on the sinking of a cruise liner, which was the inspiration for **Katherine Rundell** for the beginning of her novel, **Rooftoppers**. We have also looked at drawing moving water using mark making with graphite pencils. In music, we have been beginning to compose music to represent the course of a river from its source to its mouth, where it enters the sea. All in all, a busy few weeks.



YEAR 6—TAN

Year Six have had a very busy week learning about the ancient **Maya civilisation**. We have studied their impressive buildings, learned about the foods they ate as well as their fierce ball games such as **Pok-ta-Pok!**

Our Year Six girls also took part in the **Hounslow Borough Kwik Cricket Finals** on Tuesday - the weather was hot, the games were competitive and we thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially because we were given the opportunity to meet students from other Hounslow schools. We have also started our new English unit on **Kensuke's Kingdom** where we have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of sailing around the world - we can't wait to read the next part of the story next week! This week, we also learned that **Zain Ruhomally** won 2nd place in the **C8 Hounslow Story Writing Competition**. His story was engaging and creative and the judges loved it! Well done Zain!



Hounslow Borough Kwik Cricket Finals

Two Year Six Girls teams took part in the Hounslow Borough Kwik Cricket Finals at the Indian Gymkhana on Tuesday 17th May. All the children showed great determination and teamwork in their respective round Robin leagues with one team just missing out on reaching the semi-finals by a few runs! The girls thoroughly enjoyed playing in the beautiful, sunny weather and they really did put on a gutsy performance.....Well done, girls!



Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations go to **Vishnu Naren** in Year 3.

He has recently participated in the UK Chess Challenge Surrey Megafinal in the Under-8 category. He represented Spring Grove at the event and won 5 out of the 6 games that he played. Vishnu was ranked number 5 out of a total of 66 students from schools across London.

He has also qualified for the Gigafinal (National level semi-final) event which will take place on 23rd and 24th July.

Well done Vishnu – we are all so proud of you.



Nanak in Year 4 really enjoys football and he has been awarded several cups and medals. We are very proud of him because he has won them for his positive attitude, playing well, listening and developing his game. Well done Nanak – we love your attitude and approach to life as well as football!

Congratulations to **Zain** in Year 6 who came second overall in the **C8 Writing Competition** . His story was engaging and creative and the judges loved it!

Well done Zain!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday, 26th May 2022

- ⇒ **Non Uniform Day**
children can wear **red, white and blue** clothes on the day and bring a £1 donation.
- ⇒ **Jubilee Bake off**
This fun family event involves baking six jubilee- themed cupcakes for our Great Royal Spring Grove Bake Off competition.
- ⇒ **Crown parade**
children to make either a junk model crown or paper crown at home to be worn on the celebration day
- ⇒ **Picnic Lunch**
Book via ParentPay
- ⇒ **Family Tea Party and Cake Sale (after school)**
We welcome cake donations, to be sold at the family event. Please send them to school on Thursday 26th May. If they are home baked, please include a list of ingredients-no nuts please.

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER TERM 2022

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

May	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 20th May 2022)

Class	Academic Year 2021/22	Summer Term 2022	
		Attendance %	Lateness
Nur-Inkpen	88.8	91.4	24
Rec-Mckee	93.1	95.4	16
1-Donaldson	91.5	91.4	20
2-Grey	93.1	92.6	14
3-Zephania	93.3	92.8	9
4-Rauf	94.3	87.0	13
5-Rundell	92.0	98.1	19
5-Jamila	92.8	91.6	10
6-Tan	91.6	94.1	18