



SPRING GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS NEWSLETTER Spring 1

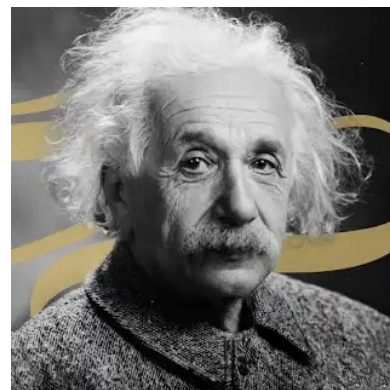
This half term in school we have been thinking about our school value of curiosity and thinking how a curious learner is an active learner; this is an important learning trait to become a successful life long learner.

The children have enjoyed reading all our valued themed books, especially the book called Curiosity which is all about the adventures of the space robot Curiosity Mission to Mars! I have heard so many interesting thoughts as the children have debated the question posed in our curiosity box- 'Which came first the chicken or the egg?'

Time was spent looking at the achievements of Mae Jemison who said "Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live."

We also thought about how Albert Einstein is another role model for our value of curiosity, as he displayed a good growth mindset- a quality that all successful learners should display.

Mr Malin, Deputy Headteacher



Book Fair

Monday 11th March- Friday 15th March

You can use your world book day tokens to reduce the cost of any book by £1, so make sure you do not lose them.

More details to follow next half term.



Book Week - 4th March - 8th March

During this week, there will be a **Second Hand Book Sale** to raise money for school funds. If you have any unwanted books you wish to donate, please give them to your child's class teacher.

On Friday **8th March**, the children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Be ready to strut your stuff in assembly!



Spring Grove Sport News



On Friday 2nd February, Miss Griffiths took two teams of very enthusiastic pupils to participate in the **Hounslow Best Football Finals** at the Gunnersbury Hub in a minibus. Both teams tried their best with Team A narrowly missing the Quarter Finals stages by 1 point!

Well done to both teams!

Last term, Year Six had a great opportunity to do a **Sport/Playground Leadership course** during their PE lessons. So, this half term, with improved weather conditions, they have started to put their new leadership skills into practice, working with Year One and Two children at lunchtimes. They are doing a fantastic job and the younger children are thoroughly enjoying the activities.

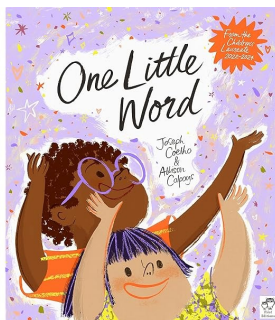


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Spring's Recommended Reading!

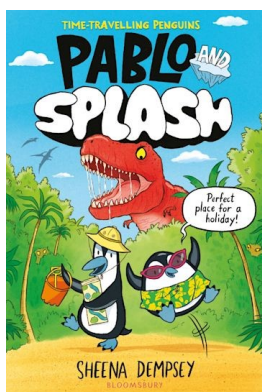
Early Years:

Written by the current children's laureate, Joseph Coelho, this story is about friendship and solving problems.



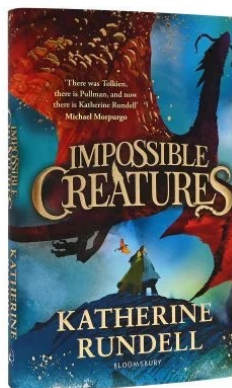
Years 3 and 4:

If you like reading funny, graphic novels, you might enjoy 'Pablo and Splash'. Pablo and Splash are time travelling penguins who go on a surprising adventure back to the age of the dinosaurs!



Years 1 and 2

Interested in learning more about sea creatures? Then you might enjoy reading 'The Big Book of the Blue' by Yovel Zommer, which has lots of information about marine life.



Years 5 and 6

Really enjoyed Rooftoppers? Why not try Katherine Rundell's new book, 'Impossible Creatures', full of mythical beasts and adventure?

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Spring Term Parents Evening

Monday 18th March

1.30pm to 3.10pm – For Nursery Only

3.50pm to 5.50pm (last appointment at 5.40pm) – For all children

Wednesday 20th March

4.00pm to 7.00pm (last appointment at 6.50pm) – For all children

NURSERY—INKPEN



In Nursery this half term, all our learning has been linked to Traditional Tales. So far, we have read the Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red

Riding Hood (we might revisit this next half term too) and The Gingerbread Man.

We have had fun re-enacting the tales and learning the repeated phrases (for example "huff and puff", "oh Grandma, what big eyes you have"...))

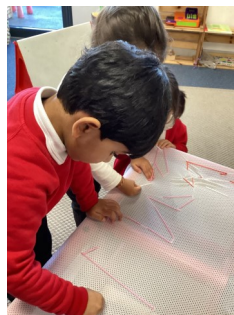
We have done a lot of Science investigations, we especially liked investigating with the 'Big Bad Wolfdryer!'

We have been counting the bears, bowls, chairs and beds in the Goldilocks and linked the number 3 back to when we learnt the baa baa black sheep song. Nursery have enjoyed further developing our fine motor skills with the introduction of our sewing table.



Our teachers are so impressed - they did not know we had such great sewers!

We look forward to learning more traditional tales next half term.



RECEPTION—MCKEE

In Reception, this half term we have had so much fun learning about Space. We have read different types of fiction (stories) and non-fiction books (information books) books such as, Whatever Next and All about the Sun, Solar system and Moon. The children have been busy learning about the planets in relation to their size and distance from the sun. The children thoroughly enjoyed making paper mache planets.



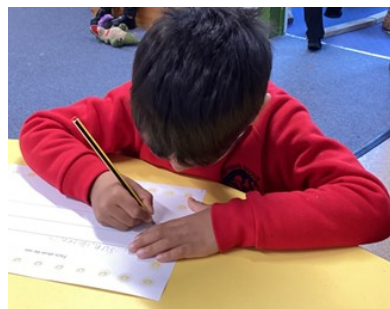
As we have been learning about space something bizarre happened in our classroom. Something crashed and there was a handwritten note that said 'we are friendly'! The children thought very hard about what had crashed in our classroom and how it got there? The children were

as puzzled as we were! But we weren't worried as we have some great detectives!



In Maths, we have looked at a range of 2D shapes and the children used their knowledge of 2D shapes to create their own rockets. We were so impressed by the creative rockets. The children compared amounts using the vocabulary: same as, more than and fewer than. Other areas we have covered in maths are weight (heavier and lighter) and learning number facts to 10.

In Phonics, we have continued to learn our set 1 speed sounds and the children applied their phonic knowledge to write facts about the sun.



YEAR 1—DONALDSON

Year One have said that they felt the start of the Spring Term had been brilliant! The children came back eager and ready to learn. In English, we started to read the book **The Kiss that Missed** and have done exceptional writing making sure to use lots of descriptive language.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction and have been learning our

number bonds to 20 using our knowledge of number bonds to 10.

In Design and technology, we have designed and created puppets and we learnt how to join pieces of material together. In Science, we have been continuing with our materials around us topic. In History and Geography, we have been learning about Castles and we identified the different people that live and work in a castle. We have even found the location of different castles around the UK. We named the countries within the UK and can name where we live.

Well done for a great start to the term and we look forward to having you back in the second half of the Spring Term.



YEAR 2—GREY

It has been another busy half term in **Year Two!** We have been doing lots of different activities based on our book, **The Lonely Beast**. We have written some fantastic descriptions of the beast and where he ended up after leaving his home. We also bobbed around the classroom imagining being jellyfish to help us write our brilliant poems using lots of great similes.

In Maths, we have been learning the names and properties of various 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been learning about the 8 different coins we use, adding coins together and seeing how much change we would get from £1.

In History, we have been comparing **Mary Seacole** and **Florence Nightingale** and have been thinking if they have any similarities or differences. The children have really impressed us with all the facts they have remembered and their interesting conversations about why these women were important in the 1800s and why we still learn about them today. We also were able to link what we are learning about with what we learnt last year about the Victorians.

We have been learning lots about different animal groups in science and looked at the life cycle of humans. We have also been looking at what animals need to survive.

In PE, we have been learning different poses in yoga and have been putting these together to create a flow.

In PSHE, we have been focusing on our dreams and goals by setting ourselves achievable challenges and looking at ways to overcome challenges.

We have done a lot of learning this half term and are excited about what we will be doing after our half term holidays.

YEAR 3—ZEPHANIAH



The children in **Year Three**, have been working really hard in English learning about different **Ancient Greek** myths and have produced some good writing. They have enjoyed listening to and discussing these stories, some of the children even made their own labyrinth!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of how we can use the inverse to solve a multiplication or division problem. Keep practising your 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 time tables and remember you can use TTrackstars to help you. In Science, we have been experimenting with magnets and we have really enjoyed this, along with working with compasses.

We have completed our cushions in Design and Technology, the children had lots of moments whilst sewing. They had moments of success and frustration, but they persevered...a big well done to them all!

We have had a great start to the Spring Term and look forward to the second half. Have a great half term break and see you soon.



YEAR 4—RAUF

This has been another action packed half term for the children in **Year Four**, that included the lovely performance of our fun class assembly about the **Ancient Egyptians**.

In Science, we have been learning about the Human Digestive System. We did a fun experiment which helped us to understand how it works!

In PE, we have been doing **Gymnastics**, learning about balances and creating sequences of movement using mats and apparatus.

In English, we have been reading our class Book called the King of the Sky and learnt how to write a balanced argument. In Art, we have been studying how the illustrator, **Laura Carlin**,

developed her ideas through her drawings.

Lastly, in PSHE Jigsaw lessons, we have been discussing what our dreams/goals are and how to overcome disappointments if they do not work out.



YEAR 5—MORPURGO

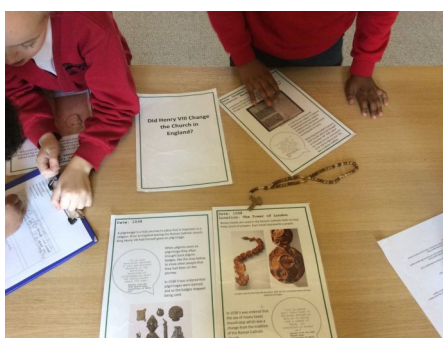
Year Five have had a wonderful half term! We have been reading and studying Macbeth in English. Through understanding how the characters truly feel about different events (for example, meeting the witches!), we have been writing letters and recounts in the role of the characters in Macbeth.

In Science, we have been having lots of fun conducting our investigations to test out the properties of different materials. Our favourite experiment was testing the speed of liquids running down a ramp! Who knew honey would be so quick! In DT, we have been creating our own pop up books for a

Year One pupil. We have been creating levers and sliders to hide different parts.

In Music, we have been learning about Tudor music and the types of instruments used in Tudor times.

In French, we have been learning about food and we have enjoyed playing lots of games to help us



learn the new words. We have written a recipe, all in French, on how to make a sandwich.

In History, we have been learning about the Tudors through our enquiry question: 'Is appearance and wealth everything to a 16th century monarch?' We have learnt about Henry VIII and how much he cared about his looks, as well as how rich he was, and we enjoyed learning about Elizabeth I - appearance was so important to her! At the start of the half term, we went to Hampton Court Palace and we analysed different sources of evidence to learn more about The Tudors. We had a wonderful time exploring Hampton Court - even in the freezing cold!!

YEAR 6—THOMAS

Year Six, have had a great half term. We have thoroughly enjoyed our P.E lessons, exploring different forms of dance and learning Bhangra Motifs to showcase a performance with our friends. In English, we enjoyed taking part in an adventure to learn more about the expedition Ernest Shackleton embarked on to Antarctica. We have created some amazing work, such as writing: formal letters and fact files which we researched about.



In R.E we have through role play learnt about different stories from the Bible. We have enthusiastically debated whether love is eternal and discussed the Christians beliefs about eternity and how people get to heaven.

We have also been working hard to prepare for our SATs that will take place in May and we are learning from each other in the classroom. In PSHE, we have

discussed our goals and dreams and how we will achieve those goals, both inside and outside of school. Our D.T sessions have been a favourite this term, where we have explored and created recipes using a range of different vibrant flavours and textures and we have begun designing and creating structures for a playground. What an exciting half term!



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