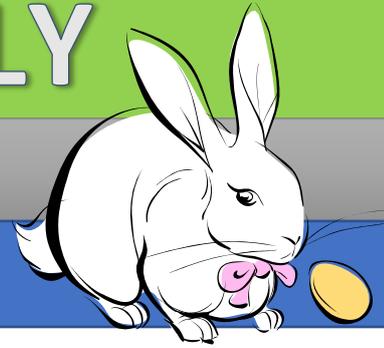


WESSEX WEEKLY

END OF
TERM
ROUND UP
EDITION

Thursday 29th March 2018

ASSEMBLY THEME – Right conduct



Welcome to our end of term round up, celebrating all the great work the children have been doing over the last six weeks. We have had a very busy few weeks with lots going on including bikeability, science week, World book day, Visiting theatre companies, sports relief, The British cycling team and much more!

All the children have been working really hard and I have seen lots of children for the Golden Folder and given out two very special Head Teacher's awards for children who have been in the golden folder more than three times!

I would like to thank all the staff at Wessex for all their hard work over the last six weeks and all the children for all of their achievements and great work. I hope you have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on the 16th April for the Summer Term!



Nursery Class

This term the Nursery children have enjoyed dressing up for World book day and listening to lots of different stories. We have also enjoyed listening to and acting out the story of the three Billy Goats Gruff especially being the mean old troll! We also enjoyed Science week and making slime with our Year 3 buddy class. We also enjoyed experimenting ourselves!

We also had a very enjoyable visit to Cox Green library where we joined in with some finger rhymes, listened to some stories, explored the library and looked at the books.



RECEPTION CLASS

We have enjoyed several stories this half term and worked on sequencing the story, changing the characters, changing the settings, deciding what we would do if we were the characters and writing our own ending to the story! We have been super writers!

In Maths we have been learning about different times of the day and year and using lots of time language. We have been exploring distance and talking about items and places that are near and far away. We have finished the term exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and can talk about the corners and sides.

This week we have been getting ready for Easter by using printing techniques to create cards, creating baskets and reading a recipe to make Chocolate Crispy nests.

Year 1

Year 1 have had another very busy term. The highlight was definitely Science week, where the children learnt a lot about animals. They were very enthusiastic and can remember a lot of scientific facts about all the different types of animals that are on our planet.

There have been two great opportunities to try out new sports. Two visiting coaches came to teach Year 1 how to play cricket and tennis. Everyone tried very hard to master the new skills required to play a new sport. We look forward to welcoming back the tennis coach after the Easter break.

Sports Relief day was a great success with nearly all children completing 1 mile around the field. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the children.

There was another opportunity to dress up for World BOOK day. The children looked great dressed up as their favourite character and enjoyed all the book related work that week.

Thank you for your continuous support by continuing to read at home, learn spellings and practice phonics. All of this helps your child be successful at school. Keep up the good work.

Year 2

The Year 2 children have enjoyed finding out about explorers from the past including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. It has really captured their interest and developed their awareness of how we know about the world around us.

During Science Week we thought about our food and had the Big Question....Where does it come from? The children's knowledge of the origin of what is on their plate at lunchtime really grew as the week progressed. We gathered data daily about lunchtime choices and discovered Friday is the most popular day for a red hot dinner (no surprises there!) and Tuesday was the most popular day for packed lunch. We looked at how food changes when it is cooked by making cupcakes filled with either carrot, raspberries or vanilla extract. The children thought their creations were delicious!

Other events this term have been World Book Day, a cricket workshop and the snow! Mrs Savage was lucky enough to recently attend some poetry training led by Michael Rosen. As a result of his inspiration the children have ended the term reading and performing poetry with great confidence and enthusiasm.



Year 3

Year 3 have continued to enjoy a wonderful, rich, varied curriculum that ensures progress and engagement. This term they have thoroughly enjoyed

- Science Week ensured the children experienced lots of interactive learning and conducting scientific investigations.
- Investigating and exploring volcanoes and making 3D models.
- Choosing pizza toppings and eating pizzas linked to Healthy Eating.
- Performing and reciting poetry – ask them what a Kenning, Tanka or Haiku is?
- During English the children pretended to be ‘reporters’ and ‘eye witnesses’ to volcanic explosion or earthquake!
- Children have completed their swimming lessons and feel much more confident in the water. The last session was fun!
- A snowy World Book Day did not stop the children from having fun dressed up in book characters and learning about their favourite authors.



Year Four

The children have now completed their swimming course. We are very proud of all of the children who have made great progress which includes being confident in the water, treading water and improving stroke technique. Congratulations to all of the children who were awarded certificates for their achievements.

The children took part in a Jump In workshop delivered by Norden Farm. The children created a wonderful array of huge flowers which will be part of a large display at Norden Farm over Easter. See Norden Farm's website for details and perhaps take a visit there over the holidays!

Science has been exciting for Year 4 this term. The children have explored the effects of sugary drinks on their teeth, using duck eggs left overnight in either Ribena , cola or water. They have learned about the journey their food takes through their bodies and, during science week, they make a digestive system using plastic bags, food and liquids, a pair of tights and some paper cups! Squealing could be heard in the year 4 corridor!

We are looking forward to another busy term , which includes a Hi 5 tournament and two exciting trips!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Please can we remind all parents that we are unable to administer prescription medication in school unless the whole box / bottle with the dispensing label is brought into school. We have to see that it is correctly prescribed for the child, the dosage and the date before we can administer this in school. We will have to refuse to administer any prescribed medicine where we have not seen the correct label. Thank you for your cooperation

Year 5

We have had an action packed term in Year 5! In literacy the children have really enjoyed reading the book Tuck Everlasting and have produced some fantastic work using their comprehension and inference skills. They have also created some beautiful art work using evidence from the text to create a scene from the book. In Maths we have been focusing on fractions, and the children are continuing to strengthen their times tables using the Times Tables Rock stars. This, together with their enthusiasm for doing daily times tables test is having a very positive effect on their maths work, which is going from strength to strength.

In Science we have been investigating materials and their properties. The children really enjoyed Science week where we focused on reversible and irreversible changes and looked at investigations such as the changing states of chocolate melting and making bread. In Geography the children are learning about the Alps and the effect of tourism. This has linked in well to literacy where the children are using persuasive writing techniques to create a holiday brochure for the Alps.

Our Art focus this term has been perspective art, where we have looked at work produced by the artist Julian Beever. The children have been learning how to draw perspective scenes using techniques learnt. Through hard work and patience, they have produced some stunning pictures.

It has been wonderful to see the hard work and fantastic enthusiasm of our children this term. Well done Year 5, we are very proud of you!



Year 6

In Year 6 we have enjoyed learning about lots of Science this term including plant and animal adaptations and a healthy lifestyle including how the heart works. The children had fun dissecting hearts and writing a persuasive letter on how to be healthy. In maths, Year 6 have got to grips with charts and graphs in data handling and angles amongst other topics. In P.E. the children have expressed themselves through the medium of Gymnastics and tackled their way through Tag Rugby. The children have worked their socks off and we are very proud of them!



HRB

This term in Apple we have hosted two secondary teachers from Mary Hare Grammar school for the deaf. They are studying for their diploma in teaching children and young people with a hearing impairment and were gaining experience teaching younger children. They both gained knowledge and enjoyed working with our H.I children throughout the school and with all pupils in Chestnut and Alder.

The children in the different classes very much enjoyed learning with the students.



French Day is approaching on 25th April!

The children can dress up in French themed clothes; there will be fun, food and laughter!



The kitchen will also be offering nut free tasters such as crepes, baguettes, a selection of cheeses and soups!

LUNCHES

After Easter for the first half-term we will offer grab bags as a lunch option on Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY. The grab bag will contain the following:

- 1 x wholemeal sandwich
- 1 x cake or biscuit
- 1 x piece of fruit
- 1 x bag of crudites
- 1 x apple or orange juice cup

If you would like your child to have a grab bag order on a Tuesday and/or Thursday please order via Scopay. Please note there are four options for a sandwich filling (wholemeal bread) so a choice to be made from cheese, ham, tuna mayo or egg mayo. We are trialing grab bags for next half term on the Tuesday and Thursday and if successful it will continue to the end of the summer term. If you have ordered a grab bag for your child they will be given a blue band. Please order a day in advance! Thank you.

Important Dates

- ❖ 16th April: School reopens for the Summer term
- ❖ 18th April: Cherry Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 24th April: Chestnut Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 26th April: Beech Class Assembly at 9.15am
- ❖ 3rd May: Holly Class Assembly at 9.15am
- ❖ 8th May: Holly Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 10th May: Alder Class Assembly at 9.15am
- ❖ 10th May: Larch Class: An Adventure Day at Hurley Locke
- ❖ 15th May: Birch Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 17th May: Ash Class Assembly at 9.15am
- ❖ 17th May: Beech Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 18th May: PTA Film Night, 3.20pm to 4.45pm
- ❖ 18th May: Pre Royal Wedding celebration picnic
- ❖ 21st May: Lime Class: Hurley Trip
- ❖ 22nd May: Hazel Waltham Place Trip
- ❖ 24th May: Poplar Class Assembly at 9.15am
- ❖ 23rd June: Summer Fair 11am to 3pm