

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a superb end to the term! The children enjoyed looking after the lambs on Tuesday and we can't wait to have them back after Easter! A huge thank you to Tom for letting us look after them for the day!



The whole school embarked on our Easter Pilgrimage on Wednesday. On our pilgrimage we found the fourteen stations of the cross, we also visited St Nicholas, Ibstone, St Mary the Virgin, Turville where we were greeted by Rev Sue Morton and the women of Jerusalem and finally St Bartholomew, Fingest where church warden Jill Dean welcomed us into the church. Everyone enjoyed a well earned rest and some refreshments in the churchyard before taking the Easter Trail back to school. After walking just over 4 miles the children were still all demonstrating our school values and living out our vision by showing perseverance and resilience. To celebrate a successful pilgrimage and Easter trail, the children were rewarded with an Easter Egg. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing the eggs for the children!



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Ladybirds



This half term in Ladybirds our topics have been Space and Toys. We started off with an adventure with Baby Bear in Whatever Next; taking a trip to the moon. We looked at the different planets finding out and writing facts. We enjoyed watching the first moon landing and imagined how it would be to walk around without gravity. We loved getting messy making moon sand and moon dough and creative making rockets and designing our own Alien.

In maths we are building on our understanding of the number system and the relationship between consecutive numbers. We have looked at 3D shape and enjoyed a shape hunt around the school. We looked at the 2D shapes that the 3D shapes made when printed and explored making repeating patterns using a variety of objects. We explored making our pattern fit into a grid.



In RE we have been learning about celebrations; we have learnt about Chinese New Year and we made Chinese lanterns. We studied Persian New Year (Nowruz) and we painted flames to represent the fire which is symbolic. We have also been looking at Easter and Easter symbols. We role played the story of Palm Sunday and made Easter cards.



We enjoyed listening to toy stories and working together to fix a broken track from a story. We thought about how toys have changed sorting old and new toys and the different materials that made the toys. We enjoyed making our own toy, spending time making a pom pom and then lots of fun trying to catch it in a cup.



Woodland Class

Woodland Class have been looking at the fantasy tale 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. The children worked hard to learn the story off by heart before writing their own versions, changing the characters and magic foods. Year 2 were also challenged to invent their own fantasy tales. There were fantasy tales about dragons, wizards and magical goblins. The children have also been looking at the poem 'My House' by Moira Andrew and have been identifying prepositions in the poem. The children then used these prepositions to write their own fantastic poems about our school.



In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about place value to 50 and measuring length, height and weight. In Year 2, the children have been learning about tally charts, pictograms, and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



In science, the children enjoyed taking part in the 'overflowing pot' experiment which linked to our Talk 4 Writing text 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. The children made predictions about their experiment before mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together.

In geography, the children have been learning about our local area of Ibstone. The children have been learning how to identify places on a map using a key and have worked in groups to create their own maps of Ibstone. The children also enjoyed using the Bee Bots to practise their use of directional language and giving compass directions.



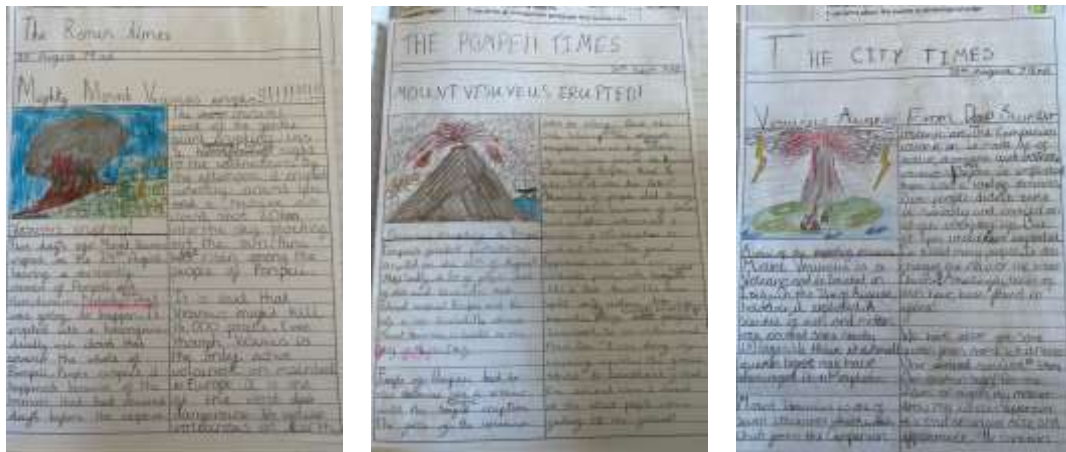
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Kestrel Class

In English, we have been looking at the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. They read the book in stages and completed a range of activities around the story. They gathered information about Roman life through reading the text and studying the pictures and also studied the language used by the author. At the end of the book the author describes the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children then used this for ideas and built up descriptive sentences to create their own descriptive paragraph about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children all wrote some fantastic sentences that included a range of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs.

The children researched Mount Vesuvius further and gathered information about the eruption and how it effected Pompeii. Using this research, they planned and wrote their own newspaper articles as if they had travelled back in time to August 79AD.



In maths, Year 3 have completed units of work on money, statistics and measure. During the unit of work on money, they looked at pounds and pence and converting between the different units, as well as adding and subtracting money and finding change from different amounts. In statistics they looked at drawing and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. They have also been looking at different units of measure for length and converting between m, cm and mm.

Year 4 have completed units of work on multiplication and division, area and fractions. During the unit of work on multiplication and division they continued to look at using formal written methods (short multiplication and short division) to multiply and divide 2 and 3-digit numbers. They have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions, tenths and equivalent fractions. They have been using fractions walls to find equivalent fractions and have started looking at how we can multiply the numerator and denominator by the same number to find even more equivalent fractions.

In geography, we have been looking at different natural disasters. We started by looking at volcanoes and discussing how they are formed and why they occur. We also used atlases to find and locate famous volcanoes and then plot them onto a world map. Following on from this we looked at the effects that volcanoes can have on the people living near them and discussed different advantages and disadvantages there might be. In our latest lesson we looked at earthquakes and tsunamis; we considered why they occur and the explored the devastation that they can have on people's lives.

In science, we have been completing a unit of work on rocks. We began by looking at the three different types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic); discussing how they are formed and exploring examples of each. We then looked at the different layers of soil and the differences in their composition. The children gathered samples of soil from the garden and then separated the soil into the different layers that they could identify. Following this, we explored the different types of fossils and discussed how they are formed.

Osprey Class

We have had a fun and busy half term in Osprey Class. In mathematics we have had a particular focus on fractions; equivalent fractions, adding, subtracting, multiplying mixed fractions and finding fractions of amounts.

In English the children have produced some amazing writing, a letter and a chapter to the story, using the book *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy. This has been our class read at the end of the day and in guided reading and we have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have had a particular focus on suspense and tension and writing how characters feel using actions. We have also shared the picture book, *Ice Trap* by Meredith Hooper, which tells the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's incredible adventure to the Antarctic, which Vashti Hardy based *Brightstorm* on.

In science, Osprey have continued on with their life cycles unit and built on this by classifying different species. We have worked well in different science groups to classify and sort both plants and animals.



In humanities, we have developed our mountains topic further this half term to include mapping skills. We investigated contour lines and various ordnance survey maps, we even found out how some mountains have been formed. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mrs Messenger, who told us all about what it would really be like on the side of a mountain.



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Forest School

There has been a lot going on in Forest School this half term, there has been lots to spot in and around the school grounds as Spring has finally arrived! There have also been a few new additions to Forest School sessions and the rope climbing challenge has been launched!

All groups have been planting a range of seed and bulbs and we look forward to sharing regular updates on how these are developing. All the children have planted sunflower seeds as they would like to have a sunflower garden at the front of the school this year to show how we stand with those involved in conflict. We are also hoping to sell some sunflowers to raise money for those refugees.



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In other news:

Reading Challenge

Mrs Andrews has set everyone a reading challenge for the Easter holidays, this has been uploaded to Google Classroom. We would love to see your work, photos or videos!

Tuck Shop!

The Tuck Shop will be running after school on Friday 29th April! No cash, no worries, we will be using our new card payment devices!

Lamb photos

Danny will be in school on Monday 25th April for lamb photo opportunities! Thank you to everyone who signed up. If your child has Forest School on Monday and you have signed them up for photos, please send them in with a change of clothes ready for the photos.

KS2 Dance Show

Don't forget KS2 will be performing their dances via Zoom on Thursday 28th April from 2.20pm. The link will be sent out after Easter. Please share the link with family and friends.

Have a super holiday! I look forward to seeing lots of you at Ibstone Circle!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

2021-2022 Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2022		
Sun 24 th	Ibstone Circle – 5k/10k & Children’s Run in Colour	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
May 2022		
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 3 rd – Fri 6 th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Year 5
Mon 9 th & Tues 10 th	Bikeability Level 2	Year 5 only
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Year 6 SATS Week	Year 6
Fri 13 th	Celebrating 170 years of Ibstone School – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 20 th	Swimming lessons start	All KS2 children
Mon 23 rd	Garsington Workshop – more info to follow	
Fri 27 th	Queen’s Jubilee Celebration – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 27 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2022		
Mon 6 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6
July 2022		
Tues 5 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 7 th	KS2 Sports Morning – 9am	KS2 Families
Fri 8 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning – 9am	EYFS & KS1 Families
Fri 8 th	Last swimming lesson	All KS2 children
Mon 11 th	Whole School Trip	All children
Fri 15 th	Ibfest Celebration – 2pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 st	Year 6 Leavers’ Service – 9.30am – St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
Thurs 21 st	End of Year Celebration - 12.30pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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