School Newsletter: Friday 17th Mar 2023

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

We have focused on Farm animals this week and discovering the names of baby animals, what they eat and what their role is on the farm. We have looked at animal habitats and created a home inside for our rock ladybirds that we have painted and created a rabbit home outside, by collecting natural resources on our nature walk in the school grounds. For Science Week we have looked at the cycle of plants and are continuing to care for our own plants and we are beginning to see some shoots! The children loved our animal matching activities looking at similarities and difference and have enjoyed making lovely Mother's Day cards!

Class 1

This week the children enjoyed participating in British science week investigations to develop their observation and prediction skills. Year 1/2 worked in groups to design and build bridges before testing the strength of these. Reception children enjoyed comparing how far different food tins travelled down a ramp depending on the weight of them.
We also enjoyed developing our understanding of fractions in our number work. Ask children at home what our key words half and quarter mean.

Class 2

For British Science Week, we conducted an experiment using bottles and balloons to look at the connection between temperature of water and yeast growth.

We are working hard in P.E. lessons to create a dance all about different weather types.

We have been learning about the Polar regions in geography, looking at the climate and hours of daylight.

Class 3

The children had a FANTASTIC time at our Weardale residential at the start of the week and I'm sure they made some wonderful memories! Mrs Baxter and Miss Ainsworth are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience of the children! On Thursday, the whole class enjoyed finding out about the phases of the moon. We used technology and books to collect images of the moon at these different stages.

Notes:

Thank you for your Comic Relief donations!

Week commencing 20th Mar

Monday – Y2 to Y6 – Dance After School Club*
Wednesday – KS2 – Multi-Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Class 2 – Swimming
Thursday – Class 3 – SATs After School Revision Club

*Please wear PE Kit

All pupils even those in KS2 with permission to walk home must be collected by an adult after all clubs until the clocks change

General

This week our assembly was very topical as we discussed the news story that the book publisher, Puffin, announced that stories by famous author Roald Dahl, who died in 1990, are being changed, making them more suitable for modern times. Together we explored the question: Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?

Dates for your diary:

Friday 31st Mar 2023 – Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th Apr 2023 – Return to school

Monday 1st May 2023 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 2nd May 2023 – Return to school

Monday 8th May 2023 – King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Return to school

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Key Stage 2 statutory assessments

Friday 26th May 2023 – Break up for half term
Monday 5th Jun 2023 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 6th Jun 2023 – Return to school

Friday 21st Jul 2023 – Break up for Summer holidays

Monday 4th September 2023 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details