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Words from the Acting Head of School



Welcome to our spring newsletter! Wow I can't believe we have come to the end of our spring term already. Even though we have had to continue to work with the COVID restrictions, there have been so many lovely activities and fun things which have taken place this term, from celebrations for world book day, starting to get out and about in the school grounds now the weather has improved, to a whole week of science experiments and challenges. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure that all our pupils have been able to take part and have fun.



It has been a lovely end to the term, with a special whole school Zoom assembly to celebrate Easter and share some of the wonderful crafts and art work which has been produced in the classes. Well done to Mint and Coconut classes for winning the class prizes in the Easter hat competition and to Ginger class for producing the longest paper chain in the science week challenge.



Finally, I would like to thank you all for the thoughtful messages of support I have received on becoming the new Head of School. I am so excited to continue on this journey with you all. I hope you all have a fun filled Easter, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the summer term on Monday 12th April.

Welcome to the New Members to our Teaching Team

This half term two of our teachers; Sarah Ireland and Ally Jones, are leaving to work from home before starting their Maternity leave. We have welcomed two new members to our teaching team Emily Wilson in Rosemary Class and Clare Harper in Apple Class. They have already settled in well and we hope you will all join us in welcoming them to our school.



Emily



Clare



Take a look and find out about what our classes have been up to in our exciting newsletter!

Nursery

For the start of the new year our topic was On the Farm we got to explore lots of different animals and materials.

We heard lots of different animals sounds and even managed to make our own which made everyone laugh.

We also got to see the chicks hatch out of the eggs which was very exciting.

This term our topic is superheroes. We have heard stories, listened to songs and even became superheroes ourselves with our own photo shoot.

We are starting to welcome more of our friends back and our nursery is growing as we are getting new friends over the next few weeks.



Orange Class

Orange Class have been looking at Superheroes! We have been splatting superheroes with water and enjoying making super vegetables and printing them onto paper! We have really enjoyed the small bits of sunshine too this Spring and have enjoyed playing out in our playground with our friends.



Wow what a term! Vanilla class has welcomed our lovely class back from lockdown. We have had so much fun, spending time with our friends again. We have enjoyed making Mother's Day Surprises and exploring the new Keyboard in Music. We have had lots of Sensory Fun with Bubbles, foot spas and water and we have learnt about lots of new things like different methods of transport and farm animals. We loved dressing up for world book day and listening to all our favourite stories!



Apple Class

This term Apple class have enjoyed learning about keyboards and piano in Music. We have enjoyed playing different pitch notes, recording the notes we play and vocalising along to the music.

We have also had lots of fun in our 'Keeping Clean'. We have washed our hair, hands, and even our clothes!

We have had sensory fun in class with foot spas, massage and using the magic Carpet in the Sensory Room.



Banana Class

We have brought the farm to Banana class this half term and have had lots of fun learning all about the different animals, the sounds they make and where they live. We have even had an animal washing station set up outside, so we can wash the muddy pigs! We have been learning lots of different farm animal songs and have enjoyed parachute fun. We have explored all the different vegetables that might be grown on the farm and we have even had a go of growing our own vegetables from seeds and watering them. What a busy half term we have had!



Peach Class

This term Peach Class have been exploring farming and farm animals, using all our senses through a variety of activities. We have had great fun planting, watering, cleaning and sharing ideas.

We have also been looking at our self-image and how to take care of ourselves, so we took a trip to the hairdressers where we were able to act out some role play. What great hairdressers we have in Peach Class!

Peach class have also been looking at measurements around school, within class and our own height and shoe measurements which was great fun!!



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This term Rosemary class have been excited to take part in a number of events including Chinese New Year, International Women's Day, World Book Day, Science Week, Hope Springs Eternal and lots of Springtime activities. We have enjoyed planting seeds and bulbs to see how they grow, exploring fruits and vegetables and we're also beginning to learn and experience a new language, French! The children have enjoyed acting like and creating their own dragons, exploring different roles women have and investigating the signs of spring.



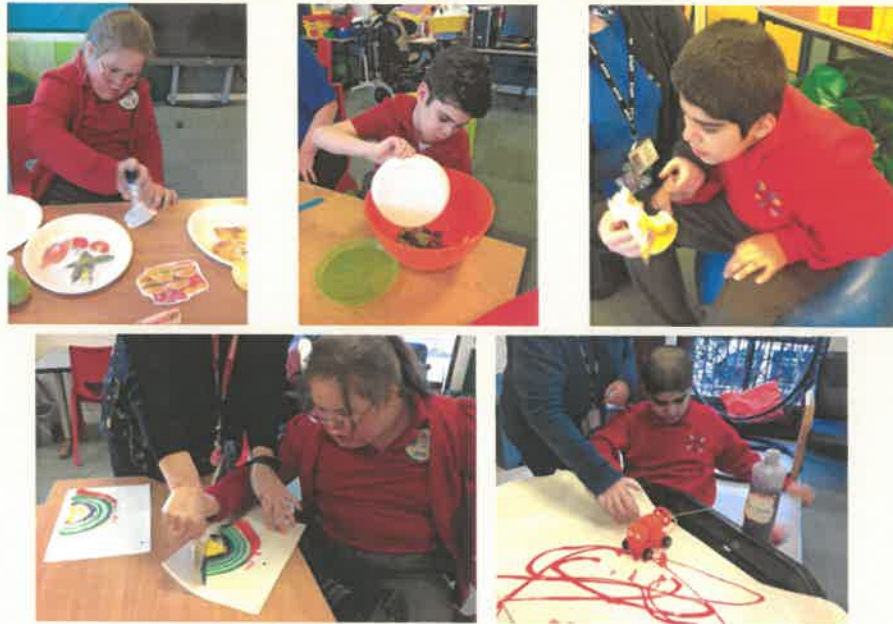
Cinnamon Class

Plants has been the Spring Term 2 topic. In Art we chose different materials to represent the different parts of a plant and used these for our Mother's Day cards. As part of our Science lessons, we explored many different seeds whilst trying to identify which plant they belonged to. We also grew some seeds in a homemade greenhouse. As they grew we compared their different roots and shoots. For extra fun, our Tuft tray was filled with soil, plant pots, seeds and a regularly filled watering can! In our History sessions we used Abbey Home to pretend that we were hunters from the Stone Age, using spears to hunt for food.



Ginger Class

During Spring term Ginger class have enjoyed learning about the importance of having a healthy diet. Ginger class have designed and made healthy meal plates and made a range of healthy goodies, the fruit salad and smoothie's were delicious. They also worked with the theme forces and spent time making artwork by pushing and pulling different equipment through paint. Ginger class created brightly coloured rainbows by pushing paint with card around the paper and made abstract artworks by pushing and pulling cars through paint.



Coconut Class

This term has been full of fun, even during lockdown. We have learnt about lots of different events and celebrations. For International Bubble day we had lots of fun making bubbles, bubbly foot spas and using the sound beam to make bubble noises. Coconut Class really enjoyed taking part in the Big School Bird Watch week. Our favourite part was meeting the chicks that visited us in school. We celebrated Australia day by listening to aboriginal stories and creating our own traditional art and digeridoos. We also explored Burn's night. We listened to traditional Scottish music; we even had a go at tossing a caber!



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Mango class have had another great term in the current circumstances. They have enjoyed participating in different lessons especially national world days such as World Bird Watching day, Chinese New Year and Valentines Day. Mango have been enjoying getting outside and exploring the seasonal changes. They made some bird feeders and hung them around school. As always Mango class have worked super hard and have enjoyed activities such as watching the chick's hatch. This year we are planning to continue working hard and having lots of fun doing so. Well done Mango class!



Science Week 2021

This month our science challenge had us trying to work out how to make the longest paper chain we could from one piece of paper! Lots of classes got involved and got their cogs turning, deciding how to cut up the paper and stick it back together to create some mega chains! The winning one was close to a whopping 7 meters long! Fun was had by all and it was lovely to join together (socially distanced) to get our creative juices flowing! Well done RSB!



World Book Day



This term we took part in World Book Day celebrations. The pupils had lots of fun dressing up as their favourite characters. Across school pupils shared sensory stories in their classes and took part in lots of literacy activities.

Congratulations to Dominic, Julian, Stephen and Anthony who won 'Best Costume' in their Key Stage groups.

Well done to all at RSB for a fantastic effort in celebrating World Book Day 2021.



A Springtime Recipe

Mini Egg Rocky Road

Ingredients

400g smooth, white chocolate broken into pieces

100g sweet-meal digestives, broken into small pieces

150g mini marshmallows

100g mini chocolate eggs

Equipment

18cm × 18cm cake tin

Cling film

Large heatproof bowl

Wooden spoon

Method

1. Using your cling film, line the cake tin.
2. Break up the chocolate and put it into the large heatproof bowl.
3. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water, stirring until the chocolate is completely melted.
4. Take the bowl off the water and stir in the broken biscuits, mini marshmallows and most of the mini chocolate eggs.
5. When all the ingredients are mixed together, pour the mixture into the tin and smooth over the top.
6. Spread the rest of the mini chocolate eggs over the top of the mixture and press them in with the back of a spoon.
7. Leave the tin in the fridge for 2-3 hours to set and then cut into 25 small squares.

Dates for your Diary

Start of Summer Term

12th April 2021

Residential

We have had lots of fun in Residential this term. Austin and Missy have been very interested in exploring our new light table. Anthony was happy staying for sleepovers after shielding at home.

Alana, Adam and Missy have enjoyed joining in Spring activities getting ready for Easter.

We have also welcomed a new pupil to Bradbury, Ayan has enjoyed his transition to staying for respite!

