



Hatch Ride

Matters

Jan 2022



Dear Hatch Ride Community

It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the Spring term and as you can see from all the news from each class, it has been very busy!

It was such a pleasure for us to be able to send our Year 4 and Year 5 classes on a residential trip for the first time in two years and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank the six members of staff who accompanied the children on their trip, without whom it would not have been possible.

On another note, it has been wonderful to hear the 'tunes' coming from the classrooms as children learn to play the recorder and glockenspiel and a big thank you to the PTO for funding the instruments and lessons from Berkshire Maestros.

I would like to extend a big Hatch Ride welcome to our new caretaker, Mr Ronnie Mendoza, who joined us this term and is already winning the war against the leaves. I would also like to congratulate Miss McCreddie who is leaving us next Friday to begin her maternity leave, congratulations Lotty and please bring the baby in for a visit; we all love a new baby!

Mrs B Herkes
Deputy Headteacher

Classroom News

Reception

We have had a very busy start to the year, it has been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm. We have begun our new topic for this term *Are We There Yet?* We are exploring transport and vehicles and how and why people travel, moving on to our *Adventure is Out There!* topic as we explore different places and journeys to get there.



Year 1

Year 1 were making fruit salads this week as part of our DT topic. We designed, made, ate and then evaluated them. We are going to use our work to write instructions over the next two weeks for our writing topic. The children helped chop and peel the fruit and we were using interesting verbs to explain what we were doing. We also got to try new fruits and a lot of us tried honey for the first time.



Year 2

We have been working hard since returning to school after Christmas, exploring the continents and oceans of the world and learning about our place within it. We have been enjoying reading books about Pirates in guided reading and using these to write character descriptions, stories and letters. In maths, we have made fantastic progress and we can now add 2-digit numbers quickly and with accuracy. The strategies we have learnt are on our class page so please check them out! In science, we have been sorting food into different groups and enjoyed making our own food pyramids. The highlight of our term has been learning to play the glockenspiel in music.



Year 3

January has been a busy month for Year 3. We have enjoyed learning about how friction works and exploring magnets in Science. We have written playscripts of our own Horrid Henry stories – there were some very creative ideas. In Maths, we have been working hard on our addition and subtraction strategies and are learning to tell the time. A highlight this month was Stone Age Day where we enjoyed listening to stories around the fire, hunting and gathering plants and animals in the woods, making stone age jewellery and tools and creating our own cave art.

A big thank you to parents for all your support with costumes – the children looked amazing!



Year 4 & Year 5

We had a fantastic time at Ufton Court. The activities included:

- Exploring the grounds
- Exploring the house for clues
- Completing the circumnavigation of Sir Francis Drake
- Conducting a Tudor court where we learned about crime and punishments
- Partaking in a Tudor banquet and Tudor dancing
- Conducting a raid on the house to find the secret Catholic priest!

An account of our trip written by Will Taylor

"Ufton Court was very exciting and mysterious. We learnt so much! My favourite thing was the raid because we got to hide in the house and find clues about the people that lived in the manor house.

We also learnt all about the famous Tudor people, especially Sir Francis Drake who travelled across the world in search for valuables from different continents. On Thursday, we got to eat like Tudors for one night and learnt to dance like Tudors."

We are delighted to welcome Miss Blaney, a student teacher, to year 4. She will be working with us for the next few weeks.



Year 6

This week has been a mock SATS week, however, we have been using it as a learning opportunity in resilience and to build our exam techniques.

We are continuing our study of the book *Rose Blanche*, which links in nicely with our new topic of WW2 in history. Using this historical narrative, we are hoping to create some very emotive writing. Equally, we have been undertaking lots of experimenting in our electricity learning that should culminate in a DT linked project involving electrical components.....watch this space!



PARENT’S EVENING

Parent consultations will be via telephone. Please book your 10 minute slot on the online booking system which will become available on the 7th February with a notification to you via Parent mail.

Reception class: 22nd and 23rd February 15:40 – 18:20

Years 1 – 6: 23rd and 24th February 15:40 – 18:20

Class assemblies

Class assemblies have resumed but only with the parents of the class performing in attendance until further notice. Dates as follows:

11th February	Year 1	Assemblies begin at 2.45
25th February	Year 6	Please arrive no earlier than 2.40 and make your way to the hall doors We ask that, until further notice, face coverings are worn by those attending and seating will be arranged to support social distancing
11th March	Year 4	
25th March	Reception class	

Payments and deadlines

For children in year 6 attending the upcoming residential trips please be reminded that we require full payment by **11th February** for Marchants Hill.

Clubs

Monday – Chess (KS2), & EPC Football (Y1 & 2)

Tuesday – KS2 Dance & EPC Football (Y3 & 4)

Wednesday – KS1 Dance

Thursday – EPC Football (Y5 & 6)