



Hatch Ride Matters Jan 2023



Dear Hatch Ride Community

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the spring term and wish you a belated Happy New Year. The children have returned from the Christmas break full of enthusiasm for learning which is great to see.

We have had a wide variety of activities taking place in classrooms, including Chinese New Year celebrations in Reception, Stone Age day in Year 3 and golf lessons in Year 4!

For morning arrival please be reminded that class doors are closed promptly at 8.50am. After 8.50am, please take your child to the office to sign them in where Mrs Fleck will take them to the classroom. Your child will receive a late mark which is reviewed in the same way as attendance. Thank you to everyone who has made an effort to be in school on time so far this term.

J Sparrowhawk



School diary dates:

February	
Friday 3rd	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 10 th	Whole school assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Half term
Monday 20 th	Inset Day – no children in school
March	
Wednesday 1 st & Thursday 2 nd	Parents evening
Friday 3 rd	Reception Class Assembly
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th	Y4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Friday 24 th	Year 4 Assembly

Thursday 30 th	Year 3 Ufton Court Trip
Friday 31 st	Whole School Assembly Last day of term – early finish 2:45pm

Classroom News

Reception

No time for January blues in 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 exploring our new topic and have lots of mechanics fixing the vehicles we have made in the Hatch Ride Garage; our latest roleplay area and we really enjoyed the story of One Hundred Decker Bus in Drawing Club. The children are powering through level 3 phonics and getting so good at writing words and captions. Chinese New Year has been a highlight and we brought a smile to the whole school as we paraded our dragon around the classes wishing everyone “新年快乐.”



Year 1

We have been learning about Queen Elizabeth II in History and we have been recreating her 1953 coronation. We watched a video of the coronation and talked about what happened. We all had a part in the celebration and we had props to help us recreate the moment.

We have also made fruit smoothies in DT! We planned what fruit we needed and we all helped slice, peel and blend. We all tried our smoothie and thought it was delicious! We are now writing our own set of instructions about how to make a strawberry and banana smoothie.

We wanted to say a big thank you to Daisy J's Grandad Geoff for coming into Year 1 to share his work in weather and how it has told us more about global warming. He also shared his medal that he received from Queen Elizabeth II for his and his team's work. Grandad Geoff brought in special instruments that measure wind speed and temperature and a special balloon that floats high into the air to measure the temperature before parachuting down! Thank you so much for sharing and for letting us ask you lots of questions.



Year 2

Whilst it has been a cold outside, we have been warming ourselves by reading stories from Africa, including writing innovated versions of Handa's Surprise. We look forward to sharing some African dancing at our class assembly (Friday 3rd February) alongside a range of learning we have been up to. Our geography topic is hot and cold places. Children have been learning about the weather, people and animals that live there. We have particularly enjoyed using paint tools in computing (Purple Mash) to create pictures of hot and cold places. Our science is about animals, so we have been sorting and comparing animals. In maths, children have been well engaged with multiplication and division, including doubling and halving.



Year 3

January has been a busy month for Year 3. We are really enjoying our Stone Age topic in History and had an exciting day hunting and gathering in the woods, finding out about Stone Age houses, creating woolly mammoths and continuing our linked art topic of creating cave art. Thanks to parents for your support with costumes – the children looked amazing! We will be using all our knowledge to write our own stories set in the Stone Age – we can't wait to read them! Our Science topic is Forces and Magnets and we have compared how objects move on different surfaces and used Newton meters. We will soon be looking at magnets and how they work.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very entertaining start to 2023. We have begun our Geography topic (the rainforest) and have learned a lot. We have particularly enjoyed learning about the animals which can be found in a rainforest, the layers of a rainforest and the impacts of deforestation, which we turned into an information text. In Science, we have also been studying states of matter as well as the water cycle. We created our own water cycle by using hot and cold water to create precipitation!

As well as this, we have been fortunate enough to begin golf lessons, courtesy of Wellington College. We have really enjoyed trying out a new sport and working alongside junior coaches!



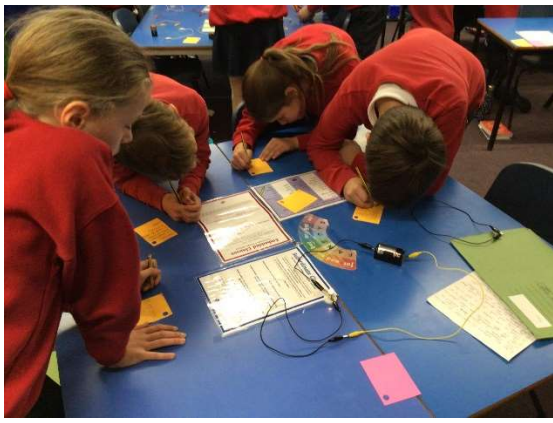
Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about volcanoes and were excited to show the school and their families their class assembly about the topic. It's been lovely seeing the children develop their dramatic skills and we hoped you enjoy it. Elsewhere in the curriculum, we have been creating printing plates from collage materials, to help create the background for some future artwork. In French, we have been learning about the weather; try asking your child what the weather is like and see if they can remember. "Il fait froid" is very popular at the moment ("it is cold")! We continue to be very proud of how well we are progressing and as always, if you have any concerns, please do let me know.



Year 6

Year 6 having been working on our new spring topics including electricity (Science) and WW2 (History). We have also been taking part in an art unit called 'Make my voice heard' which helps us to learn about expressing emotions and self through artwork. As we continue through year 6, we have been focused on challenging ourselves and setting high expectations for our work and writing.



Sports News

Years 1-6 have been enjoying learning basketball this term in their lessons with EPC. They have learnt how to find space during games, the different ways to pass and developed their shooting skills. They have also been learning about the attacking and defending principles in games.

Please have a look at our sports page on the website for pictures and information on our sporting Events and sports in school <https://www.hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk/sports-at-hatch-ride/>



Eco-Committee

Some members of our Eco-committee spoke in assembly last week to promote the RSPB Big Birdwatch. Children have been asked to support the committee in recording the bird species that we see on our school ground. We are hoping that we have a bird-filled survey to send to the RSPB adding to their Big Birdwatch event running until the end of the month.

Active Travel Scavenger Hunt

My Journey are running a Scavenger Hunt. Please see details at:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/active-travel-scamenger-hunt/>

The link includes a spotter sheet of items for children to look out for when they are out walking, cycling or scooting. Parents can download the sheet so that children can cross off the items that they find. Entries with all the items crossed off will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Decathlon voucher or a family swim ticket.

The deadline for entries is 28th February 2023. These should be sent to myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Wokingham Borough Council Cost of Living Help Hub

The council have created a hub of information for getting and giving help during the cost of living crisis <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

A message from Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service

Have Your Say on the Future of Your Fire and Rescue Service. We're consulting on our Corporate Plan and Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2023 - 2027. If you live, work or travel in Berkshire, please have your say on our plans for the next four years. The closing date for the consultation is 5pm on 27 March 2023. More information about both consultations can be found at - www.rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay

There is also a short video available, providing more details on the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) and how this supports RBFRS for the future - www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnDj_cbidfs