



Hatch Ride Matters

Feb & March 2024



Dear Hatch Ride Community

Welcome to a bumper edition of our school newsletter, it has been a very busy 2 months in school with many exciting activities taking place. We celebrated World Book Day with a rainbow of reading and all classes took part in fun workshops lead by Perform. We have also been visited by the Wokingham Highways Agency who performed engaging shows to all of the children on road safety.



Our Year 4 class have visited Ufton Court on their first residential trip to learn about the Tudors. We were very proud of their excellent conduct and enthusiasm for learning. Our Year 6 class have been out on their bikes during Bikeability week, their riding skills were developed and they all demonstrated mature behaviour whilst out on the road. Our Year 5 class visited the Slough Hindu Temple and were able to watch morning prayers.



I would like to say thank you again to the PTO for everything they have done, it was wonderful to see the AGM so well attended. The PTO are a fun social group and we'd love to see more people join their fundraising efforts. Please speak to Mrs Goldberg or pop into the office for more information.

We completed our big plastic count as part of science week which totalled at 5,243 pieces of plastic from just 80 entries!! Our results were submitted to Greenpeace.

Thank you for your efforts with the children wearing the correct school uniform. We'd love to see the children keep up their smart look next term, please be reminded that children may wear a red gingham dress or blue shorts in the warmer months. We are of course hoping that spring will bring plenty of sunshine and warm weather, and so please can I remind you to provide water bottles, sun hats (labelled please) and apply a long lasting sun cream before children arrive in school, or ensure that they are able to self-apply as we are not permitted to apply cream directly to children.



Please can I remind you to park safely around our school site for the safety of our children. Do not park on the zig zags next to the crossing.

We have many exciting events to look forward to next term but in the meantime, I would like to wish you a brilliant spring break.

Thank you,

Ms Sparrowhawk

School diary dates:

March	
Fri 29 th – Fri 12 th April	Easter holiday
April	
Mon 15 th	Start of Summer Term
Tues 16 th	Year 3 Swimming lessons commence
Tues 30 th	Year 2 Ufton Court Trip
May	
Fri 3 rd	Year 3 Assembly
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday
Fri 10 th	Reception Assembly
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	SATS Week
Fri 17 th	Year 6 Hoodies Presentation
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Healthy Minds Week
Weds 22 nd	Parent workshop – please see parentmail for details
Thurs 23 rd	Express Yourself non-uniform day 3:15pm Arts and Crafts Fair
Fri 24 th	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Half Term
June	
Mon 3 rd	Back to School
Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	Y6 PGL Residential Trip
Fri 21 st	Year 5 Assembly
Weds 26 th	Sports Day afternoon – details to follow
Fri 28 th	Year 4 Assembly
July	
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19 th	End of Summer Term
Mon 22 nd & Tues 23 rd	INSET DAY – no pupil in school

Clubs

The children have been enjoying the selection of clubs available at school, it has been lovely to see how well attended they are. Please see the recent parentmail for a list of our school clubs for the summer term.

Here are the winners of our lego club tournament this half term – well done!



Reception

As we come to the end of another term it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the progress the children have made since they joined us in September. It is so wonderful to have a class full of confident, eager learners who love to share their ideas and opinions and who have bonded as a class so beautifully. We have been concentrating on our writing this term and we are so thrilled to see all the wonderful work the children are producing. We have enjoyed thinking about how babies grow and change and what we need to do to look after them. We were very lucky to have a visitor from Miss Currie with her baby girl to help us with this. We asked her some great questions! We also thought about things we can do that babies can't and had such fun thinking about what jobs we would do when we grow older. We had some wonderful ideas, from being a whale scientist, to looking after water slides and working in Lidl. As part of thinking about growing healthily we explored the importance of good oral hygiene. Mrs Joyce gave a great Show and Tell after her trip to the dentist and we practised brushing teeth and sorting healthy food and drinks from unhealthy food and drinks. As the weather grew warmer we have enjoyed searching for signs of spring outside and thinking about signs of new life just in time for exploring life cycles next half term.



Year 1

We have had a very busy time in year 1 this month. The children are making us so proud coming in each day ready to learn and they greet everything with enthusiasm.

They have been fascinated to learn about the life of Nelson Mandela and keep asking for more history lessons. Ask them what they know, you'll be amazed!

As you know from our sharing assembly we have had a packed curriculum and we can now write riddles, add and subtract, know all about plants and how to keep healthy.

We loved looking after the Hatch Ride chickens and it won't be long until it's our turn again. We will remind you when to bring wellies in nearer the time.

Science week was fun. We learned fascinating facts about moths and made jelly to investigate how long it took to set. Longer than the children thought, they had to practice our value of patience!

Last week we became authors. Every single child wrote their own re-telling of Stanley's Stick and then also had the chance to write a creative story about going on holiday.

We have had fun designing and creating puppets in DT. The children explored ways of joining, designed a fairytale character and brought their designs to life using a variety of materials. They will be coming home soon for you to admire.

Thank you for all your support this term. Wishing you a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back ready for their final term or Year 1!



Year 2

We have been busy! In maths, children have enjoyed measuring length, mass and time. With learning about animals in science, we have written animal riddles and explanation texts in English (life cycles of frogs, emperor penguins and butterflies). We also had a visit from the poet, Clare Bevan, and enjoyed performing some of her poems. A big thank you to Mrs Field and baby Reggie for taking the time to come in to illustrate the needs of a baby, supporting our science learning about the human body. In geography, we have been fascinated exploring what a village in Zambia, Africa is like. Design and technology is a particular favourite for the class, having made mechanisms for moving monsters. We have also learnt about eating a balanced diet, with children designing and making their own healthy wraps, followed by the joy of eating these! Finally, in art, we have used maps for inspiration and made our own felt artwork.



Year 3

We have had a fantastic half term! We have been enthralled with the rotten Romans and we have enjoyed finding out new things about that time in History. We have made mosaics using coloured paper, built Roman aqueducts, learnt about life in the Roman army and what events happen in an amphitheatre. We ended the term with an exciting trip to Ufton Court to become Romans for the day. We were soldiers in the morning where we practised manoeuvres using shields and spears. We practised Roman skills like wattling, starting fires with flint and making wool. The weather was perfect and we even got to enjoy our lunch outside in the sunshine! We ended the afternoon with crime and punishment. We recreated a Roman courtroom where we decided who was innocent and who was guilty. The children had to decide the appropriate punishment – one of which being put into a sack with a rooster and snake and tucked into a river! It was a brilliant day and the children were amazing.



Year 4

This half term has been a busy one for Year 4. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves for their compassion at Ufton Court and their confidence in their sharing assembly.

Alongside some amazing Tudor knowledge shared during the assembly, Year 4 have worked hard to conquer fractions. They have learnt to convert fractions, add and subtract fractions as well as find equivalent fractions using multiple methods. Throughout the summer term the children will be able to apply their fraction knowledge to their new maths topic: Decimals.

Year 4 were able to participate in a small section of science week and use this opportunity to explore time. In class, the children created sundials and used torches to create shadows within the classroom. However, they were able to enjoy the start of the spring weather when creating chalk sundials outside. It has been amazing to see them explaining their learning to other children on the playground at play times.

In English, the children have written brilliant Tudor narratives as well as enjoyed exploring a midsummer night's dream through drama. They have considered alternative perspectives and begun to unpick the complexity of Shakespearean English. Their performances of the characters were very dramatic using the fantastic acting skills you were able to see a snippet of in the assembly.

PE has been another opportunity for theatrical performances as the children have been focusing on dance. They have learnt the art of moving like spies as well as dancing to upbeat carnival music. PSHE focused on the alternative perspectives within friendships as well as self-expression and staying healthy. I am excited to listen to the children sharing what makes them unique following their photography home learning project!

We hope everyone has a restful and happy Easter break!



Year 5

We have had a very busy couple of months since half term, starting with a fabulous trip to a Hindu Temple in Slough as part of our learning in RE. We were fortunate enough to witness the morning prayer and be taught all about key Hindu teachings and beliefs by a wonderful priest.

Alongside this, we have been working extremely hard in school, particularly in Maths and English. We have spent a long time working on converting between fractions, decimals and percentages as well as writing non-chronological reports about Flanimals which we thoroughly enjoyed! In science, we have been exploring lots of different experiments based on reversible and irreversible changes. This has included evaporation, filtering and even making our own biodegradable plastic! We also thoroughly enjoyed British Science Week in which we talked a lot about the future and how we can help our planet.

Away from the classroom, we have also enjoyed hockey and volleyball this term as part of our learning in PE, as well as getting to visit the chickens again and even performing some poetry outside! We have worked really hard this term and have covered so much. We've definitely earned a good rest of the Easter Break.



Year 6

This half term has flown by! Throughout the term we have enjoyed continuing our study of World War 2 and utilised this time period for our English work as well, reading Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. Inspired by our text, we have written several pieces of independent writing including informal letters, a balanced argument and a newspaper article. For the latter, we interviewed our

subjects from the story (Davey, Tucky and Mr and Mrs Reynolds) making notes in our journalist notepad to add to our final news article. There are lots of lovely links in this book to the experience of evacuees through World War 2 which has helped bring our history to life.

Thank you as well to all those who have allowed the children to bring in WW2 artefacts and memorabilia, it really does enhance the children's learning.

As well as being busy with core subjects and History, we undertook our Artists Study unit looking at artists such as: David Hockney, Paula Rego, Lubaina Himid and Frank Bowling. The children created a final piece in the style of their chosen artist and tried to express either an emotion, story or message through their work.

Bikeability was a big hit and we all enjoyed the week. Splitting into groups across the class, we learned how to safely set up our bikes and helmets as well as learn the rules of the road. We then put this into practise on the final day, heading further afield from school and testing our skills with some traffic around us.

Not to forget science week! We made biodegradable plastic (with slightly less success than year 5 but they were a good WAGOLL for us all); created a ten second timer; looked at farming sustainably and designing a farm for the future; as well as investigating women in science making a link back to International Women's Day. A packed half term that kept us all busy!



Pupil profiles

Sergey

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupil Sergey and we would love to share some of his amazing achievements with you. Sergey recently took part in the Berkshire Young Musician of the Year in both the piano and woodwind sections and won the 10-12yo piano category! During the February half term Sergey took part in international piano competition Young Virtuoso, winning the first prize in his age category! Sergey was also recently selected to take part in the Globe Piano Competition in the Netherlands, winning 3rd prize against older children from all over the world. Congratulations on your successes Sergey, we continue to wish you luck on your musical journey.



Jude

Jude from our Year 5 class is a fantastic jockey who has ridden at Cheltenham and Ascot races! He belongs to the Pony Club and spend a lot of his free time practicing and competing. We are very proud of his many achievements

Jude will be racing next at Ascot Pony Race Day which is a free event on Thursday 4th April. Jude will be in the big parade ring at 12noon and then racing at 12:30pm! We look forward to hearing more about your successes.



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