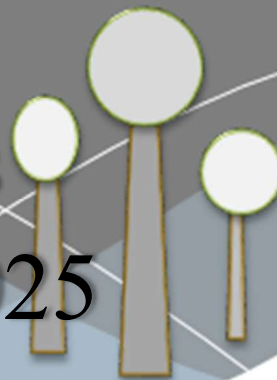




Hatch Ride Matters

January 2025



Dear Hatch Ride Community

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the spring term, the children have returned from the Christmas break full of enthusiasm which is great to see. We have had a busy few weeks with many activities taking place. Year 3 performed an interesting assembly and had a fun Stone Age themed day. Year 2 took part in exciting African workshops. The whole school watched a fun pantomime and the Dogs Trust visited our KS2 classes and taught us how to be a dog's best friend. I hope you enjoy reading about it all below.

I'm very pleased to share the news that our kitchen chef Darota recently won the Client Commendation award as well as being nominated for Manager of the Year at the Cullinera Peoples Awards. We all enjoyed celebrating with her at our recent assembly.



We have lots to look forward to in February so please have a look at our website for updates.

Ms Sparrowhawk

Reminders

Lunchtime Access to School

We are short staffed at lunchtime and all staff are busy looking after the children, therefore please be patient when pressing the gate buzzers, we will answer as soon as we can.

Parking

Please can I remind you to park considerately around the school site.

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree in the school reception is full of wishes, please come and have a look. The tree has been set up to fund much needed, specific learning resources for our children. The items on the tags are carefully selected and are regularly updated by the teachers of each class and subject leaders.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform to school. By wearing the correct school uniform rather than clothes children wear out of school, it shows a clear expectation that children are coming to school to work and learn. It also shows that they have a commitment to Hatch Ride Primary School, to follow and support the school's expectations and rules, and can show pride in attending our school.

Children are expected to wear all aspects of their uniform with pride and will be reminded to do so if necessary; this also includes hair accessories. All clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

All Children (Reception - Year 6)

- **Red** jumper/cardigan (Logo optional)
- **White** polo shirt (logo optional) or formal white shirt
- **Navy** blue school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress please ensure skirts are of a suitable length

- **Black** sensible school shoes (a well fitted, supportive shoe without a heel) this can be a trainer providing it is all black.

For PE all children (Reception to Year 6)

- **Red** Hatch Ride t-shirt
- **Navy** blue shorts
- Plain **black, navy or white** trainers
- During winter months, **plain navy-blue** tracksuit (with cuffed bottoms for safety)

PE kit must be worn for after school sporting clubs (unless specified otherwise). All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

Jewellery, hair, accessories and make-up:

- On health and safety grounds, children are **not to wear decorative jewellery** to school (except for a single small gold or silver stud or pair of studs and a watch)
- **No earrings are permitted to be worn during PE sessions.** Children must be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons and a box for storage must be provided. Alternatively, earrings can be removed at home prior to coming into school on PE days.
- Shoulder length and long hair is to be tied back with plain/simple hair accessories in the school colours
- Children must not wear make-up or nail varnish

School diary dates:

February	
Tuesday 4 th	Year 5 Trip to Hindu Temple
Friday 7 th	Year 5 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
Friday 14 th	Year 2 Trip to Woking Mosque Whole School Valentine Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half Term
Monday 24 th	Return to School
March	
Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 18 th	Year 3 Ufton Court Trip
Friday 28 th	Reception Assembly
Monday 31 st – Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Friday 4 th	End of Term – school ends at 1:15pm
April	
Monday 21 st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Wednesday 23 rd	Back to school

Class News

Reception

We've been making the most of the cold weather that January brings and hunting for signs of winter in our woodlands. We've been bird watching and found out about different birds in our local area and we loved making bird feeders to help the Hatch Ride birds in these winter months. You might have seen them hanging from the trees. We've also enjoyed finding out about penguins and exploring ice inside and outside

of the classroom. This week we have started to think about Chinese New Year. We have particularly enjoyed playing in our Chinese restaurant and are looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned over the next couple of weeks.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a great start to the year. We have been learning place value to 20 in Maths and using the story of Not Now Bernard in English to explore characters and write a re-telling. Our History topic this term explores famous people and their impact on the world and we have started by looking at Nelson Mandela. The children have shown great interest and respect during these lessons. In Geography, we have been learning about the countries and capitals of the UK and in PSHE we have been exploring dreams and goals. We have been mixing primary colours to make secondary colours in Art and using these to create our own artwork inspired by artists. This term, Miss Cooper, who is a student teacher will be working with us. This week we were treated to a surprise pantomime at school; Year 1 were totally engrossed and enjoyed it immensely!

A big thank you to the kind parent who gave us a box of craft supplies; the children have loved using the different materials to decorate their crafts.



Year 2

By the time you read this, we hope you will have enjoyed our African Assembly or heard much about it! Last week, we were visited by Kwame for our African workshop, learning the traditional craft of making beads for bracelets or necklaces, djembe drumming and dancing. It was a great afternoon full of energy, learning and fun! Thank you for your contributions for making this happen.

This term, in maths we have been working with money, for example, finding and comparing totals. Our English has featured stories from another culture (Africa), with Lila and the Secret of Rain being our driver. We start writing a new version of this next week. In science we have started learning about animals, revising our knowledge of animal groups and the comparing animals to each other.

Lastly, we have said goodbye to some of our class mates recently; we will all miss them and wish them much happiness in their new schools and adventures.



Year 3

In Year 3, we spent the day back in the savage Stone Age! We started our day hunting and gathering prehistoric animals and plants. We made our own Stonehenge using wooden blocks, coloured prehistoric animals and created a variety of cave paintings. We spent some of the morning building our own caves in the classroom and we made prehistoric paints by mixing flour, water and spices. The children looked fantastic and we had the best day! We did have to postpone our campfire until the end of the week due to weather but we did make it outside to toast marshmallows (an obviously authentic Stone Age delicacy!) and we told Stone Age stories. Thank you to all of the families for organising costumes for the class and for sending in lots of lovely Stone Age creations from home.



Year 4

This month, Year 4 have been working on painting using their techniques of tints and shades learnt earlier in the half term. The children have designed their own pots as well as created fantastic compositions considering the importance of proportion. In DT, the children have designed their own book sleeves and will begin the sewing of them over the next few weeks.

In English, the children have been exploring information texts linked to their geography topic of South America. They have been exploring the 12 countries in detail with particular focus on physical and human features. It has been great to see them all asking fantastic geographical questions which has enhanced their writing. They are moving on to debate deforestation and understand the effects it has on the world around them. The children have had many thoughtful discussions in lessons and they have built their confidence in performing in front of the class (in both French and Music) in preparation for their debate.

In PSHE, the children have been discussing their dreams and goals. It has been exciting for them to make plans for these and to understand the emotions involved with striving for a goal. There has been a large focus on managing big feelings and keeping a healthy mindset. PE this half term has been yoga in which the children have discussed their PSHE learning amidst learning new yoga poses each week, breathing techniques and a range of flows.

In maths, Year 4 have been challenging themselves when learning about multiplication and division methods. I am so proud of the class's determination and positive mindset! Well done to everyone who have been practicing their times-tables at home, it has been lovely to see their confidence growing. Towards the end of this half term, we begin to move on to the next maths topic of fractions.

Thank you for supporting their marble celebration with PJ day. They all enjoyed having a cosy day!



Year 5

Happy New Year to all our Year 5 parents! January has been a month full of creativity, learning, and exciting experiences. Here's a little snapshot of what we've been up to:

In English, we have had a lot of fun with *nonsense poetry*, drawing inspiration from Lewis Carroll's famous *Jabberwocky*. The children have created their own playful verses, experimenting with invented words and unusual imagery, which has sparked some brilliant imagination and creative thinking.

In Geography, we have been exploring our local area, using Ordnance Survey maps to pinpoint key landmarks. The children have worked on their map-reading skills, learning about the features of maps and how to identify their surroundings in a more detailed and accurate way.

We have also had the pleasure of two wonderful visits from a representative of the Dogs Trust. During these sessions, the children learnt how to be a dog's best friend by understanding responsible pet care, animal welfare, and how to ensure dogs are treated with kindness and respect.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited to showcase the children's hard work in their class assembly next Friday. It has been a joy to watch their preparations come together, and we can't wait to share it with you. Additionally, we are looking forward to our upcoming visit to a Hindu temple, where the children will deepen their understanding of different cultures and religions.



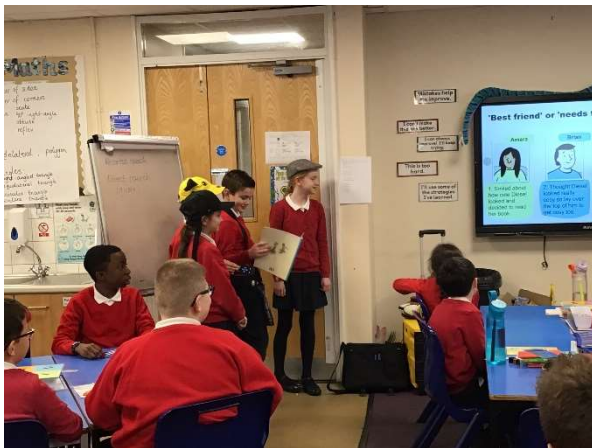
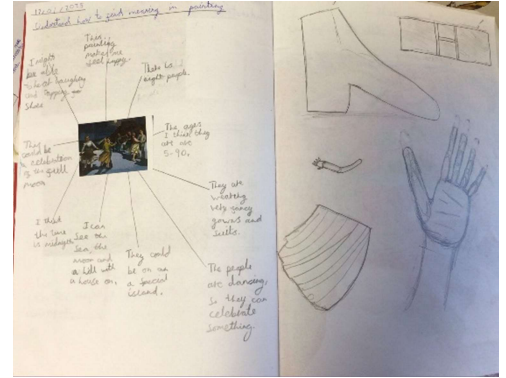
Year 6

Well, it has been a very busy start back to the Spring term. We have had the wonderful Dog's Trust visit us twice to discuss dog behaviour and how we can keep our four-legged friends happy. Also, we enjoyed our pantomime treat this week...oh no, we didn't...oh yes, we did!

As well as having had some great visitors, we have started our new History topic - The Vikings and a new Science topic - Circulation. Both of which are proving very interesting so far. We are learning lots of new technical vocabulary as part of our learning about the circulatory system and have begun to understand the components within our blood (by making blood smoothies) and the parts that make up our heart.

As part of our new topic in art, we have been exploring a number of different artists including: Paula Rego, David Hockney, Lubaina Hamid and Fiona Rae. It has been interesting to find out how different artists work as well as their sources of inspiration and chosen media to express their ideas. We will use these artists as a stimulus for a final piece that uses some of their techniques or approaches to art.

Excitingly, Year 6 have Bikeability to look forward to after half term!



Sports News

We will have taken part in 2 Wokingham School Games this month, bowling at Wokingham Superbowl and several Year 1 and 2 children went to a Gymnastics experience at Pinewood. Our boys football team played brilliantly against Birch Copse but unfortunately lost 3 – 2 in the County Cup.





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