



Hatch Ride Matters

February & March 2025

Dear Hatch Ride Community

It has been a marvellous and busy 2 months at school since our last newsletter! We have had so many exciting activities taking place both in and out of the classrooms and it has been wonderful to see the children thriving.

We celebrated World Book Day in style with children and staff dressing up as their favourite book character. Well done to all the winners of our drawing competition, they are now on display in our library. As part of World Book Day, Reception class went out on their first trip and visited Crowthorne Library where they all enjoyed hearing a rhyming story. To further support reading in school we are being visited once a week by Du, a therapy reading dog who has started working with readers from Years 5 & 6.



We have had several classes go out on interesting trips in February and March. Year 5 were welcomed by the Hindu community into their Temple in Slough, Year 2 enjoyed exploring the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking and Year 3 had fun learning about the Romans during their trip to Ufton Court. Children have also been taking part in sporting events organised by Wokingham Games, see the sports section below for a full update. Our Year 6 class have been out on their bikes during their Bikeability course, they developed their riding skills and demonstrated sensible behaviour whilst out on the road.

We held a Great Athletes sponsorship event to raise money for sports equipment, we were lucky to be joined by world record holder Nerys Pearce, a multi-talented athlete who has won medals in track and field, handcycling, swimming, basketball, and weightlifting at the Warrior and Invictus Games! Nerys encouraged our children to try their best in completing a fun fitness the circuit and shared her inspirational life story in an assembly to the whole school which left everyone with a strong message of resilience. I am extremely excited to announce that we raised £2,709!! Thank you to everyone for sponsoring the children and we look forward to buying the new equipment soon.



We have a new member of staff joining us next term, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Divall who will be working with our younger children.

Please note that we will soon be sending out our new communication app so please make sure you keep an look out for a parentmail with all the details.

I hope you all enjoy a sunshine filled Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone for the summer term!

Ms Sparrowhawk



School diary dates:

April	
Friday 4 th	End of Term – school ends at 1:15pm
Monday 21 st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Wednesday 23 rd	Back to school Y3 Swimming lessons commence
May	
Thursday 1 st	Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 2 nd	Y4 Assembly
2 nd June	Eye Study commences (2 weeks)
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th	Y3 Assembly
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Y6 SATS
Tuesday 13 th	Y2 Trip to Roald Dahl Children’s Gallery
Saturday 17 th	PTO Colour Run
Monday 19 th	Class Photographs
Friday 23 rd	Y1 Assembly
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Half Term



Hatch Ride Giving Tree February & March Donations – Thank you!

Item	Donated By
Chalk Markers	Austin Morison
Sensory Chew Necklace Bundle	Matilda Adams
A3 220 gsm Card - Assorted Bright Colours (Pack of 50 Sheets)	Matilda Adams
60pc Felt Fabric Sheets	Eloise Goldberg
60pcs Felt Fabric Sheets	Austin Morison
Small Parachute Toys	Sherlock Adams
Learning Resources Metric Weight Set	Mia Munday
Scola Reinforced Air Drying Modelling Clay (Stone), 12.5Kg	Isabella & Sophie Riddett
Scola Reinforced Air Drying Modelling Clay (Stone), 12.5Kg	Sherlock Adams
Wheelbarrow small	Serena & Alex Johnson
Wedge Cushion - older children	Mia & Daniel Munday
Slalom Poles	Theo & Nathan Abdul

Class News

Reception

As we come to the end of another term we have been reflecting on the children's progress since they joined us in September. It is so wonderful to have a class full of eager learners who have bonded so well together. We have been enjoying the warmer weather lately and getting outside as much as possible, our Welly Wednesday sessions have been full of learning and fun. We've been noticing signs of spring and are very excited that our bulbs are starting to shoot and grow.

We enjoyed our first class trip to Crowthorne Library as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The children had a lovely time exploring and reading together. We all learnt how to use the library and listened to the rhyming story 'Oi Frog'.

The children did an amazing job in the first sharing assembly, they loved sharing everything we have been doing in the classroom. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and how hard they have worked.



Year 1

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy with lots of fun and learning. In Maths, we have been securing our understanding of place value to 50 and have just moved on to measuring where we've enjoyed using the grounds outside to help us. We all enjoyed the story of 'The King's Pants' in English and as well as the fun of designing our own pants, we have written letters to the King to introduce ourselves and ask questions. This week we've been writing our own riddles and are looking forward to sharing them with others. In Science, we have been learning all about different types of flowering plants and the names of some types of trees. Our History topic of Kings and Queens had led to some lovely discussions and great enthusiasm from the children and we look forward to the culmination of this topic with our trip to Windsor Castle on 1st May. In PSHE we have been finding out all about keeping healthy and in RE we have explored special books in different religions. In Computing, we have just started to create our own Animated Stories about an animal and in Music we have been learning how to use the glockenspiels. We have had some great whole school events this month including our visit from a Paralympian and World Book Day. Year 1 children showed great enthusiasm for both of these.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Adams who has been coming in recently to support us with our reading. We really appreciate your help. We have said goodbye to our wonderful student teacher Miss Cooper who has been a great addition to Year 1 over the last eight weeks. She has loved teaching Year 1 and taken with her many happy memories. On her last day the children enjoyed a special scavenger hunt in the grounds, making the most of the good weather.

Can we please remind you that all items of clothing must be named. We have had an increasing amount of clothes such as white polo tops, trousers and items of PE kit that we have had to put in lost property recently.

As we start to think about our final term in Year 1 (!) we are looking forward to some interesting topics ahead and hopefully lots more time outside!



Year 2

With the Victorian seaside as our driver, children have been curious about how people lived over 100 years ago. Our English featured the classic story, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and did a great job of retelling this in detail.

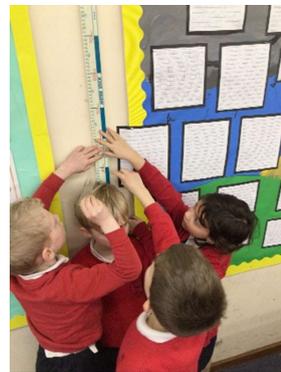
Our maths has been dominated by multiplication and division, including the related symbols and problem solving. More recently we have learnt about measuring length and height in centimetres and metres.

Our science has featured the human body. This included investigations of measuring the length of leg and the length of a jump and recognising how physical exercise changes the body.

Computing has featured researching facts about an animal and presenting information by word processing.

Finally, our art has been painting and developing secondary colours and textures. You may have seen our *Lighthouse Keeper* paintings on display near the door in our classroom. Also, we have the final touches to our collage of a beach scene using textures (mostly) made with paint.

Next week, the children should be excited to make their own moving monsters in DT.



Year 3

We have had a fantastic and busy 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 learnt about life in the Roman army and what events happen in an amphitheatre. We had a great 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 were augurs who used the Gods and spirits to plan our day. The sun shone all day and we spent the majority of the day 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 chucked into a river! It was a brilliant day and the children were amazing. We are going to end our half term by making Roman mosaics using coloured paper and building Roman aqueducts. We have also been busy in other areas as we created pneumatic toys in groups and thank you to Mrs Blair for helping us to build them. Finally, we also said a BIG thank you and a MASSIVE goodbye to Miss Gillanders who has been with us for 8 weeks on her teaching placement. We loved being taught by her and we wish her all the best for her final term of training.



Year 4

Over the past few months, Year 4 have enjoyed beginning their learning of the Tudors. The children have been exploring the daily life of the rich and poor, the crimes and punishments, as well as the royal family. Many of the children have been sharing their reading and at home research of the Tudors in our lessons with brilliant posters, PowerPoints and stories shared.

In English, the children have been learning about Shakespeare and his place in the Tudor times. They have been writing their own Tudor narratives and they are moving on to write a recount of a specific moment in the story of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*. To understand the Shakespearean story before writing, the children have been taking on the roles and creating their own theatre productions on the playground of the play. As well as this, the children have enjoyed listening to a song version of the play.



In Maths, the topic has moved on from fractions into basic decimals and dividing by 10. Times-table practice in school is increasing and it has been amazing to see how much practice has been happening at home for many of the children.

In DT, the children completed the intricate sewing of their book sleeves and were excited to bring them home to use. Next, they have been designing and making torches. This has required them to use their science knowledge of Electricity in which they have explored complete and incomplete circuits, insulators and conductors as well as where electricity comes from. It has been lovely to hear the children's fantastic questions when comparing a range of materials and types of circuits within their practical learning.

The children look forward to Ufton Court coming up and practicing for their Tudor assembly after the Easter break!



Year 5

What a fantastic month it has been in Year 5! Our children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and creativity.

In English, we have been crafting suspense-filled stories, using figurative language to build tension and engage the reader. From eerie settings to heart-racing moments, the children have truly impressed us with their storytelling skills!

Our History topic has taken us back in time as we explored the development of the railways. This has been a fascinating journey, setting the stage for our much-anticipated visit to the STEAM Museum in Swindon next term. The children have been learning about the impact of the railways on Britain and how they changed the way people lived and worked.

In Maths, we have been working on converting fractions into decimals, developing our problem-solving skills and deepening our understanding of number relationships. This has been a challenging but rewarding topic, and the children have shown great perseverance.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to end the Spring term with a bridge-building project! This will allow students to apply their knowledge of structures and forces in a hands-on way before we turn our focus back to the railways in the Summer term.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait for another exciting month ahead!



Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing their Spring term topics. In Science, we have investigated our heart rate after different sets of exercise and then we investigated how our heart rate changed after exercise. Linking to our maths learning, we created bar and line graphs to record our results. Also, we have been excited to use some new school stethoscopes to support our learning about the heart.

Our Viking unit of work has covered a range of aspects of Viking life - including the fact that England had Viking kings! We are now choosing an aspect we would like to learn more about to create a piece of information writing for a classmate so they can learn about this aspect too!

In Music, we have been learning about some inspiring female composers such as Anna Meridith. We have been: appraising contemporary pieces of music; having a go at body percussion following the composition Connect It; and composing, ready to perform a rap/song by the end of the term.

Bikeability was a big success, although it does seem like a long time ago now! Every one of us improved our skills and some of us are now regular riders to school! It was great to spend time learning new skills outside of the classroom.



Sports News

There has been plenty of sports happening at Hatch Ride this half term. We have played two friendly matches with Wildmoor Heath Primary School. They visited us for a mixed boys and girls Under 11 match and we visited them for a girl's Under 11 match. The children represented the school brilliantly and for many children, it was their first experience of a match. We attended a Wokingham School Games event for girl's tag rugby where eight Year 3 and 4 tried different activities with other schools. They all earned a medal, certificates, a T-shirt and a trophy for the school. We end our term with a Year 3 and 4 Wokingham School Games badminton event which will be a fun way to spend an afternoon before the Easter holidays. We have elected Sports Leaders from Year 5 that will support their peers during play times and their first task is to help the school host a Wokingham School Games event after Easter.



We also want to give a HUGE thank you to Mrs Slaughter and the parents of the football teams for their generous donations towards football goal nets, footballs, a pump, a football bag and captain bands. Thank you so much!



We have plenty more sports events coming up in the summer term. We are looking forward to more Wokingham School Games events, football matches with Oaklands Junior, sports day and the colour run!





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 FRI 11TH - THE WORLD CUP FINALS

MON 14TH - THE ACADEMY
 TUES 15TH - THE CHAMPIONSHIP
 WEDS 16TH - THE PREMIER LEAGUE
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