

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Summer 1 Week 1

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term!

We were delighted to feature on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire this week as they put a spotlight on how we use produce from our allotment in our school meals. This followed news that there is going to be a drive to improve school dinners nationally. We have had much positive feedback about our approach to healthy eating.

It is only a couple of weeks until the May Bank Holiday (4th May) when we traditionally open our playground for a range of free sports tasters, allotment and PTA stalls and craft activities. If you are able to volunteer on this day, even for half an hour, please let the office staff know. The event will run from 10am—2.45pm.

We will be continuing to develop our extensive programme of learning outside the classroom. This includes 3W taking part in a Shakespeare performance at The Belgrade; Year 4 visiting Cadbury World; Year 5 going on a residential visit to Rough Close; children attending a singing workshop at King Henry's; Reception going to Hoar Farm; pupils going on a sustainability visit to Spain and much more!



Letters sent out this week

Amazon Partnership

We are very grateful to Amazon who we have recently partnered with. They have been supplying the school with resources including notebooks and pens to help with writing initiatives, prizes for the science fair and sports equipment. They have very generously sponsored our participation in the Schools' London Marathon. During the Easter holiday they sent a team of volunteers who did a fantastic job of clearing the front garden and painting the school gates. They will also be supporting us at the May Day Festival. Thank you!



Junior Parkrun

This Sunday we will be participating in the Junior Parkrun at the War Memorial Park. Please meet up at the War Memorial Park at 8.45am. This is a free weekly event designed to get children active in a green space. After the run the PTA will be serving a light breakfast of pastries and hot drinks at school from 9.15—10.15am.

Ray Wilson has invited families to meet up at the water fountain on Saturday at 11am for a 30 minute bluebell walk.

Science Fair

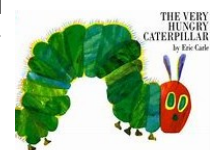
We have been very impressed with children's participation in our Science Fair project and we have seen some fantastic independent research. We are looking forward to exhibiting the children's work in Earlsdon Library on Wednesday 22 April. Parents are welcome to come to the library to view the work between 9.15 and 9.45am. Children will then present their work to the judges throughout the day. Please remember that all projects must be in school on Monday and should be clearly named.



Our learning this week:

Reception

What an un-be-leaf-ably exciting week in reception! The children welcomed their new class pets - 30 teeny tiny caterpillars, which they will watch complete their life cycles into beautiful butterflies. The children have shared the text 'The Hungry Caterpillar' have retold it and used actions; they have written a simple dictated sentence linked to the egg on the leaf; and have thoroughly embraced exploring our minibeast role play den and book nook. They have returned to school with great enthusiasm to tackle their Hungry Caterpillar challenges - including making some very fantastic caterpillar hats! In their PE lesson, they have started to learn the caterpillar dance and collaboratively have been making a giant caterpillar. A busy week back.



Year 1

Y1 have made a positive start to Summer term and have been enjoying the unexpected sunshine! In English we have begun to investigate and explore the story 'Last Tree in the City', thinking about the setting of the story and discussing the language used to describe it; grey, concrete, colour-less, lonely. We have considered how the main character feels at two key points in the story -when he visits his tree and when he finds his tree has been cut down. We have written sentences to describe this. In Maths, children have begun to explore 'skip counting' -counting forwards and backwards in 2's. We have looked at patterns in the numbers, using our knowledge of even numbers and noticing what happens on a hundred square when counting. Children then used this learning to complete number patterns independently, identify if they would land on given numbers when skip counting in 2's and solve problems by counting in 2's. In Science we have looked closely at seeds using hand lenses and have also matched pictures of seeds to images of the fully grown plants. We have then begun to think about the growth/ lifecycle of plants. 1KB also visited the school allotment this week to plant a selection of potatoes, broccoli, onions and different varieties of squash.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have settled well into the new term, in maths they have started to learn about 2D geometrical shapes, identifying the sides and vertices. In English lessons they have been immersed in the new text 'Bloom' by Anne Booth, they've thought carefully about why the flower wasn't blooming for the man in the story and made their own predictions about what might happen next. While as musicians the children have listened to 'the Planets' by Gustav Holst and considered how music makes them feel.



Year 3

As mathematicians, the children in Year 3 have continued their learning about fractions, including constructing a whole and using knowledge of division. In English, they have begun a new story, called "Into the Forest", and have written predictions, a personification poem and a characterisation paragraph. In computing, the children have begun a sequence of lessons on animation. And, as scientists, they learned the difference between sources and non-sources of light.



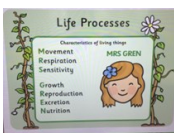
Year 4

It has been a busy and exciting first week back for our Year 4 children! As mathematicians, the children have been recognising and writing decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths, as well as beginning to divide 1-digit and 2-digit numbers by 100. In English, they have been fully immersed in our new class text *The Lost Happy Endings*, making thoughtful predictions, exploring rich vocabulary, and writing creative character poems inspired by familiar figures from traditional tales. In Computing, the children have been developing their coding skills by using 'repeat' commands to write their own algorithms to draw squares. We have also launched our new topic 'Connecting Continents', where the children began exploring how and why different European explorers made their exciting discoveries—sparking lots of curiosity and enthusiasm for learning!



Year 5

As mathematicians, Year 5 have been learning about the names and qualities of acute, right, obtuse and reflex angles. They have been measuring angles using a protractor and calculating angles around a point. In English, the children have made predictions about our new narrative text 'The Promise'. They have written a setting poem and a character description using illustrations from the text and drama activities for inspiration. As scientists they have started a unit of work on living things and their habitats by learning about the 7-life processes of all living things. As historians, the children have been learning about the Islamic civilisation, where it began and how it developed into the golden age of Islam. In dance, they worked collaboratively to choreograph and perform specific dance actions to communicate the theme of heroes.



Year 6

This week in Year Six, the children have been immersed into the world of Alma. After watching the video, they discussed the genre providing evidence linked to visual cues and the soundtrack. They have also applied their writing skills creating missing posters, using suspense techniques and by generating dialogue using the dialogue sandwich model. In design and technology, the children have continued to work in groups to build their eco houses. They have completed the frames and have started to look at adding green features. Furthermore, they have been selecting the most appropriate materials for the job using their initial designs. As mathematicians, Year Six have been measuring angles with protractors. They have also been solving missing angles problems with triangles, quadrilaterals and full turns.

Diary dates:

Friday 22nd May	Staff training day— school closed for children
Monday 25th May	Half term week
Friday 17th July	Last day of term