

Captain's Close Newsletter

March 2016

Hello Everyone

It's over to the children to tell you what we've been up to...loads of active Curriculum learning across the school and it's been such a pleasure to share so much of this with you. Thanks for keeping up with us. We know sometimes the letters come out thick and fast but when you see the richness of all we deliver with such a small team, we hope you understand we do our utmost to keep you up to speed.

Have a very Happy Holiday. **See you on the 12th**

Year 2

We have been learning to spell words by dropping the e and adding the suffix –er or –est. Also, in maths, we have learned to measure in metres and centimetres. In science we have learned some more about meerkats such as how to sort them into different groups to other kinds of creatures. We know they have fur, a tail to balance with, four legs ,but only stand on two. They also have dark eye patches to protect their eyes from the sun. Last week we learned how to share things into fractions such as quarters and thirds. In DT we learned how to use a split pin to make a moving part in our pictures. We are going to make a little book about meerkats. We have loved reading a Spot of Bother by Jonathan Emmett. We can't wait to write our own stories!

Year 1

On Monday 7th March, Year 1 went on a trip to the fantastic Nottingham Castle with Year R. Here are some of the awesome things we saw and learnt!

Ella - We saw a natural art statue of Robin

Hood made out sticks and leaves. It was amazing. There were two lion statues either side of where the drawbridge used to be but it doesn't go up and down anymore.

Scarlett - I learnt lots from the trip. Robin Hood might have been put in the dungeons near where we eat our lunch! Inside the castle there was a knight with armour on. The armour was big, silver and shiny.

George - The

dungeons were really scary. The paintings were very big and had knights battling in them. Some of the knights were on horses.

We had an absolutely brilliant day, we learnt lots about castles and the legendary Robin Hood. Now we've just got to convince our parents to take us to visit The Great Oak and Sherwood Forest during the Easter Holidays!!!

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Owls

On Monday, Owls class went to Nottingham Castle. We went on a massive bus. We met a lady and she told us all about the animals that lived in Sherwood Forest a long, long time ago. We also learnt about Robin Hood and we met Friar Tuck.

After eating lunch, we explored the castle. There was a model of the whole city, there were different kinds of animals hiding behind flaps and there was an art gallery. At the end of the day, we went to the outdoor play area where there were three mini castles to play on. We were all exhausted and many of us slept on the way home.

New Walk Museum trip!!!

Eagles class went to the New Walk museum in Leister and we had so much fun. Everybody enjoyed the animal section but everything was just as good too! We saw dinosaur bones, fossils, paintings, Egyptians and the wildlife section.

We sketched paintings we saw in the art gallery and it helped us learn more about the sketching we did in school. We also learnt about the different animals from different places in the world and found out about their habitat.

In the Egyptians section, we saw real mummies but don't worry, they were dead! When we went, we all showed empathy, imagination and we all reflected when we were sketching in the art gallery.

Swimming Gala!

We competed against other schools in swimming races aka a gala. We came 2nd to last which was good for us even knowing we swam against other children which were from the Melton Mowbray swimming club so we did really good. We learnt that there is two ways to dive into like you have to touch the walls with one hand and symmetrical strokes you need to touch the wall with both of your hands. This helped us develop the skills of courage and independence. People who went: Alex, George, Bradley, Ollie, Catlin, Bella, Hayley and Ona. The stroke that we swam are: Butterfly, Front Crawl, Back Stroke and Breast Stroke

Reduce recycle and reuse.

On Monday eagles class had a man called Allen, he was really funny. We learnt about the land fill and we learnt a fun song. We work as a group and told Allen what we could use rubbish for like tin cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles and more.

By Kayleigh and William



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RSC ACTING

We went to the Curve Theatre , the 4th of March, to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream with eight other schools and we performed the seventh scene when Titania falls in love with Bottom until Oberon breaks his spell on her. I enjoyed it when I came on stage as Puck for the first time because I have never performed a play on stage before. Our parents thought it was amazing and they were stunned by how we expressed the characters and projected our voices. This performance helped us to persevere with the temperatures in the theatre because it was hot under the lights. We were also courageous about acting our scene in front of 200 people, so we released our stage fright and performed confidently.

[Grace,James]

The DSAT Workshop

On Wednesday 10th February and Thursday the 17th March we went to Danemill school to make a video to go on the DSAT website to get other schools to join DSAT. I enjoyed making the video with other schools because we all had our own ideas but we put them together to plan a film and write the script for it. This helped us to learn how to collaborate with people we hadn't known for long. We also learnt how to make a video and edit a video, which was really cool!

Imogen, Noah, Lois and Max.

☺ Parliament ☺

At DSAT Parliament we discuss new school rules we think should take place and happen in school. We also think what could help children learn better in lessons for example, How can we make students interested in science ?-well add more interesting and interactive experiments for the students like how to turn a solid to a liquid. We also debate whether to make a law happen or not.

On our trip, the bit we liked the most was the bit when watched the debate and went into the House of Lords and the House of Commons. This has helped us learn more about debates and has also helped us understand more about them.

Going on the trip to the houses of parliament has used some character traits of collaboration by working together to finding the objects in the Houses of Parliament . we have also used empathy, communication and resilience.

Even though it took a harsh 3 hours in the sunny weather on our bus we enjoyed our time there and had a brilliant time one the way back our sun roof came open so we had a cooling breeze

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which stopped us from over heating. ☺By Max and Jack

From Year 5 ☺

SPORTS RELIEF

Thanks for your donations. £80 was raised on the day and we had a great time doing Drop Everything and Dance throughout the day.

PFA

Many thanks for all the great activities. I know the Bingo was well attended and raised over £200...loads more planned for the Summer term!

Dates for your diary

TUESDAY 12th April	Back to School (Monday is an INSET day)
April 13th	Well being Parliament
April 14th	Year3 Trip
April 20th	Parliament Cabinet meeting/ TAG Rugby
April 25th	Sponsored Bounce
April 29th	Gym finals
wc May 9th	Year 6 SATs PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE IN
May 20th	FOACC Family Disco and BBQ
May 27th	HALF TERM BEGINS
June 8th	Literacy Parliament
June 11th	Pupil Science Conference
June 15th	Arts parliament
June 28th	Production
June 29th	Production
July 1st	DSAT Awards night 6pm Marriott Hotel
July 2nd	Summer Fete
July 4th	RSC Stratford production (Y456 trip)
July 8th	Reports to parents
July 15th	Leavers' assembly 9am

Please note Sports day and other class trips are still to be programmed and dates are subject to change.

Open evening and new starters dates to follow.

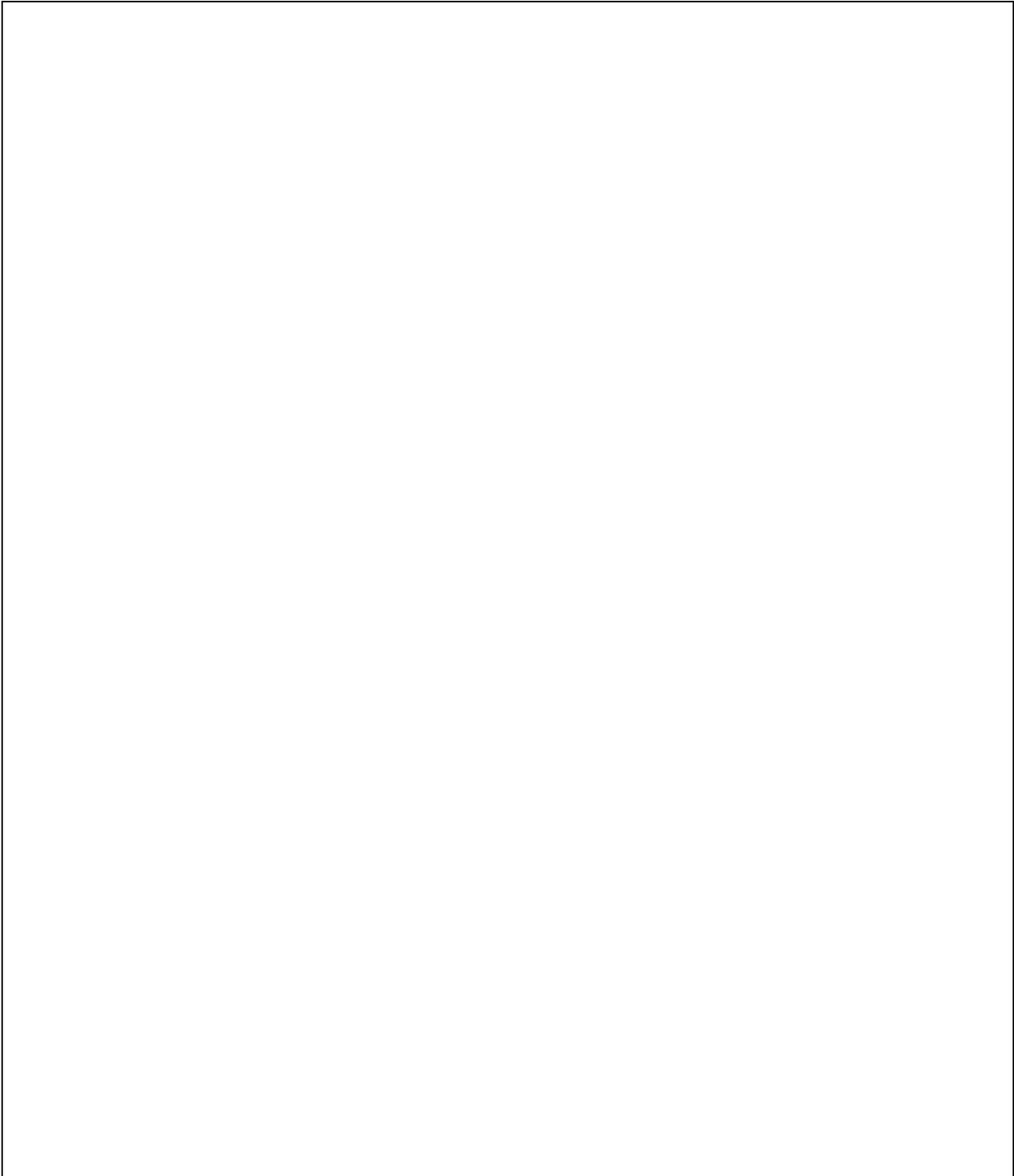
In our school we:
Follow instructions with thought and care.
Care for everyone and everything
Show good manners at all times



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