

Chaffinches (Yr2)

We have been learning about using money in our maths lessons. We can name the coins and notes, find different ways to make the same value and add totals together. Our new class book 'Pugs of the Frozen North' is proving to be a big hit. We can't wait to find out if the 66 pugs will pull the sled! We have also loved exploring the illustrations in two Anthony Browne books. One is called 'The Tunnel' and the other is 'Into the Forest'. We have started to learn how bulbs are different to seeds. We have planted bulbs in a range of different investigations and now we are waiting to see if our predictions are correct. What do you think will happen to a bulb that is planted upside down?

Sparrows (Y1).

In year 1 we have been busy getting better and reading and writing. In our maths learning we have been learning all about time. We have been estimating the duration of time and making a clever guess about how long things might take. We have also been using clocks to read the time to the hour and half past.



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Headteacher's Message

Owls (Reception)

Last week we were training to be astronauts. As part of this we discussed why astronauts need to be healthy. It would be a long flight home to visit a hospital or the dentist! We then set up a science experiment to see what impact coke, orange juice and water have on our teeth. We used an egg shell to represent teeth and placed one in each of the liquids and also had one left untouched as a control measure. We predicted that the one in the coke would be 'bad' and the one in the water would be 'good'. But the class were divided over the orange juice. Many knew that orange juice was good for our bodies and therefore thought it would be good for our teeth. We left them for a week and then examined them. We found that the one in the water looked just like the original and therefore water is good for our teeth. The one in the orange juice had turned mottled and had raised bumps on it. The one in the coke had been stained black. This highlighted the importance of cleaning our teeth twice a day and having a drink of water after meals to help wash our mouths. Take a look at our class blog to see photos of this experiment and the other exciting things that we have been doing in class.

Hello and Happy New Year!

What a fab start to the New Year with Young Voices, parents' evenings and storytime selfies!

Last weekend was amazing and we even had retweets from David Walliams. We have decided to continue with the selfies-you can tweet or send photos in . It was so good to share this with you.

Young Voices was not only an amazing experience to sing in a choir of 5000+ children, but to witness the growth in maturity of our children. Their self-control and positivity should be celebrated, as well as their singing talents! Thanks also to our fabulous staff and Jo who give their time (and energy) to make sure the children can experience this.

It has been mentioned by parents and visiting professionals that the curriculum we offer and the opportunities for children and parents are more extensive than many schools and that this ensures our children have opportunities to explore their learning across a broad and balanced curriculum, with the support of our community. So much to be proud of!

Robins

This half term we have been learning all about the Romans. We are learning about all the important things that the Romans invented that are still used now, such as court, baths, trade and most importantly Roman Roads. We have made edible Roman roads to help us understand all the different layers that were involved. Our Science learning has involved looking at plants and what they need to grow, what kind of experiment can we do to help us explore this?? Our text in English this half term is Escape to Pompeii, we are learning to explore the language and create our own poems and stories describing how someone that lived in Pompeii felt when Mt Vesuvius erupted. We will also be making our own volcanoes as part of our art and design

Swallows

In Science we have been busy learning about the skeleton structure and our muscles. Mr. Fernandez even gave us some play dough to create the muscles which surround our bones! In Maths we have been learning about fractions, including how to order them and calculate with them by adding fractions with the same denominators. We are loving the book we are using to develop our English skills this half term too: Varjak Paw. It's got some great characters in the book and we like the Grandad telling Varjak lots of stories about different adventures. We are using our understanding of the book to write a newspaper report about Varjak's escape into the city such fun!

Eagles

Year five have been looking at the topic of China. We have thoroughly embraced our Mandarin lessons and have looked at Chinese geography, art, music and farming. In English, our work has looked at open questions and writing interview questions ready for newspaper reports. Maths has been excellent! We have excelled more than ever! Our studies have taken in fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6 (Kingfishers)

We have hit the ground running with squeezing as much learning in as possible in this short half term! We are enjoying learning about classification in Science and how living things are divided into very general, but also very specific groups. Our Maths learning has taken us off into the world of decimals, and as part of this, we have been learning to use our skills of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to converting measures. Our topic this half term revolves around learning about climate change and global warming - this is making us think seriously about being responsible citizens and how we can look after our world through an understanding of emissions, economies and greenhouse gases! How considerate are you of our Earth's rising air temperature which is making climate change worse?



Headteacher's messages

We also hosted training for 9 schools with the Royal Shakespeare Company in our role as a Lead associate school-there are only 18 schools across the UK selected in this role and we are very proud to be furthering our work with language and culture to make a real difference across Leicestershire. Two pupils from Longfield School have visited the RSC to explore the varying careers and roles involved in the playmaking process-we can't wait to hear how they've got on!

I am so proud of our children and staff and it is a pleasure to share and celebrate this-as we've seen this week in parents' evenings.

School Bank Dates

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 7th March

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 18th April

Wednesday 2nd May

Drop in session for School Nurse

School Nurse Andrea Fiford, will be in School of the afternoon of 6th February 2018 from 2.30pm, Parents are welcome to drop by to talk about health issues regarding your child's well-being i.e. Sleep, behaviour etc.

Parents can also message by text to the School Nurse Service on 07520 615382

After School Sports Clubs

As a school we provide lots of exciting and fun sporting opportunities free of charge for our children. Children are involved in deciding what clubs they would like us to provide. It is wonderful that so many children want to attend these clubs but due to health and safety reasons we have to limit numbers. This can at times cause disappointment to those not getting a place.

If your child does not get a place in an after school sports club, they are placed on a waiting list.

Gymnastics Club

The gymnastics club has been particularly popular this term. Due to this, we are hoping to run another club in the summer term. The children who are on this term's waiting list will be given priority.

We are also looking at extending our lunch time clubs. This is excellent news for those children that struggle to stay after school.