

### Chaffinches (Yr2)

Hi – it's the Chaffinches here!  
We have been learning about poems. Our favourite so far is The Owl and the Pussycat. We are trying to figure out how we can write our own poems this week. We are busy thinking of lots of good nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have also been learning about the habitats of various animals. We especially are looking at creatures that live in and around the ocean. This term we have been learning how to measure time, volume and capacity. We have found out that one litre is the same as 1000 millilitres. Also there are sixty minutes in one hour and thirty minutes in half an hour. There are 24 hours in one day.

### Sparrows (Y1).

We really enjoyed our class trip to Sudbury Hall! Since coming back to school, we have been learning how to divide through grouping and sharing. We have enjoyed practically working with numbers outside with chalks and equipment. We have also been getting together all the ingredients we need to write a great story. We have been developing our story skills each day and our writing is really coming along!

### Owls (Reception)

We have made a fabulous start to our new topic – The Great Outdoors. We have welcomed Miss Fuller to our team. She is a student teacher who will be doing her final placement with us. We have produced some great writing linked to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We then used the same story structure to help write our own sentences and stories about different animals. We have been developing our cutting skills by designing and making beautiful butterflies using a variety of different shapes and plan to paint, design and make a variety of different creatures. We have started looking at the book 'The Gruffalo'. We are so excited about going on our school trip. I wonder if we might bump into the creature with knobby knees and turned out toes with a poisonous wart at the end of his nose.

Please encourage your children to look in your gardens or take them on walks. It's a miniature world of wonder waiting to be explored!

Please continue to send in your junk modelling materials.



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### Headteacher's Message

#### Hello Everyone

I hope you all had a great break and are back raring to go. This half term is a significant one in terms of children undergoing assessments and we endeavour to make this as celebratory as possible in terms of them recognising how much they have achieved, irrespective of their overall marks. We see this as an opportunity for them to reflect on their journey through Primary and prepare themselves for transition, whether it be to another year group in school or moving on to High School. We are proud of all of our children for the effort they put into their learning. Bring it on!

Just a short note regarding our new classroom—we are as eager as you to get up and running, but weather delays also impacted on access for finishing touches, and we are still awaiting delivery of furniture, which we are assured is in production. As soon as is possible, we will occupy the room and then arrange a visit for Year 4 parents. Our scheduled open evening will extend the opportunity to visit to our whole community.

#### Robins

This term we are reading a fascinating book called Leon and The Place Between, this is a fabulous book with lots of magical happenings and amazing illustrations. We are looking at the language used and also the font of the text and what it can tell us about the book.

In maths we are looking at fractions and then the properties of shapes. We are developing into little mathematicians with our fractions and I hope the same will be said when we look at shapes and their differing angles.

In our science we are exploring Light and Dark, we have already transformed our reading corner into a place for experimenting so lots of excitement here!!

In our history we are looking at Richard III and The Battle of Bosworth, do you know something interesting about The War of the Roses?

Robins are looking forward to all their learning and continuing to develop their skills along the way.

#### Swallows

This half term Year 4 are looking at the topic of The Victorians. The children have enjoyed looking at Victorian life and how it compares to our modern day world. They have all been very excited to start writing their diary entries of a Victorian orphan who runs away to the circus. P T Barnum's circus! We have been studying the life of P.T Barnum and I will share the finished pieces of writing on the class blog.

#### Eagles

This half term, in English, Eagles class are looking at myths and legends. Through the study of the incredible 'Homer's Odyssey' we will look at language, story structure, characterisation and the impact myths and legends have on modern storytelling. The Greek theme continues into our topic where we will study Ancient and modern Greece throughout the ages. Our studies will take us through art, geography, history and also music, ICT and culture. In maths we are looking at 2D and 3D shapes, angles and the language associated with them. Our science see us looking at writing up and working through experiments of our own design - from prediction to conclusion plus fair testing and reliability of data. We are in preparation for sports day plus rounds and striking and fielding games will be taught.

#### Year 6 (Kingfishers)

What a great start we've had since coming back after the Easter break! It's been all systems go as we prepare for our SATs in the next few weeks, but we're enjoying challenging ourselves with our learning of ratio and algebra in Maths. We were astounded to realise that all of the times we made repeating patterns when we were in Reception was actually our first taste of ratio! (looking at how many parts of one thing there is in relation to another). Algebra is really making us think, but we are enjoying trying to 'crack the codes' of what numbers certain letters could represent and find missing values for formulas and rules. In Science, we are moving on to learning about microbes and how useful they can be. There will definitely be an investigation into mouldy bread appearing in our classroom sometime soon! We have also created some impressive ghost-buster candidates for our SPOOCS writing project this term and are now planning our applications for these specialists to join Mr. Goole's team to eradicate the ghouls stalking the Tudor houses of the UK. In English, we are also learning that 'the i before e, except after c' rule is only true in certain circumstances. Although, as always, there are exceptions to the rules of English spelling - we like to call them oddballs!



# Asfordby Captain's Close Primary School

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May

Stats Week

Lost Property will be in the  
playground after school, weather  
permitted from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Items that are not claimed will be  
recycled.

## Headteacher's messages

It is with great sadness we share in the loss of Mrs Jan Newman. Jan's role in our Captain's Close family was firmly at its heart- as a parent, a colleague, friend and a grandparent. Although she had retired from her working role in school she never truly left us in terms of her legacy and passion for all we do. I know she was an avid member of our techno grans, following our blogs and twitter even in the face of recent illness. Many staff, children and families, current and past, hold precious memories of her and all she did for our school and community. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten, and our love and thoughts are with Kev and all of the family at this time.

Much Love xxxx

## REMINDER

Children must  
have indoor  
shoes

SAVE THE  
DATE!!!!!!

Sports Day

Afternoon of  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
2018