

KS1 Newsletter March 2020



British Birds!



This half term's topic is all about birds, with children trying to answer the Big Question "What do you know about British birds?" We have already studied bird life cycles, have been for a walk around the school to spot birds and have been identifying and naming common birds seen in the UK. In Literacy we have been learning about the Erithacus Rubecula (European Robin) and will be writing fact sheets all about them. This week we are looking forward to learning all about British birds of prey during our visit from SMJ falconry. We are going to be looking at aerial photographs of our locality and making maps before going on a local bird spotting walk. There will be some art days when we plan to make some spectacular pieces of bird inspired art work and then show them to the rest of the school and parents in an art gallery. Later in the half term we will be comparing and contrasting our local birds with those found in the Amazon Rainforest. On top of all this we also have our Forest school days, where we will be making our own bird nests, and a trip to Cartwright hall to do some printing workshops! In the last week of term we will be thinking about Easter and enjoying some fun Easter activities.

Home Reading

Please keep reading at home with your child as much as possible and write into their reading record when they read either a school book or their own books from the library/home.

ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class)

Children have time to read in class every day and are welcome to bring their own books/comics/magazines from home to read during this time.

Phonics

The children have been reassessed and regrouped for phonics. Some Year 2 children will no longer bring home a Read Write inc phonics book to read and will instead be focussing on their reading comprehension skills in school. If your child is bringing home books they have read before this is because they have not yet learnt all the sounds from that phase and need to repeat the same sounds again.

Diary Dates:

4.3.20-SMJ falconry visit

5.3.20—World book day, Bethan Woolvin visit.

9.3.20—Maple class assembly

11.3.20—Magic Wednesday art day.

18.3.20—Magic Wednesday art day

25.3.20—Children's Art Gallery for parents in school @ 3:00pm

1.4.20-Trip to Cartwright Hall art gallery

Homework

We are still giving out maths and spelling homework weekly so please help your child to remember to bring it home and complete it then return it to school. If your child has not been bringing homework home please let us know so we can make sure they are remembering to get it out of their drawer.

Some year 2 children have also been bringing home weekly comprehension homework, thanks to all those that have sent it back in so far.

PE days—Children must come in black/dark jogging bottoms, black trainers and a white t-shirt with their jade green jumper/cardigan over the top.

Willow PE—every Friday and every other Thursday

Maple PE—every Wednesday and every other Thursday

You should have already received a timetable showing which Thursdays your child has PE.

Library

Children visit our lovely school library every week and bring home a book of their choosing. Please can you send in any outstanding library books you may have at home so there is as much choice as possible.

Toys

Can we please emphasise again that any toy brought in must be pocket sized so it can fit in their drawer. Also please don't allow children to bring anything valuable or sentimental as we have had many upsets when things go missing or get broken.

Thanks! The KS1 team.