



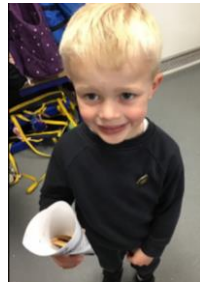
Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all managed to enjoy the lovely weather we had over the May half term holiday. It is great that the sun is still shining now that we are back to school. Please remember sun cream before your child attends school. We have some at school if your child needs a top up!

Once again the children have been experiencing some exciting learning.

Reception

We have continued to explore our Splish Splash Splosh topic, investigating water. We have discovered how seaside holidays have changed throughout time, comparing the past and present day. We got our baking hats on and made some delicious shortbread in the shape of fish and chips. We also made tasty ice lollies, investigating how water changed from liquid to a solid when we put it in the freezer. We then watched what happened as we heated the ice causing it to melt and return back to a liquid. It was very exciting waiting to see if our predictions were right. We ended our topic exploring the work of artist Jackson Pollock. We were able to make our own work inspired by him using mops and brushes to create a huge piece of work with blue and white themes to symbolise the water. It was very messy but very fun! We had an amazing time on Ozzy's obstacle course where we had to do our best to collect as many coins to save Ozzy the Octopus from prison. We put in so much hard work and collected enough to free him. Yayyy! And of course we got very muddy and wet in the process, but had so much fun working with our friends! When we return after half term our topic will change to little explorers. In this we investigate space, jungles, polar regions, desert and mummies, volcanoes and mountains; so we have a jam packed term coming up full of lots of adventures. We will be learning lots of facts, getting creative and hopefully having a visit from Jungle Jo to teach us more. We will keep sharing all our fun with you on Tapestry so stay tuned!



Year 1 and 2

This half term has been very exciting for KS1. We have been learning about different animal habitats, what animals eat and which animals are endangered. We had a visit from Jungle Jo who brought lots fascinating creatures for us to meet. Some of the children even got to hold a tarantula! In literacy, we have read some amazing books and even had a visit from a real author and illustrator, Simon Murray. He taught us how to draw his character, Icky Doo Dah. We read a book called 'The Barnabus Project' and invented our own animal characters by combining two animals together. We learnt about tortoises when Mrs Sturzaker and Mrs Cass brought their tortoises into school. We were amazed when one of them chased after a beebot pulling tomatoes. We also had a visit from Ozzy the Octopus. He challenged us to free his son by completing a daring assault course that included a giant inflatable slide! We got very muddy but had lots of fun. At the end of our half term we created some bird feeders to encourage the local birds to come and visit our playgrounds. We look forward to seeing them!



This month in Key Stage 1 we are looking forward to Sports Day and will be practising our athletic skills in P.E. Our topic of "A Walk On The Wild Side" continues this half term with a focus on minibeasts. We will be exploring the world where they live, finding out all about invertebrates and creating microhabitats for them. We will be spending lots of time learning outside so please make sure your child always has a light jacket and sun hat.

Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, we have continued to learn about light. We have tracked our shadows across the day to find out about how the position of the sun affects our shadows. We have also looked at how rainbows are formed, and when we have a sunny day, we will be creating our own rainbows on the playground. In literacy, we have been finding out about the Northern Lights and will be creating our own fact files after half term. We have also created Northern Lights artwork ... check out our amazing work! Our topic homework was to be creative and recreate Plop. We are so pleased to see the amazing effort and support from parents – a big thank you from the Year 3 and 4 team!



Year 5 and 6

Despite the weather, **Year 6** children had a great day outdoors at Lea Green. We started the day with bacon butties and finished with a fish and chip supper.

Children took part in different activities during the day and also had time to chill with their friends.

Bush craft

We learnt how to light fires and roasted marshmallows on the fire. We also worked as a team to transport water.

Low Ropes

A chance to try out our skills on an assault course. The tyres were definitely a challenge to get through.



Year 5 children had an equally wet but enjoyable forest school day. Children took part in rope making, shelter building and fire making



Coming Soon

Friday 18th June - Jungle Jo to visit EYFS and year 3 / 4. The whole school will have then met the animal expert Jo and her wonderful collection of animals.

Year 6 transition days to Belper School - Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th June.

Sports days. We will probably be having events in our bubbles. More information to follow.

PSA -second hand sale - date to follow.

Break the rules day - date to follow.

Friday 16th July - Year 6 special day - 7.30 finish. More details to follow.

Please can I reassure you all that school do not do lateral flow tests on children. If your child shows any symptoms we ask you to collect your child so that you can have them tested.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to call me, email me epeach@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk or arrange a meeting with me if you have any concerns.

Mrs Peach