



West Ham Church School

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Key Stage 1

Weekly News Page

Spring 2, Week 4

18th March 2022



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Our nursery school is positively thriving at the moment - so much so that we are opening up in the afternoons as we are full in the mornings. So, if you have a three or four year old, please consider sending them to our nursery school..

Research overwhelmingly shows that children who attend nursery school have a much stronger overall attainment than children who did not. It is a strong investment in your child's future and helps them develop:

- Social skills - making friends
- Language development - speaking and listening
- Independence & confidence
- Concentration and attention span
- School readiness for 'Big school'
- Physical stamina through regular exercise

We have worked hard to improve our early years outdoor area - please contact us if you would like a tour.

Key Stage 1 Staff

Year 2:

Squirrels ~ Mr. Dickey,
Phase Leader
Hedgehogs ~ Mrs. Jordan

Year 1:

Butterflies ~ Mrs. Aslam

Teaching Assistants

Ms Palmer, Mrs Adu-Gyamfi,
Ms Nesbitt, Mrs Chowdhury
and Mrs Dosti

Bagel Grab and Go

Morning bagels are provided daily from 8:15-8:25am.

Children should arrive at St Lucia Drive gate between 8:15-8:25 and go into the hall to eat their bagel before the start of the school day.

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Dear Jesus,

We thank you that you love us, and that you have forgiven us for when we do wrong. Will you help us to do the same to those around us? You have loved us, you have forgiven us, even when we don't deserve it, and so we ask for your help to do the same to others when it can feel hard to do so.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Values

Our school value this term is

TRUST



Collective Worship

On Monday, Mr. Dickey discussed the theme of 'Growth' and its connection to Science Week. We will be planting sunflower seeds to show compassion to those who have been affected by conflict around the world including those involved in the war in Ukraine.

During the week, we were visited by Steve Ball, our Chair of Governors, and his visiting friend, Veronique from Israel. Veronique talked about her life in Israel as a Christian and the children in UKS2 asked very thoughtful questions. We welcome visitors from all faiths and no-faith as an inclusive school. Please do get in touch if you would like to visit us.





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Assessment Week

Next week we will focus on a range of assessments. These are part of our school year and will help us to plan and support the children as they move forward through the rest of the year.

Good bedtime routines and healthy breakfasts will help the children to focus and perform their best. Please support your child to develop and maintain a good home routine.



World Maths Day

On Wednesday, we will be celebrating World Maths Day!

The children will be taking part in a worldwide maths challenge on Mathletics as well as plenty of other fun investigations.



Parents Evening

Teacher Consultations

28th, 29th, 30th March - 3:30-5:30pm
31st March - 1:45 -5:30pm

Please note that these sessions will take place in person, in school. Please book a ten minute appointment for each child in the school.



Dates for the Diary

End of Spring Term

Thursday 31st March - 1:30pm
Please collect your child promptly from the playground.

Start of Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April 8:30am
The Easter religious festival falls within the spring break

Reading for Pleasure

We are taking part in "World of Stories", a project about reading for pleasure, and would love your input. Please complete the survey that was shared with you earlier this week.



You can also access it by scanning this QR code with a smartphone:



British Science Week

British Science Week was a great success. Children really enjoyed taking part in forest school activities around the topic growth. The Science Ambassadors did an amazing job in aiding the children with their forest school activities.

We have been inundated with posters for British Science Week. The creativity was fantastic to see. The competition has not closed yet, and you can still upload your entry here:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>





Maths

Children in Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been naming 2D shapes and identifying the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes.

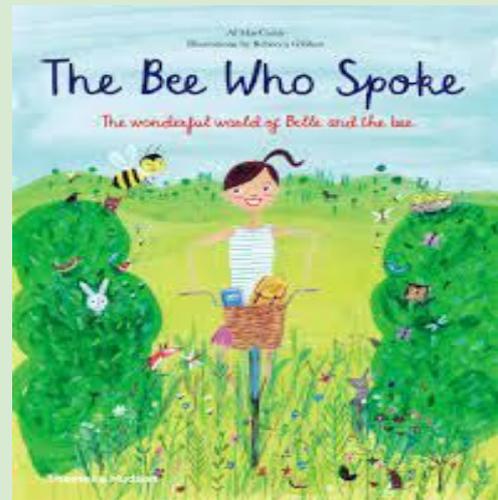
The children in Year 2 have been looking at the different properties of 2D shapes. As part of this topic the children have been using rulers to make sure shapes are mathematically accurate.

English

In English the children have been learning all about prepositions in our grammar session. In the main session they have been thinking about all of the attributes of the character 'Belle' in our story ready to start their diary entries

FOCUS TEXT

'The Bee Who Spoke' by Al MacCuish and Rebecca Gibbon.



Key word: biology

Year 1 Spellings

made
came
same
take
safe
date
lake
these
theme
complete

Year 2 Spellings

television
treasure
usual
division
vision
pleasure
measure
occasion
usually
leisure

French Phrase of the Week

We have been set a challenge by our French teacher, Madame Zucconi. Each week, we learn a new phrase to use as much as possible and gather points.



Next week's phrase is:

Je suis désolé (*masculine*)- I am sorry.
Je suis désolée (*feminine*)- I am sorry.

Mathletics

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Please continue to use Mathletics at home to boost confidence and develop maths skills.

Children will also be completing activities in class.

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

Homework

Please ensure that your child is able to login to access online homework, and contact the office if you need assistance.



Mathletics

Bronze - 1000 points

Jude
 Isobel
 Jahaziel
 Ana-Sofia
 Eva
 Tasnia
 Victor
 Egehan
 Abubakar
 Athina
 Maxim

Eva - SILVER
 Ibrahim - SILVER

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS and KS1 last week was a tie between...

Squirrels
 and
Hedgehogs

Congratulations!



This week the award goes to **Sophie** for showing strength in her learning. She has been using different methods in her maths work.



Squirrels: Tasnia for showing enthusiasm and strength in her learning.

Hedgehogs: Luqman for regularly attending booster and making great progress.

Butterflies: Ayaan for his positive attitude towards his learning and great work on our shapes unit in Maths.

Our Work!

KS1 have been learning the importance of the god Krishna to Hindus. They created their own masks as part of their R.E. lesson.





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WHCS Song Sheet

Not Afraid

If You say I'm an overcomer
I will overcome the monster
I may be small, but I'm a fighter
'Cause You are strong and fear's a liar.

*I'm not afraid of the dark,
The dark's afraid of me.
I'm not afraid 'cause Your heart
Is shining bright in me.
Be bold, be strong,
Be brave, hold on,
I'm not afraid anymore.
Your love glows in the dark.*

Today I put on heaven's armour,
Your sword and shield
Cannot be conquered.
I'll raise a shout 'cause I'm a warrior
Your battle cry will lead me onward.

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The dark's afraid of me.
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Is shining bright in me.
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Sing it out loud, sing it out strong.
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*Thank you to the team from All Saints Church
who are helping us to learn this new song!*