



# West Ham Church School

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## Key Stage 1

Weekly News Page

Spring 2, Week 5

25th March 2022



### **A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher**

Today we held our first **Parent Forum** - it was really good to meet with parents face to face in the comfort of our staffroom to discuss parent perceptions on what's going well and areas that we will look into to improve.

**Strengths:** communication (through texts, news pages and emails); home learning (amount, organisation); quality of teaching and learning; children are mostly happy in school; parents are happy with how well the school coped during the pandemic.

**Areas parents would like to see improved:** use of devices at home (parents would like help to know how to log on); congestion and puddles at playground gate; focus on pen and paper maths for younger children; workshops on methods in maths, how to assist children with their home learning including ICT skills for parents.

We also discussed systems to report first aid and accidents in school and I was able to share a new online system that we will be introducing. Staff have been training on it recently. First aid notifications will be sent by text rather than paper slips when we introduce this new system after the Easter holidays. Please don't be alarmed if you receive a text - if it is a serious incident we would always call you directly.

Thank you to the parents who attended; it was my pleasure to get to know you better. I hope more parents will be able to join us next time as well.

### **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

### **Prayer Space**

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*

Father God,

We thank you that you love and care for all people.

Thank you for the special women you put in our lives who love and care for us.

Thank you for the sacrifices that they make for us; please bless them and encourage them in all that they do.

May this Mothering Sunday be a truly special day for each and every one. Amen

### **Values**

Our school value this term is

# TRUST



### **Collective Worship**

This week, Simon from West Ham Church visited us and spoke to us about how to show compassion and forgive others, using a story from Luke, chapter 15. We also learnt about Good Friday and what it means to Christians with Miss Qureshi. The children discussed the sacrifices that are made to help others. We also enjoyed celebrating everyone's achievements on Friday.



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### Easter Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Easter at West Ham Church School.



On Thursday, all the children are going to attend our Easter service at All Saints Church, including watching LKS2's Easter performance. Please contact the office with any queries.

### 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*

### Teacher Consultations

Face to face teacher consultations are next week. Please contact the office if you cannot book an appointment, or need support.



### After-School Clubs

**Please note that there will be no after school clubs, or wrap-around care, on Thursday 31st March due to staff training. All children must be collected at 1:30pm.**

### Science Bee

Next week, knowledge organisers will be uploaded on to Google Classroom for children from Year 2-6. We would like the children to revise the information on the organisers. After the Easter break, the children will have a quiz to see how much information they have retained, and how they can use it in a scientific way. The children with the highest scores on their quizzes will be invited to take part in a whole school Science Bee.

If your child has a keen interest in science, please encourage them to take part. The Science Bee is not just about academic ability, but also about how children problem solve whilst working scientifically.





### Maths

Children in Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been making patterns with shapes and identifying the missing shapes in a pattern.



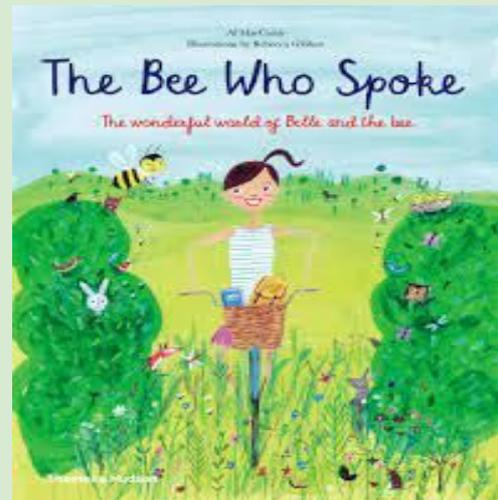
The children in Year 2 are still looking the properties of 2D shapes. They have learnt what vertices are, and how to find lines of symmetry in different shapes.

### English

The children have been writing their diary entries in the perspective of Belle from our story "The Bee Who Spoke". They have been thinking about how a diary has to be written in the past tense and the importance of writing a diary in chronological order.

### FOCUS TEXT

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



**Key word: germination**

#### Year 1 Spellings

food  
pool  
moon  
soon  
zoo  
book  
took  
foot  
wood  
good

#### Year 2 Spellings

even  
break  
steak  
great  
move  
prove  
improve  
sure  
sugar  
eye

#### 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:*  
*J'adore les vacances!*  
*I love the holidays!*



### Mathletics



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**

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

Jude - SILVER  
 Ana-Sofia - SILVER  
 Tawhid - SILVER  
 Victor - 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

**Hedgehogs**

Congratulations!



This week's Headteacher's Award goes to **Maxim** for showing strength in his learning in school, and wonder with additional home learning!



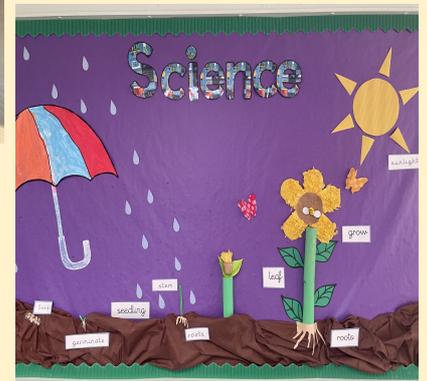
**Squirrels: Zain** for showing enthusiasm and strength in his learning.

**Hedgehogs: Maria**, for improvement in her handwriting and reading skills

**Butterflies: Cashus** for working in harmony with others, as well as excellent listening and understanding this week.

**Our Work!**

Every child planted a sunflower in KS1 as part of British Science Week. Children have enjoyed observing how the sunflowers are growing and which conditions help them grow best.





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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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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!*