




Lea Endowed C of E Primary School



Spring Half Term 2 2023 Round Up

Welcome to our Spring 2 Round-Up Newsletter. We cannot quite believe that we are two thirds of the way through the school year! We hope you have a blessed and joyful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back at school on Monday 17th April.

Reception




Spring Term has been a very busy one for Reception! We loved exploring different ways of making puppets and are very proud of our fabulous sock puppets, made using different materials. In Maths we are developing a secure understanding of numbers to 10 and are beginning to remember some number bonds. We have learned about 3D shapes, exploring their sides by building and rolling them. We have enjoyed listening to some fantastic stories and learning lots of new words to retell them. We are starting to write our own sentences to retell a familiar story. In RE we have learned why Easter is the most important time of the year for Christians. We looked at the message of LOVE in the story and reflected on the different emotions we feel at different parts of the Easter Story. We loved sharing the joy of Easter with our friends and families at our Easter Celebration. Enjoy all your lovely Easter treats, Reception! We look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.

Mrs Moores ☺

Year 1

We have had such a busy half term and cannot believe how much we have managed to squeeze in! We had a fantastic time at the Showcase, sewing puppets with you all. We have been working hard all term to make a variety of different puppets such as finger puppets, sock puppets, spoon puppets and our glove puppets. In RE we have really enjoyed learning about Easter and thinking about the events that took place. We talked about how, although Easter is a sad time in the story of Jesus, it also fills us with hope, love and joy for the new life he brought. It was fun being able to act out Palm Sunday in our Easter Worship Service. The children were enthused when taking photos in ICT. We explored Landscape, portrait, taking photos of objects in the distance and up close, exposure and focus. The children have loved learning about holidays and thinking about holidays now and holidays in the past. We have looked at images of holidays in the past and can't believe the things people wore to the beach in Victorian times! Thank you so much for all the photos and information you shared with your children about their grandparents' holidays; we loved sharing these in class. We learnt how lots of people stayed in the UK for their holidays staying in hotels, caravans and bed and breakfasts. It would be great if the children could take some photos of the things you do these holidays!




We hope you have a wonderful Easter together and we will see you in the Summer Term.

Mrs Lucarelli and Mrs Bamber ☺

Year 2

We have been working hard all term to make a variety of different puppets such as finger puppets, sock puppets, spoon puppets and our glove puppets. We have learnt so many skills this term in Design and Technology and really challenged ourselves with each puppet. We found sewing to be difficult at first but have enjoyed all the practise that we have had this term especially being able to show you this in our Showcase. A huge thank you to the mums, dads and grandads who were able to join us. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their activities with you all. We have looked at images of holidays in the past and can't believe the things people wore to the beach in Victorian times! We have been able to sort objects into those from the past and present and those that have remained the same such as ice creams and donkey rides! Thank you so much for all the photos and information you shared with your children about their grandparents' holidays, we loved sharing these in class.



Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Bamber ☺

Class 3

Once again, we have had a very busy half term, and we are now starting to enjoy seeing all the signs of Spring around school. Indeed, our Science topic has been Plants, and we started the unit off by having a walk around our school grounds, identifying plants in our local environment. The children enjoyed dissecting flowers to find the male and female parts of the plant and they also explored how plants make new plants through pollination.



We have completed our class novel, '101 Dalmatians', in English, although our Writing focus has been non-fiction. We have written non-chronological reports about Boudicca and the famous scientist, Galileo Galilei. We have researched Pompeii and written eye witness accounts about the disaster, as well as linking to our Geography topic on Italy. Our RE topic on Easter has provided many opportunities for us to explore trust, betrayal and forgiveness, and the children conveyed these emotions beautifully during our piece for the Easter Production. All of the children had a lovely time during our Easter carousel on Monday with three craft activities to help convey the important and powerful message of Easter. The children enjoyed our 'Make a Wish' treat day. We are now looking forward to Summer, our Borwick trip, Extreme English Week, more time outdoors and lots more learning!

Thank you for your support this half term and I hope you all have a lovely Easter with your family!

Mrs Bolton ☺

Class 4

Class 4 have been incredibly versatile and caring this term. They have adapted with having Mr Smith straight after half term while I recovered from surgery. They were very generous in making me cards and pictures that reflected how well they know me. Thank you. In our learning, we have explored the novels 'How to Train Your Dragon', 'The Train to Impossible Places', Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' as well as using videos for inspiration. Their writing has been wonderful, and it is clear that the children are flourishing in this area. The children have worked hard in applying their understanding of multiplication, division and fractions. In RE, the children have been asking incredible questions about who is Jesus and why he came especially while exploring the themes surrounding Easter. We have researched much about the Solar System in Science and have enjoyed understanding plants this half term, including setting up some longer-term investigations. The children grappled hard with sewing and showed great perseverance in creating their Roman money carriers. It was a great joy to invite you all into school to join us for our Italy themed showcase. It was wonderful to see the great range of models created. I hope you had fun working alongside your children. I wish you a peaceful and joyful Easter.



Mr Bateman ☺

Class 5

Another half term has flown by in school! Can you believe that after Easter, Year 6 will be embarking on their final term at Lea Endowed? We now only have a few weeks left until the children sit their SATs tests which we have been working hard to prepare for. Thank-you for ensuring Year 6 have continued with their amazing attendance this half term; as you know 'every day counts' There have been many things to celebrate this half term including the Sponsored Read and our 'Make a Wish' appeal! We were excited to receive a letter from Downing Street, telling us that our letters about zoos have been forwarded to The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs! In English we have read an abridged version of War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells and we have created posters about an imaginary planet using scientific vocabulary. Our Maths has focused on decimals, fractions and percentages. We have been learning about the Solar System in Science; we created a scale model with a huge yoga ball as the sun and fruit to represent the planets. In D.T. the children have studied food, hygiene, preparation techniques and a healthy balanced diet. This cumulated in our wonderful D.T Showcase afternoon - thank you to all parents who were able to attend this! I hope you enjoyed the delicious food prepared by the children! Our R.E. work has centred on the question: Who is Jesus? The children have written some thoughtful and reflective poems using metaphors to describe Jesus. Once again, I will be sending a holiday homework pack home for the children to complete as much as they are able while we are off. I would greatly appreciate your support with this. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.



Miss Morris ☺