



# Lea Endowed C of E Primary School



## Spring Half Term 1 2023 Round Up

Welcome to our Spring 1 Round-Up Newsletter. We have been very busy in school, learning many new things and enjoying spending time with our friends and wider school family. Here is just a taste of what we have all been up to!

### Reception

This half term has been a very busy one in Reception. We have been learning about the stories that Jesus would have listened to when he was a little boy. We have shared some stories from the Old Testament - Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jonah and the Whale, Noah's Ark and Joseph the Dreamer. In Literacy, we have looked at traditional tales and popular stories, and are learning how to write simple words independently. We have learned all the Reception phonemes and are now building up our recognition of tricky words. We have learned how to read two-syllable words using the 'chunking method'. In Maths, we have explored numbers to 8, learning that each number can be made in a variety of ways, eg  $4 + 4$  and  $5 + 3$  both add up to 8. We have begun to understand that we live on planet Earth and that it moves around the sun. We used inflatable balls and torches to explore how day and night happen. We have loved exploring our city of Preston, and the Preston in Australia using Google Earth. We were very excited to zoom in on school and spot Mrs Ramsay striding across the playground! It was lovely to finish the half term with our Reception Showcase. Thank you to everyone for your support; the children had a wonderful time sharing their learning with you! The team wish you all a restful half term break.

Mrs Moores ☺



### Year 1

It's strange to think that another half term has passed already. What a fun half term it has been. The children have thrown themselves into finding out all about rats as we have journeyed through 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. We have been particularly impressed with the Rat Fact Files which the children made! It was brilliant to see all the rat homes too, made for homework, such creativity. The creativity has continued into DT where the children have been joining materials to make puppets. We're looking forward to you joining us for the Parental Showcase next half term so that you can support your children in their sewing skills. In Maths we have been looking at Number Bonds and Doubles. Here is a song you might like to sing at home to help the children remember the doubles by rote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At0quRa90rs> We have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. It would be great if they could practise this at home too. It's been great to have some extra hands helping us in class. A big thank you to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Crewe who volunteer their time to help out in Year 1. In RE we have been learning about the friends of Jesus, his disciples, and all the miracles that Jesus performed. We have been able to retell these stories through drama and creating pieces of artwork that reflect the story.

We hope you have a fantastic Half Term break

Mrs Lucarelli and Mrs Bamber ☺



### Year 2

This half term the children have been exploring Bible stories about the Miracles of Jesus and his friendships.

In our English work they have enjoyed the story 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson and researching and learning all about rats! I know the children have been sharing this information with you all as well!

This last week they have been investigating other animals and writing information leaflets all about them. We have discovered many fascinating facts and the children have relished sharing this information with each other!

The class has explored the artwork of Kandinsky, Mondrian and Suerat, and created their own digital artwork using a wide range of drawing tools to create images in the style of each artist. Their knowledge of graphics tools and mouse skills have developed wonderfully, and I am very proud of the way the children work in a safe and respectful manner when using laptops and accessing web-based software. Well done everyone!

Other activities they enjoyed included our multiplication and division in Maths, gymnastics in PE lessons and playing tuned instruments in Music when learning and singing songs.

To quote Jordan - he's enjoyed '**everything**'!

Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Bamber ☺



### Class 3



This half term seems to have whizzed by in a flash! Christmas seems a distant memory and it is lovely to see the first signs of Spring around school. We have been very busy with our learning over the last few weeks and the children have all engaged with our units of work enthusiastically. The homework projects for our Romans topic have been such a high standard - we are a fearsome classroom in terms of the number of Roman shields we have in the room, and many of the children have explored Roman recipes, with varying degrees of success in terms of how they tasted! The projects certainly help bring our learning to life, so thank you for your input with these. It was also lovely to welcome you into our classroom to learn alongside us and we hope you all enjoyed being back at school!

In our English work this half term, the children have been using the novel '101 Dalmations' to produce a variety of Writing outcomes and responses to Reading. All the children seem to enjoy being read to and I would urge you all to do this at home, as it has been proven to help children with their literacy skills. Your child should be reading at least four times a week - please remember to sign their Reading Records so that we can keep a check on their progress.

We have focused on Multiplication and Division and Length and Perimeter in our Maths work. The children are becoming increasingly fluent in their recall of key facts, and are recognising the importance of regular practise in times tables.

We all enjoyed our NSPCC Number Day and did a variety of fun tasks related to numbers.

In our Science, we have been learning all about Earth and Space. We have found out about the movement of the Earth in relation to the Sun and learned many facts about the Moon when we did our outdoor Moon Walk Quiz.

We wish you all a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 21st

February.

Mrs Bolton ☺

### Class 4

In Class 4, we have spent this half term thinking lots about the Romans and their occupation of Britain.

In English, we explored the William Shakespeare play Julius Caesar. This culminated in us adapting a Matthew Ross version of the story into our own play script. We also have had a great deal of fun writing about the animated video Dum Spiro. In Maths, we have spent a good few weeks building up through multiplication, division and fractions. In RE, we have explored how Jesus is the Son of God, investigating events such as His baptism, His transformation and other miracles that only God's Son can do. In Science, we have enjoyed expanding our horizons in our Solar System. We have researched how the Earth, Sun and Moon all interact and have enjoyed learning about significant scientists. In History and DT, our focus has been on learning about the Romans and we have designed and begun making some money holders. In Computing, we have come to understand what the Internet is and how the World Wide Web is designed. We also enjoyed a fun engineering morning from the RAF thinking through rockets and thrust. What a start to the year!



Mr Bateman ☺

### Class 5

I cannot believe that as I write this we are halfway through the school year with just six months to go until Year 6 move on from Lea to pastures new! I know many of the children are eagerly waiting to find out which high school they will be attending, which is coming up very soon! We have had another extremely busy half term in school and we are now into the full swing of preparing for the SATs tests in May. This half-term, in Maths we have continued to work hard on our arithmetic skills and we have been looking at fractions, ratio and algebra. Each week, we have had a 'Maths

Afternoon' where we have been consolidating our learning and practising key skills. English lessons have been based around our class novel, "There is a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" - we will finish reading this after the holidays! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this book and getting to know the very complex main character - Bradley Chalkers! We have also explored and debated the topic of zoos in English lessons;

the children have written to Rishi Sunak to share their views and we await a response from Downing Street after the holidays! We have also enjoyed the NSPCC Number Day and a special 'Sport Day' as a reward for having the best attendance in school! Additionally we have spent much time discussing the ever-important topic of online safety and the children showed real maturity during the puberty talk. As you read this, we should be returning from three jam-packed days at Borwick Hall - a wonderful end to this half term and a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their independence and resilience, as well as getting fresh air and exercise, which is good for the mind and body! I wish you all a relaxing holiday (despite the homework pack I have sent!) and I will see you all when we return on 21st February.



Miss Morris ☺