



*Tall oaks from little acorns grow...*

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*Newsletter*

Wow! I can't believe that we have reached Easter already. So much good work has taken place this term and the children should be very proud of their efforts.

The children have covered a range on topics this term. We had our whole school art week, which finished off with our art gallery, which was a huge success. We really do have some talented artists in school. Furthermore, during the last two weeks of term we have had a focus on Christianity in the build up to Easter, where the children have considered what the cross means to Christians and have created crosses in various different forms.

Those children who have attended the most extra curricular clubs since September have enjoyed a free visit to PGL in Caythorpe where they participated in quad biking, rifle shooting, archery and rock climbing. They all had a fantastic time!

This term we have had a range of sporting events that school have taken part in. KS1 and KS2 children have taken part in Tri-golf, lacrosse, table tennis and hockey. Our year 3 and 4 children played their first football match against Leasingham's year 4 and 5 team: they lost 3-1 however put in a fantastic display of football. Well done! The school also reached the Lincolnshire finals with our Volleyball team, which is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you again to all our families for continuing to support your children with their learning at home.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break.

Mr Clay

## **UNIFORM**

**Please ensure your child has the  
correct uniform on daily.**

### **RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2**

Grey trousers/skirt/dress  
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)  
White polo top  
Round neck red school logo jumper  
Black, White or grey socks/tights  
Black school shoes

### **YEAR 3, 4 ,5 & 6**

Grey trousers/skirt/dress  
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)  
White buttoned shirt  
Tie V-Neck red school logo jumper  
Black, White or grey socks/tights  
Black school shoes

### **PE KIT MUST BE IN SCHOOL DAILY**

**In a red PE bag**

Red shorts  
White T-Shirt with school logo  
Trainers/plimsoles

**BOOTS OR TRAINERS ARE NOT TO BE  
WORN**

BOOTS CAN BE WORN WALKING TO SCHOOL BUT  
CHILDREN MUST CHANGE INTO SCHOOL SHOES  
WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN SCHOOL.

## PE and Sports Round-up

has been a very busy term with a large number of competitions and events going on in and out of school. We started with 'Dan the Skipping Man' who inspired so many children to skip. It has been fantastic to see so many children enjoying skipping at play time and learning new tricks.

The Football team played three league matches, losing to Kirkby 9 v 1, beating Leadenham 12 v 0 and finishing with a close game against Our Lady, narrowly losing 4 v 3. All the league matches have been completed now and we are awaiting the final league standings.

The Year 3 and 4 Football team also had a friendly football match against Leasingham, some great individual performances and some excellent teamwork, unfortunately losing 3 v 1.

The Netball team played one league match against Our Lady, another close game, losing 4 v 2. They now only have one more match to play after the holidays!

Church Lane pupils also attended a TAG Rugby tournament and a TAG Rugby Festival, for Year 3 and 4 pupils, it was a cold and wet day, but the children enjoyed getting muddy and learning more about Rugby. We had two teams take part in the Volleyball tournament, one team narrowly missing out on the semi-finals but the other team were crowned champions!

Four children represented the school in a Hockey tournament at William Alvey, finishing second at the event the team then qualified for the finals. The finals were played at Carre's Grammar School, in the quarter finals they faced Rauceby and after a challenging game they lost 9 v 3. An excellent achievement for the team, who finished in the top eight out of a total of twenty three schools!

Table Tennis was another competition that we entered this term, four children went to Carre's Grammar School and played four different schools. Each child developed their skills and their understanding of the game, children supported scoring and the running of the games.

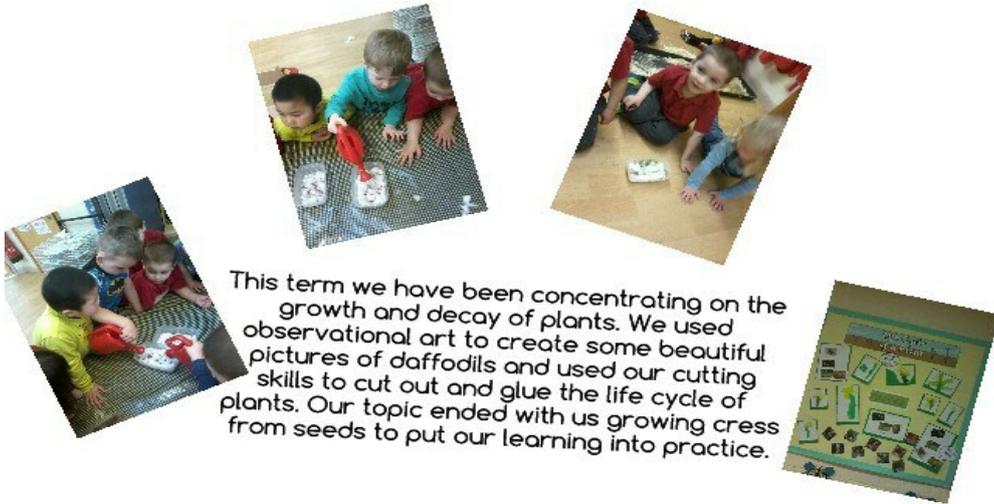
Finally there was a Change4Life festival, four children went over to the Girls High School for a Dance event and were treated to dance sessions from Arts NK and GO Dance. A very enjoyable day for all!

Thank you for all your support this term and I am looking forward to another term full of exciting sporting opportunities. Please can I remind all parents that PE kits need to be in school on the first day back and all PE kits must include a pair of PE shoes (either plimsols or trainers) as hopefully with the improved weather we will be having more lessons outside.

Thanks Miss E Dix



# Tall Oaks



This term we have been concentrating on the growth and decay of plants. We used observational art to create some beautiful pictures of daffodils and used our cutting skills to cut out and glue the life cycle of plants. Our topic ended with us growing cress from seeds to put our learning into practice.

We have also been focusing on fine motor activities, strengthening our skills in preparation for all that important pencil control needed in reception.



# Nutkins newsletter

## Term 4



**We have been  
Pouring, scooping,  
gathering, filling,  
emptying and sorting!**



**We have been  
practicing our  
scissor skills.**

**We all dressed up for World Book day  
and chose stories from the library to read.**



**We discovered fairies  
in the small world area!**



**Next term...  
We will have a flower shop..**



**We celebrated St Patrick's Day  
By making splatter painted  
Shamrocks**



**PICCOLLAGE**

# RECEPTION

Another busy Term- where is the year going?

We have made great progress in all areas of our learning. Our reading, writing and Maths have really improved. The children are now reading and writing sentences. The children have created some fantastic stories for all of us to act out. Money and learning to tell the time have really engaged the children.

Our child- led projects have included:

- Trolls and Fairies
- Superheroes
- Spring including Easter

We have really enjoyed learning about Spring. We have painted Spring flowers, and learnt about Spring animals. The children have been particularly excited about Chicks being born. The children loved watching the time-lapse video of Chicks hatching from eggs. We then pretended we were Chicks hatching. The children's wobbling bottoms made us all giggle!

Thank you for your support

Reception Team



# YEAR 1

Another term over, and another term where we've given our absolute best. We're very proud of the children in Year 1 this term as it has been really evident how much progress they have been making, especially with their reading and writing. All of the hard work is paying off and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the grown ups who support this. The art exhibition was a great success too and our pictures in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe were beautiful and inspired.

Our topic this term has been 'Walking with Dinosaurs' and we've really produced some excellent work. We've focused on the differences between fiction and non-fiction and have done plenty of factual writing based on chronological order and the days of the week. We can use alphabetical order, describe using adjectives, can write a glossary and a caption, can sort fiction and non-fiction sentences, identify and use question words as well as describe events in order. We even had a dinosaur egg in the classroom that hatched! It was spotted eating Year 2's plants and even had a little play on the field. We wrote instructions on how to care for our own pet dinosaur too! We've used new punctuation in our writing with exclamation marks and question marks and have been consolidating our knowledge of prefixes and suffixes.

Our focus in Maths has been fractions. We can find half, a quarter and three quarters of shapes, numbers and objects with ease and absolutely rocked our post-test with this amazing knowledge! We've had lessons using water and lessons using smarties as well as the weighing scales and cutting pieces of string, plenty of practical opportunities to learn there. We moved on to finding left and right, position and direction and half, quarter and three quarter turns as well as 2D and 3D shapes. After the Easter break we will move on to measurement of capacity, length and weight.

In Science this term we have been learning about Scientists and Inventors. We've looked at Ole Kirk Christiansen who invented Lego, George Mottershead who pioneered the first open enclosure zoos, looked at modern veterinary practices and learned about Chester Greenwood who invented earmuffs. Next term we will be learning about plants and how things grow. In Geography we have been studying the United Kingdom and learning about where we live. We can locate England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on a map in an atlas and can find the capital cities of those countries, London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast. We played on Google Maps and found where we live and our school. We have also looked at the similarities and differences between London and Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil. Next term we will be looking at our local area in more depth.

I'm sure you'll agree it has been a busy term! Have a safe Easter break and I hope the Easter bunny visits...

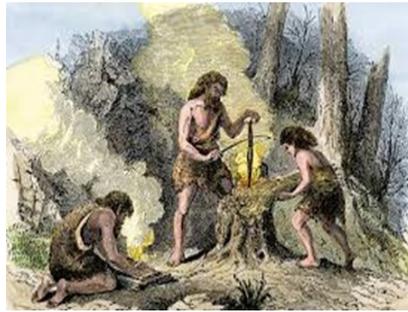


## **YEAR 2**

This term, year 2 have been very busy with their learning. The children have been focusing on the story of the secret garden, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The children have created some beautiful pieces of writing which are now on display in our school corridor. As part of the secret garden topic, the children have also been learning about plants and the lifecycle of a bean. This has led to various investigations which the children have learnt a lot from. To finish off our topic, the children visited Belton Woods, where they explored the beautiful spring gardens, saw thousands of golden daffodils, explored the maze and despite the rain had an amazing time. During the afternoon, the children even managed to have a go on the train before ending the day in the adventure playground.

## YEAR 3

We have had a super term learning lots all about the Savage Stone Age! We have looked at who the first people in Britain were and how we find out about people from the past. We have looked at Skara Brae, Stonehenge and ordering events from the past in chronological order. Year 3 then learnt about the Bronze Age and Iron Age and how they lived after the Stone Age. This has been an extremely fun topic to learn about. Linked to this, in Art we have created lots of pieces of cave art. We even pretended we were in a cave and drew on the ceilings, next we created a silhouette of Stonehenge.



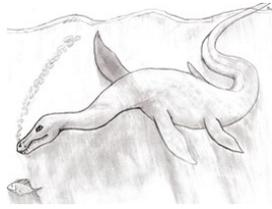
In Literacy, we have looked the novel 'Stig of the Dump by Clive King'. This has been a fantastic book and we have enjoyed every minute reading it! We have completed our own cave descriptions of where Stig lived, a first person narrative- this is where we pretended to be Barney. Also we wrote our own balanced argument all about fox hunting. In Numeracy, we have been working super hard learning to tell the time both digital and analogue for 12 and 24 hours, we also had to solve time problems. Next we moved onto working with money, adding and subtracting large amounts of money and finding change.

Finally we have moved onto finding the perimeter of different shapes .

Well done Year 3 for working extremely hard, have a great Easter break and I will see you after a well earned rest.



## YEAR 4



Since last term, Year Four have been continuing to delve deep into Dick King-Smith's book 'The Water Horse'. We have written a fantastic non-chronological report on discovering a Water Horse and what a Water Horse needs to live and survive. All of the children were able to give great tips and facts about the creature! After that, we began to look at making our own writing better by looking at story descriptions for both settings and characters. This will come in handy for next term when we begin to write our own stories.

In Maths, we continued to work on Statistics. The children all came out with brilliant post-test results, which they all deserve to be very proud of as they all worked extremely hard to achieve them! Since then, we have been looking at the tricky topic of Measurement. The children have been able to convert different units of measures (including weight, capacity, length and time.) They applied their understanding to reasoning questions where they explained how



they knew the answers!



In Science, we have built upon our previous learning of the Water Cycle. We have been able to explain what makes a solid a solid and what properties make a liquid a liquid. We have been able to explain the different processes, which changes the states of matter. We were even able to work out how much a gas (carbon dioxide) weighed in fizzy drinks in our most recent experiment.

In Topic, we have been continuing to build upon our map skills. Firstly, we looked at what different localities there could be and then we research a contrasting locality to our own (based in the United Kingdom). This allowed the children to combine their ICT skills in researching by using search engines and online maps too!

In R.E., we began to look at the importance of symbols in worship. We looked at Islamic prayer mats and designed our own. Furthermore, we examined Christian symbols and used clay to make our own special versions, which will go on display around the school.

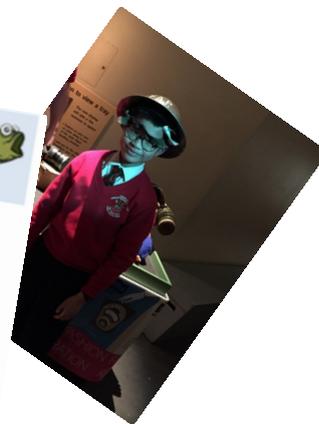
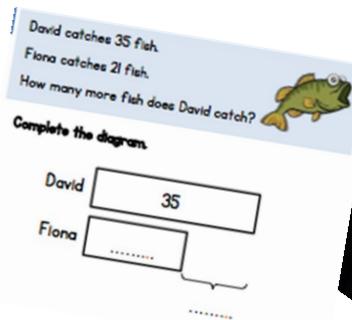
In Art, the children have been able to evaluate the work of Claude Monet. They were able to explain what they liked about it and then replicated his work. It was a lot of fun and we were able to look at different ways to apply paint to paper.



Have an excellent Easter holiday!  
Miss Brand

## YEAR 5

WOW! What a fantastic term it has been for year 5. Most recently, we took a coach to not-so-nearby Manchester to visit the Imperial War Museum to learn lots of amazing facts about War through the years, with a focus on World War 1. This was fantastic in all ways. Children's behaviour was incredible and the war based fiction writing that has been produced since is brilliant!



In Maths, we have been looking at a new concept in Bar Modelling. This is a Singapore method of maths in which you look at how many “parts” a “whole” has. The question next to this is an example of what the children have been looking at, at a very basic level.

Our science this term has been “forces”. The children have discovered how gravity actually works as well as air resistance and friction. All mind-blowing information that was hard to acknowledge at first but now the children have done their own investigations on these, they are very knowledgeable on the topic area.

Finally, the children created their own art project based on the Easter story. We asked the questions “What does the cross mean to you at Easter?” The class then created a graffiti style poster then a 3D cross to overlay the writing. The results were fantastic as you can see!

## YEAR 6

It's been a rewarding, hard-working half term for us in year 6! We have been pushing ourselves to learn new things and we are well on the way to achieving our very best in our SATs in May.

This half term we have been learning about measures, word problems and geometry in maths. We have been exploring different shapes and angles as well as looking at real life word problems involving converting measures. We have made a huge push to ensure that we have lots of writing and explanation work in our maths books and I am so proud of the progress the children have made in this area.

Our English work has been based around Oliver Twist.



We have produced lots of writing including narratives and newspaper reports. The children have been kept busy really pushing themselves to achieve the year 6 levels.

Miss Dix has inspired the children with her orienteering work with them around the school, a great help in preparation for our Fantasy Travellers topic next half term.

Have a great Easter and I look forward to seeing you all after the Easter holiday for our final push!

# PHOTOS



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SCHOOL RETURNS TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2017  
school starts at 08:45am.**

**28TH APRIL— KS1 Kabaddi  
5TH MAY— Y5/6 Rounders  
11TH MAY— Y3/4 Mini Red Tennis  
12TH MAY— KS2 Boccia  
19TH MAY— KS2 Basketball  
23RD MAY— Girls Cricket  
25TH MAY— Y5 Cricket  
26TH MAY— Y5/6 Cricket  
26TH MAY— SCHOOL ENDS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT BE  
USED BY ANY PARENTS between 8am & 6pm  
DURING TERM TIMES (THIS INCLUDES DROP OFF OR  
COLLECTION FROM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
CARE).**

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