



Upcoming Events (New/changed)

Fri 31.1.20 Celebration assembly and coffee morning
Tue 11.2.20 Class 4 to Great Marlow School
Fri 14.2.20 Celebration assembly and coffee morning
Tue 3.3.20 Parents evening
Wed 4.3.20 Parents evening
Thu 5.3.20 World Book Day
Fri 6.3.20 Celebration assembly
Mon 9.3.20 Science week
Fri 20.3.20 Celebration assembly and coffee morning
Thu 2.4.20 End of term Celebration assembly
Fri 3.4.20 Easter service at St Mary Le Moor 12.30 – 1.30pm
School finishes at 1.30pm.

INSET Days

6.1.20, 20.7.20, 21.7.20, 1.9.20

Open	Close
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Spring Term 2020

Tue 7.1.20	Fri 14.2.20
Mon 24.2.20	Fri 3.4.20

Summer Term 2020

Mon 20.4.20	Fri 22.5.20
Mon 1.6.20	Fri 17.7.20

Autumn Term 2020

Tue 2.9.20	Fri 23.10.20
Mon 2.11.20	Fri 18.12.20

Words from the Woods!

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear parents,

Whats been going on in the classrooms?

Class 4

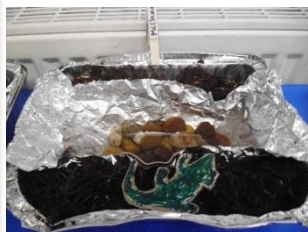
In Class 4 we have been learning about Wassily Kandinsky and his contribution to the abstract art movement. We learned about his influences and studied how his style changed throughout the course of his life. We had a go at producing our own versions of his concentric circles work before working collaboratively on big pieces of art painted to music. In Science we have been learning about the different ways in which plants reproduce. We dissected flowers and identified the key reproductive parts and followed this up in forest school by looking at asexual plants such as our brambles. Class 4 have also been learning about names of sports in French. They have had simple conversations using greetings and sharing their likes and dislikes about different sports. In RE they have developed oral and written communication skills by writing questions about the creation of the world, based on the creation story and cosmology theory, and discussing ideas together as a class. They have developed their ICT skills using spreadsheets, and inputting data, and using formulas to sort information. Meanwhile they have had some creative (and noisy!) music sessions exploring music from around the world using a range of percussion instruments, featuring pentatonic scales (a scale using 5 notes) and singing songs in a round.



Class 3

In class 3 we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We have deciphered some Egyptian hieroglyphics and used them to write our names.

We have been exploring the importance of the River Nile. We have used laptops to research the river and used this to understand why it was so important. We used our knowledge of the River Nile to create our own models, using soil, tin foil and grass seeds. We even made miniature Nile crocodiles.

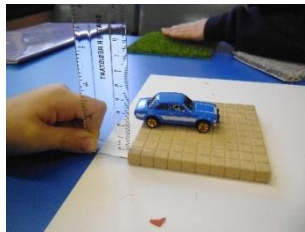




In maths we have been learning some written methods for multiplication and division to help us solve big number problems.

In English we have been delving into 'It was a Dark and Stormy Night' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We have written an in-depth character description for a 'Thingy' that lives in a moat and have been working hard on creating a tempting and enticing menu for the 'Brigands Banquet'.

In science we have been exploring the scientific world of forces. So far this half term we have investigated: friction, air resistance and buoyancy. We have had fun learning about what surfaces causes more friction, what makes the best parachute, and what objects are the best at floating.



Class 2

In Class 2 the topic for this half term is Toys. The children have been comparing toys from the past and the present and enjoyed learning and playing old fashioned games.

In English, the children have been reading the adventures of Traction Man by Mini Grey. The children have thoroughly enjoyed his adventures and have created their own comic strips and adventure stories.

In science, the children have been investigating which materials would work best in keeping Traction Man dry. They then designed and made him an outfit!

In art, the children have been learning about Henri Matisse. They have re-created a range of art work from 'The Snail' made out of cut out paper, to 'Oliviers à Collioure' a painting that is created using particular brush strokes.



Class 1



In Class One we have been busy exploring the world of shapes. We have been hunting for shapes in our environment, sorting, classifying and naming properties. In our maths lessons, we have also begun to look at clocks as a measure of time and are trying so hard to identify o'clock and half past the hour. In our topic lessons, we have explored the signs of winter and identified and designed clothing to keep us warm. During our phonics lessons we have been learning all about the digraphs; ng, th, ch, qu, ck, ai and sh. Through our science learning, we have explored floating and sinking with lots of exciting experiments. During our English lessons, we have read the book 'The Emperors New Clothes' and extending our writing skills by creating captions for the different parts of the story. In addition to this, Class One have been working hard on mastering their coat zips and t-shirt buttons when getting changed for PE or our outdoor environment. What an exciting half term it has been!



Homework

Our next Homework exhibition will be on Wednesday 12th February. Please make sure all the children's work is in that morning ready to be displayed.

After a successful meeting with parent representatives regarding homework, we have created a pilot scheme to trial starting on Monday 24th February.

The group discussed at length past and current homework schemes used at Cadmore and looked at examples from other schools. We also considered homework expectations in a grammar and secondary school.

We have created a scheme that has incorporated formal and informal elements of homework and set a timeframe that enables quality family time. I will be sending out a questionnaire before Easter and meet again with the parent representatives. I encourage you to chat to the representatives about how the homework is going. Just to remind you, our representatives are Mrs Puleston (Harry yr4 and Abby yr5), Mrs Smart (Zac yr 3 and Noah yr1) and Mrs Sharp (Georgia yr5).

Class 4

Year 6 - Daily reading; weekly spellings; weekly set English and maths tasks

Year 5 - Daily reading; weekly spellings; weekly online Mathletics activities; fortnightly written task

Class 3 - Daily reading; weekly spellings; weekly online Mathletics activities; fortnightly creative activity or written task

Class 2 – Daily reading; weekly spellings; weekly online Mathletics activities; fortnightly chosen activity

Class 1 – Daily reading; weekly 'To and Fro' activities.

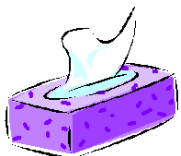
Further information will be clearly marked out in your child's homework book.

Parking

The Forestry Commission have requested that people do not park in front of the gate to the woodlands. They are currently working in the woods and need access between 7.30am – 6pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Can you help?

We will be hosting our 2nd Science Week starting Monday 9th March. Last year we had a visiting meteorologist and a female army mechanic. If you, or you know anyone involved in STEM (Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics) and would like to come in during that week to talk about their job, please do get in contact.



Tissues

Thank you so much for the boxes received so far. If you have not yet donated, please do. For every box brought in, your child will receive 10 house points!

Lunch forms

Please can lunch forms be returned by **Thursday 13th February** along with **payment**.

Please note - If your child is in EYFS, KS1 or receives Free School Meals, you still need to complete the lunch form.



Clubs

Attached is our Club Letter for Spring 2. All club letters need to be returned, with payment where needed, by Friday 14th February. Three new clubs will start after half term - multisports, puck hockey and Ukulele. When the weather is drier, we will also be running a cross country club. If you would like to help with any of these after school clubs, please let the school know. The more adults we have, the more children that can participate!



We also have a selection of lunch time clubs run by the children and supported by a member of staff.

- Harvey and Hamza - Coding
- Sadie and Emily - Art and DT
- Isabella and Summer - Relaxation
- Kaolan, Poppy, Georgia and Fuad - Colouring club.

Don't forget, we break up for half term on Friday 14th February and return on Monday 27th February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs D Groom
Headteacher