

23RD FEBRUARY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

So over the half-term break I started my Lent challenge of being vegetarian and have been pleasantly surprised with how little I have missed eating meat. I have got to say that by far the harder challenge has been to only drink water during the school day, as the temptation of a mid-morning cup of tea or an afternoon pick me up coffee, has been really difficult to resist. Despite the continual rain that seems to be hitting us this week we have had lots going on and the children have jumped back into learning after the break. Our pupils came back to a re-stocked playground shed and it has been lovely to see them play with the new equipment whilst really making sure they look after it. Next week will see us host another Scholastic Bookfair in the Prep Department and there will be the opportunity to make purchases after school from Monday to Thursday. If you would like to have a look at the range of titles available you can view via the link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> I hope you all have a fantastic weekend as we head into the 3rd round of the 6-Nations with some big matches scheduled and England still unbeaten (for the time being!)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26th Feb
Scholastic Bookfair.

Tuesday 27th Feb

Wednesday 28th Feb
KS2 X-Country @ Stover.

Thursday 29th Feb
U11 Football v Chudleigh Knighton (A).

Friday 1st March
U10 Netball & Football @ Exeter School.

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Mrs Tigwell

This week the children in The Lodge have been learning about the festival Fete du Citron. They made their own yellow playdough with some support from the practitioners, and to make it smell nice the children squeezed real lemons to add to the dough. We have also touched on the Indian festival Taj Mahotsav. The children covered coasters with glue, mosaic bits of paper and a laminate circle and made fruit kebabs for their snack. Some children made painted butterfly shapes using bright colours and the process of printing on one side to demonstrate the mathematical concept of symmetry.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been talking about ways we can keep our bodies healthy. We have transformed our role play area into a gym where the children have taken a turn on the running machine, used the gym mat for yoga, done some weight lifting and thought about all the other sports and activities we can enjoy. We have discussed the importance of drinking water to keep hydrated and trying a range of foods as well as new foods to see if we like them - playing the game Tummy Ache was a very funny activity that helped us talk about our likes and dislikes! The children had also identified relaxing as being important so we did some mindful breathing and some feelings activities. Another busy week!

Reception Class

By Mrs Broom

Reception have been learning about the life cycle of a bean, they have planted their own beans in pots and also in mini greenhouses on our window. They have been learning scientific words too such as photosynthesis and nutrients. They are excited to see how their beans will grow!



KS2 Uniform Poll

Now that we are well into the term I would like to get your feedback and thoughts on the uniform changes that have been in place since January. As staff, we have certainly seen an increase in the amount of curriculum time we have with the children and also a significant decrease in the amount of kit being mislaid. Please use the following form to give any feedback and thoughts (positive & negative). Responses so far have been really helpful and we want to make sure that we get a broad range of feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/eKarFmM56u>





Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

After our fabulous trip to Torquay's Dinosaur World on Monday, Prep One have started to create one of their own. The teamwork and the wealth of knowledge about dinosaurs, shared during this play opportunity, has been Tremendous to witness.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 have been exploring non-fiction books about dinosaurs with particular reference to understanding and using the glossary and the index. They then created a dinosaur alphabet, including some made up names if they couldn't find any in the books.



Prep 3

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 3 had a lot of fun learning about all the different woodland animals in England and then playing a guess the animal pairs game. It was great to see the children act out being stags, woodlouse, foxes, chickens, squirrels, badgers, sheep and centipedes! Get them to show you at home!



Work of the Week Friday 23rd February

Henry Ball
Hannah Yandle
Abigail Barr
Noah Baxter
Lily Robins
Sophie Stenner-Evans
Alastair Barr
Santiago Galvao
Louis Martin
Roman Foxworthy
Alister Wall
Henry Lovett
Willow Allen
Lucy Hughes
Kellan Hersey
Molly Arthur
Charlie Boobyer
Edward Stone

Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Young

This week in RS Prep 4 learnt about the main beliefs of Taoism, where it originated from and the meaning of the Yin Yang symbol. The children read the creation story of Taoism and acted out the story of Pan Gu the first god of Taoism. Super acting skills Prep 4 well done!



Prep 5

By Mrs Hughes

The Prep 5 classroom has transformed into Diagon Alley this week with some amazingly creative shops! Meanwhile, there has been a break-in at Gringott's and the Prep 5 reporters have been on the case, interviewing customers and staff of the bank. Cosmo gave a memorable performance as the aged and forgetful Bathilda Bagshot and everyone managed to collect some excellent quotes for their articles to be written next week.



Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

This week in Outdoor Learning, Prep 6 were set an art challenge to create a sculpture or display using only found natural materials from Forest School. The pupils really embraced the challenge with some brilliant collaboration and creativity from the whole group. I was particularly impressed with how calmly they worked and the levels of maturity shown. The results were fantastic!



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Hugo Magill
Elijah Mallada

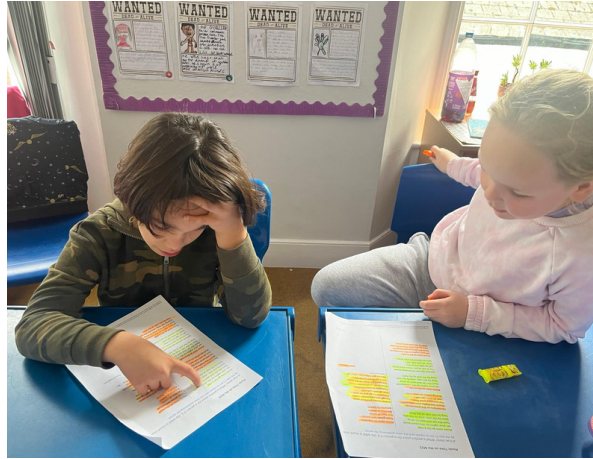
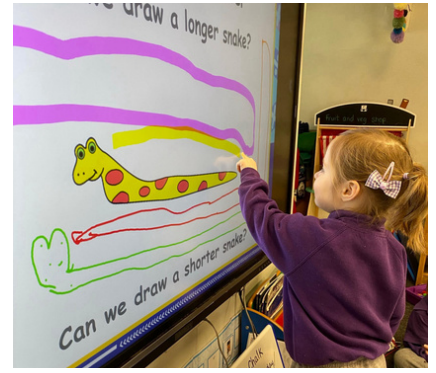


KS1 Trip to Dinosaur World



KS1 kick started their new topic on Monday morning with a trip to Dinosaur World in Torquay. They had been in school no more than an hour before they made the short trip to explore, discover and learn so many facts about dinosaurs. As you can see from the pictures above, they had a great time and enjoyed sitting on the dinosaurs and putting their heads into the huge jaws! This was a great way to ignite the curiosity of the children and we can't wait to see what the rest of this topic has in store!

Prep Life Gallery



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