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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 6

Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We are now at the very end of Term 4. Wow, what a term it has been- one where half of it was remote learning and half of it with in-school learning! The children have all worked equally hard at school and at home, and we are so impressed with every single one of them for their amazing attitude, resilience and perseverance. We are so proud of them all.

We hope the children enjoyed their Easter present from our very own PTA Easter bunnies. Thank you to our PTA for organising this treat for them. We had lots of excited children at the end of the school day!

We have all enjoyed our author-based topic this term and are now looking forward to the children immersing themselves in a history-focused topic next term. We will be sending out topic webs and knowledge organisers at the start of next term. Please see on the next page your child's new learning focus.

In assembly today, we looked at April Fools' Day and we had a teacher competition for the best joke. Mrs O'Driscoll was egg-static to have won and to claim the title of the funniest joke teller at Rodbourne Cheney! We continued with our assembly song of Here Comes the Sun (Glee version) and we are looking forward to performing this for you in Term 5 on our social media. I have attached the lyrics for the children on this newsletter if they fancy practising over the holidays.

We are delighted that we now have our bird box up and running. Currently, we cannot see any evidence of a nest being built but you can access this at home throughout the Easter break. We are hoping that we might have a bird that starts sleeping in it overnight in hope that it nests there. You can find our bird box on:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/rodbourne-cheney-primary-school/>

We do have our own spring term challenges, which are full of nature-inspired activities, if you want to complete some over the holiday.

We hope you all have a safe, healthy, restful and fun Spring break. You all deserve it!

Warm regards,

Miss Davies



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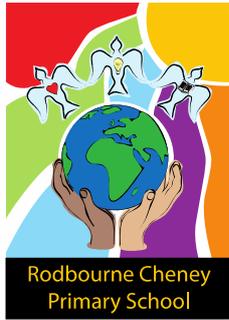
Spring Challenges

Explore on wheels – go on a family bike ride.	Set up a snail race. Watch how their slimy bodies leave a glittering trail. Lettuce can help to encourage competitors across the finish line.	Create some wild art – Make a springtime picture using natural materials.	Go stargazing - On a clear night lie flat on your back and watch the sky start to glitter with stars with your gown up.	Use some broccoli to make a picture of some blossom trees.	Help a plant to grow – springtime is when all the beautiful flowers grow – why don't you grow one of your own. It could be cress, beans, sunflowers or anything you like.	Go welly wandering and puddle jumping.
Go fly a kite!	Have fun with sticks https://www.nationalltrust.org.uk/features/no-12-have-fun-with-sticks	Wear a wild crown – you could make a crown out of daisys or any flowers you find in your garden.	Make friends with a bug. What bugs can you find in your garden?	Go cloud watching – lie back and see what shapes you can see.	Build a den in your garden or in the woods on your daily walk.	Watch a sunset with your family.
Create a things to look forward to jar – decorate a jar or box. Then add some coloured notes of things that you are looking forward too.	Make an Easter card to show someone you appreciate them	Create some minibeast pebbles.	Go on a Spring hunt – what signs of Spring can you spot?	Help someone at home to make dinner	Pick up some litter to show we love nature	Look out for Butterflies. Can you find out about different types of butterflies?
Practise self-kindness by doing something you enjoy.	Draw a picture of a flower. Remember to draw some petals, a stem and some leaves on your flower	Hide little messages around the house for others to find.	Make a butterfly picture – can you make sure the wings are symmetrical?	Make a friendship bracelet to show a friend you appreciate them	Make a bird feeder.	Tell someone three things you love about them

Curriculum Term 5

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Under the Sea	Space Explorers	Dragons and Knights	Local history: Dragon Hill
Tiddler Rainbow Fish	Beegu Alien Love Underpants	Dragon Machine and Dragon Post And other dragon stories	Dragon Machine and Dragon Post; George and the Dragon; Legend of King Artur
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year
Stone Age	Super Scientists	Ancient Mesopotamia	The Mayans
Hortense and the Shadow Stig of the Dump	Hortense and the Shadow Little People: Big Dreams	Varjak Paw	The Promise King of the Cloud Forest

Our school value for Term 5 will be Kindness and our area for wellbeing will be Get Active.



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Here Comes the Sun

Lyrics

- Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right
It's all right

