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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 4

Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a wonderful week. We certainly have had a super one in school! The children have all enjoyed engaging in Comic Relief today and all look great in their red clothes and non-school uniform. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Next Monday, we will be celebrating World Poetry Day (Sunday 21st) by children having a poetry day in school. The children will immerse themselves in a selected poem on the Monday and produce their own poems as a result. We look forward to seeing the work they create. We will be sharing some of poems on social media so keep a look out for our budding poets!

This week, I have seen some wonderful work in the children's learning journey books. In Years 1-6, we have one book for all of their work (apart from English and Maths) and to see the quality of work they have been producing since we have come back in as well as their pride and care in their presentation is fabulous. The children have all continued with great learning behaviours which you can certainly see with the outcomes of their hard work. We are very proud of them.

Our assembly this week focused on the festival of cherry blossom in Japan known as the Sakura Festival. This has started in Tokyo this week. We learned about the beauty of the cherry blossom festival and what it signifies. We also connected it to here and now and the new beginnings of spring. We have some new spring outside of school activities if you wish to take part. Please feel free to tweet us with them or email your class teacher as we always love to see what they get up to. The activities are on the next page in this newsletter.

On Tuesday 23rd March, we have a talk for Year 5 and 6 children (remotely) from Reading University to talk to the children about career choices and future education next steps. We are very proud to have these links with universities at primary school and we look forward to the talk.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Miss Davies

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.nationaltrust.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

Times Table Rock Stars

Here are this weeks' Time Table Rock Star Top 10 Champions!

1. Rhythmikaa - 4
2. Carwyn – 3
3. Marcel – 4
4. David – 5
5. Jiang- 4
6. Lexi- 6
7. Imogen – 6
8. Vicke - 6
9. Lexi - 4
10. Max - 3



Rapid recall of number facts and times tables is one of our school aims this year.

Our leading class this week is Year 4! Well done to all of you for working so hard on your times tables this week.



Covid School Safety Measures



If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please inform the school if you have symptoms and are having a test.

Please do not come to school, and get a test, if you or someone in your household has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

School Be Safe Procedures

- Please wear a mask when entering the school site.
- Keep your children close to you in the playground at the start and the end of the day- this is not a time where the children can play with each other. It is important that children do not mix with other adults or children not in their bubble for their own safety.
- Please socially distance from anyone who isn't in your bubble.
- Please arrive on time and not too early so we can try and avoid any gatherings.
- Once you have collected your child please leave our playground as promptly as possible. This ensures that we have a limited number of people on the playground at all times.

Bird Box

We had lots of excitement two years ago when we had some baby chicks in our bird box. We are hoping to have the same excitement again this year! Unfortunately, no birds visited the box last year so we have everything crossed for this year. If you have any tips of how we encourage them please let us know!

We will let you know when the birdbox stream goes live so you can also watch from home.

Here is the link to the website:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/school-zone/school-streams/>

On this website, some schools already have some birds nesting if you wanted to watch them in their box.





Love and Appreciation

Our School Values for this term are Love and Appreciation.

Here are some books, films and activities that you can read, watch and complete together that incorporate our values for this term.

Value	Books	Films	Activities
Appreciation	The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds The Biggest House in the World by Leo Lionni	Dr Seuss How the Grinch Stole Christmas – PG Cinderella - U	Things to be thankful for Jar Make a card to show your appreciation to your mum and dad Make an appreciation alphabet. Write something you are grateful for every letter of the alphabet!
Love	Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney Love from The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.	Abominable – PG Gnomeo and Juliet - U	Draw a picture of the people you love. Make Family Love Tokens – put them in a jar and share them at the end of the day or week.

Some of our Learning and Activities from this Week

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Firstly, the lions wake up from their long sleep. Secondly, the male lion goes hunting for food before patrolling. Then he comes to give the lion cubs. When he goes 'patrolling', some hyenas come to the territory. The female lion keeps the cubs safe. Then she plays with them after the battle. In the afternoon they socialise with other lions. They all sit near a tree and before night, the female lions hunt. The cubs go to sleep and the male lion goes patrolling again. When the lions all come back they sleep for the next day of their life.

Eating		Caring for cubs	
Sleeping		Socialising	

Firstly, the lion family wakes up they all do big and I mean it for mum and dad lion but for the cubs it's a little stretch. After that, the female lion looks if the cubs are awake she takes one and washes it. Meanwhile the male lion starts checking to see if there is any thing around them and he is off! As he gets the zebra, that is in what they call prey. After mum likes (washes) the cubs yes you guessed it they went out ^{to get another} hunting.

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