



What Has Happened This Term?

Children have settled well in all three classes. They have impressed us with their attitudes to learning and excellent behaviour.

In the first week of term the children focused on the British Values, developing their understanding about the rule of law, respect, individual liberty, democracy and tolerance. They demonstrated great maturity in putting themselves forward for the different committees, showed resilience when not selected and an impressive team spirit.

Our children have also started to earn lots of Dojo points- the most exciting moment when their eggs hatched into Dojo creatures! They are really enjoying earning points and trying to improve themselves. We hope to share more information about Dojo points in a future whole school newsletter- so keep a watch out for that!

A highlight for all the children across school has been #HelloYellow day, where our children heard the story of 'The butterfly who flew in the rain' and created butterflies to share their hopes and dreams for the future. If you get chance to read it yourself it is worth a look. The children really enjoyed thinking about the key message and how this relates to them. We value the importance of looking after children's mental health and our Thrive and PSHE lessons are a valuable way of teaching our children how to look after their health and wellbeing.

Well done to our Year 3/4 and 5/6 football team who came 3rd and 1st place at the Erewash School Sports Partnership tournament. Both teams were a credit to the school showing great sportsmanship and teamwork, we couldn't be prouder. A final thank you to everyone who came to support from the side lines.



A big thank you to all who came to our Year 3 and Year 4 Bible presentations. We felt so privileged to be able to get together in church this year, so it was made even more special by having so many parents come to the event. Our children made us feel very

proud.



For more Year 3&4 photos please visit the Year 3/4 section on our school website.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 3: Addition and subtraction, then multiplication and division.
Year 4: Measures – perimeter, then Multiplication and Division



English- Marshmallow Rivers of Life
Any more information about this?

Science- States of Matter & the Water Cycle



Computing- Digital literacy -Effective searching

Geography-

Why are rivers important? We will be trying to work out the answer to this big question!



Art and Design- Sculpture and 3D – Mega Materials

PE- Indoor: Gymnastics: Symmetry & Asymmetry.

Outdoor: Games Invasion: Hockey

Earrings **MUST** be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove!

Religion & Worldviews- Why are festivals important to religious communities? (Jewish & Hindu)



Discuss, debate and learn from others about their different ideas, lifestyles, experiences and values. Have the confidence to join a new group and cooperate with other members. Accept changes and negotiate alternative solutions when needed. Talk about what matters to them and explain why they believe these things to be important.

PSHE- Celebrating differences



Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.

French- My local area, your local area

Music- Glockenspiel Stage 2

Club Information

Yoga for Y2/3 Mondays after school

Mindfulness colouring Y3/4 Wednesdays after school



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed

Important Dates

31st October: Back to school

14th – 18th November: Anti-bullying week starting with odd socks on Monday

16th November: Individual photos

17th November: Open morning for parents

18th November: Children in Need

2nd December: Christmas jumper day

lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

9th December: Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre 3:30-6:30pm
15th December: Film night
20th December: Year 3/4 Christmas party day- information will be shared nearer the time
22nd December: Last day of the term

Communication

Check out our school website- lots of useful information can be found here, including more details about the curriculum and photos from the previous term.

Twitter- each class tweets at least twice a week, so it is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in class.

This newsletter- keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it!

Emails to our department are always welcome, and are checked as often as possible, however if your child is ill you must contact the school office as we cannot guarantee that emails we be read first thing in the morning. When emailing in please include the name of the class your child.

Reminders



Water bottles: These must contain water. We have noticed a few squash drinks coming through. Health professionals are telling us squash does not help children, whereas water does.

Book bags: Rucksacks are not allowed in school. Please support us with this and ensure your child has a book back.

PE kits: Children must have navy shorts for indoor PE and navy joggers for outdoor PE. All items must be labelled to ensure the right clothing is worn.

Nessy and TTRockstars

If your child has been given Nessy login, it is imperative that they do not have help when completing the activities. The program is designed to work with your child- so for example if they find an activity challenging the program will share some other key materials with them. It records where they are learning. If a parent/ older sibling completes any aspects of the activities the program will think the child has the learning completed and move on to the next level- thus making it harder and harder for the child. It is fine to help them navigate the site- showing them how to click on a mouse, or how to use a touch screen, but not how to spell words.

TTRockstars is a great program for children to develop their multiplication skills. Setting aside 15 minutes every couple of days could really help your child with their mental maths. During our Celebration Worship we always celebrate the top three children across KS2 so it would be lovely to see our year 3's and 4's achieving this. Thank you

for your continued support.

Dark Nights- Staying Safe

As we move from Autumn into Winter it becomes darker much earlier in the day. Please stay safe on the way home from school, when out and about during the school holidays and at the weekends. Whilst we speak lots about staying safe with the children in school, it is important that as a parent you also speak to your child about how they can stay safe when outside.