

Maybury News

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A Message from Mrs Merritt

Collaboration with BDB

Dolphins class have been very fortunate to be taking part in a 6 week cooking 'around the world' project at the Bishop David Brown School. The children have learnt lots of news facts and skills and have made stir fry, pizza, fajitas, frittatas and penne all'arrabbiata. The children have enjoyed taking their food home for dinner! Mr Preiera has been so impressed with our children he has asked if we can extend this project for an additional two weeks. It has been great to utilise the wonderful facilities at BDB and benefit from Mr Preiera expertise. Thank you BDB!



Spring Term Parent/Carer Meeting

Next week we are holding our Spring term parent/carers meetings with class teachers for Reception to Year 6 children. Please ensure you have signed up for a slot via the online booking system, please visit the school website for further information and instructions on how to book your appointment:

[Maybury Primary School Parent Meeting Appointments Online Booking](#)

If you need any additional help or have any questions regarding the online booking system please contact the school office.

We have been delighted to be able to offer additional paid after school activities this term including dance and football. We are encouraging all children to participate in these after school opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence.

We have an artist from Watts Gallery coming to work with our wellbeing committee to create our mural using plastic lids in the next few weeks. Please keep collecting lids and sending them into school.

Can I please remind all parents dinner money must be paid by Monday morning in order for your child to receive a dinner for that week in line with our food ordering system. Dinner money is £11.75 per week.

Mrs Merritt
Headteacher

Every Day Counts!

Attendance for February Target is 96% .

Remember to check the playground board for the attendance league! Please try and support your child by sending them to school every. EVERYDAY COUNTS!

Starfish	99.2%
Seahorses	94.6%
Jellyfish	97.3%
Manta Rays	98.8%
Angelfish	97.6%
Sea Turtles	97.1%
Dolphins	97.2%

Please ensure holidays are only taken during the school holidays. We will not authorise any holidays during term time.

Early Years Foundation Stage Update

Rainbow Fish

In nursery the children have been learning about The Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Great Race' and retelling the story with the small world animals. The children have enjoyed exploring noodles and coloured rice. They have had the opportunity to taste noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls. In the role play area the children have been cooking Chinese food in the house and in the writing area they have been mark making Chinese writing.



In their Family Learning groups, they have been learning about rhyme and listening for words that rhyme. The children really enjoyed playing silly soup and adding just the things that rhyme to the soup.

After Half Term we will be re-introducing the Toy Library on a Wednesday. Please sign up to join and then your child will be able to choose a different toy to take home each week.

Starfish

Starfish are very much looking forward to their visit to Elm Farm in March and have started to learn all about farm animals, building their vocabulary so they can name the mummy and the baby animals on the farm.

We have been focusing on the story 'Mrs Wishy Washy' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We have retold the story with props and have written our own story books about Mrs Wishy Washy.

Starfish had a great time at the Lightbox, listening to the story of The Princess and the Frog and making a puppet which they used to retell the story back at school.



It is great to see so many parents adding observations on Tapestry, we love to receive them and enjoy celebrating each one in the classroom with the children.

Thank you to the parents who continue to support our Play and Stay sessions on a Monday morning. It is great to see so many of you engaging with your child's learning.

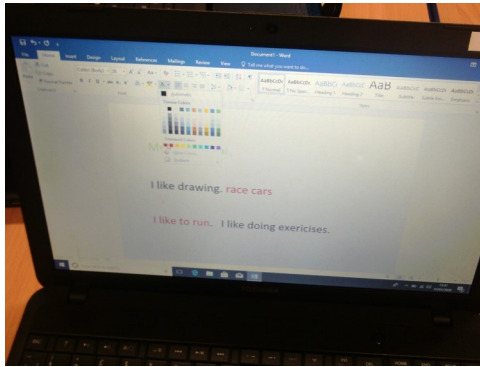
Mrs Eldred, EYFS Phase Leader

Key Stage 1 Update

Seahorses

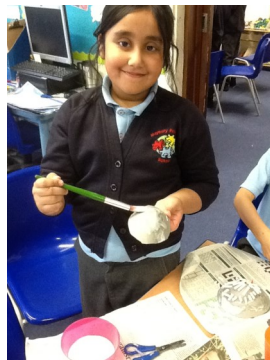
In Seahorse class during English lessons we have been looking at stories from other countries. They wrote their own Safari counting books using counting words, adjectives and verbs and then illustrated them to match our writing.

In computing they have been learning how to use Word. They have learnt how to use capital letters and finger spaces on a computer. The children have also learnt how to highlight their text and change the font colour, style and size.



Jellyfish

Jellyfish class completed their Geography topic, 'Sensational Safari' by researching, designing, making and evaluating African mud huts. They had to think carefully about the purpose of the hut and make accordingly. They had to work very carefully with the clay to create the walls for the hut and then choose an appropriate roof for the top of it and wall art for the outside of the building. By the end of the unit, we had a wonderfully unique village of different mud huts.



Key stage 1 also enjoyed making and tasting their own pancakes this week to celebrate pancake day.



They were delicious!

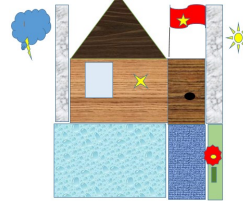
While doing some cookery with the children we have found that many of the Key Stage 1 children find cutting their food tricky - these skills would really help them in the dinner hall. Please do help them to practise cutting at home.

Mrs Butler, Key Stage 1 Leader

Key Stage 2 Update

Manta Rays

This month, we have been looking at Rocks for our new Science topic. We worked on sorting them by type of rock and have completed experiments to sort their properties. In Computing, we have been making house pictures using the skills we have learnt so far in our lessons. We have worked hard to copy and paste pictures, order them and move them around a page. We can now insert pictures and change their colours, size and outline. In RE, we have been learning about Judaism and made special biscuits that are made when celebrating. They looked lovely!



Angelfish

This month, Angelfish class have been learning about natural disasters; specifically looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. Over the half term break, the children were asked to make a model volcano and create a fact file to go with their model. The standard of work was fantastic! I was extremely impressed and the rest of the school have been admiring their fantastic projects which are being displayed in the school corridor. Well done Angelfish!! Some of the children also used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to create an eruption from their volcanoes.



Sea Turtles

In Topic we are continuing to study the Tudors, and are looking at the raising of The Mary Rose warship. We would like to encourage families to think about visiting the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to see the amazing wreck and artefacts for themselves.

In Science we are looking at the impact our Sun has on Earth and how it affects our seasons and day/night.

Please could we also remind parents our PE days are Monday and Wednesday this term.

Dolphins

February has been another jam-packed month for year 6! We started our cooking lessons at Bishop David Brown with Mr Pereira. The children have loved these sessions and each week it is great to see their abilities and their confidence growing!



We have also been on our class trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. The museum has Victorian streets and 1930's streets for the children to explore. We also had 2 workshops about life during World War 2 which has got us ready to start our new topic after half term.



Miss Slade

Key Stage 2 Leader

Book Week—Mon 2nd March to Fri 6th March

The week beginning the 2nd March is our annual **Book Week** with lots of activities planned to inspire the children at Maybury.

Monday 2nd March, there will be an assembly to launch our school book week. This will inform the children about all the different activities planned for the week.

Thursday 5th March, we will have a Reading Buddies session with the children sharing books with another year group

Every day after playtime, adults are inviting children to choose a story to hear being read aloud

Author Visit and book character dress up day - Friday March 6th

-Josh Lacey will be visiting us to work with the children. He has written and illustrated a wide range of literature for young people and is sure to be inspirational. We are asking for a minimum of **£1 donation** per child to help towards the cost of the author visit.

-He will be selling and signing his books after school in the hall or playground weather permitting.

-On that day, all staff and children are asked to come to school dressed as a book character.

Our fun with books doesn't end there!

Your child will also receive a World Book Day £1 book token that can be used in stores such as WH Smith and Waterstones.

Parents are invited into school on **Tuesday 10th March at 2:45** to share a book with their child in class. On that day there will be a selection of second books for you to take home free of charge available in the playground or hall after school, weather permitting.

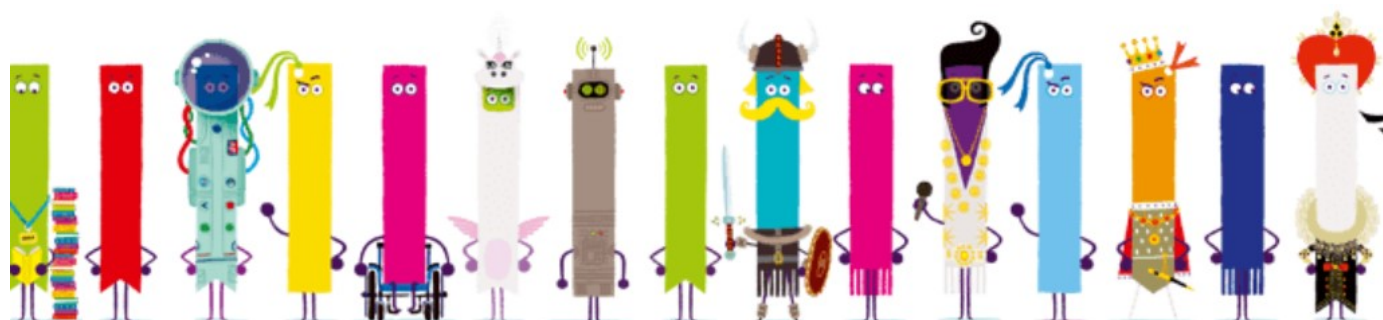
Please support us in celebrating this exciting time. Your help is very much appreciated.

Mrs Horne

Literacy Leader

Mrs Daniell

Reading Leader



Useful Dates

March		
Monday – Friday	2 – 6	Book week
Tuesday – Thursday	3 – 5	Parent Meetings for main school only (Tues & Thurs 3:30-4:30 and Wed 3:30-7:30)
Wednesday	4	KS2 VR Workshop
Friday	6	Book 'dress up' Day
Friday	6	Author Visit
Monday – Tuesday	9 – 10	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Tuesday	10	Duck eggs arrive in Starfish Class
Tuesday	10	Parent sharing reading session at 2:45pm (see page 5 for details)
Tuesday	10	Starbooks Café – 3:15pm – 3:30pm in the school library
Friday	13	Sport Relief Day
Tuesday	17	Seahorses Class Trip to the Guildford Toy Museum
Tuesday	17	Starbooks Café – 3:15pm – 3:30pm in the school library
Wednesday	18	Dolphins Class Trip to Junior Citizens
Wednesday	18	Starfish Class Trip to Elm Nursery
Wednesday	18	Jellyfish Class Assembly – 2:50pm
Thursday	19	Manta Rays Class Trip to WWF Headquarters
Tuesday	24	Jellyfish Class trip to WWF Headquarters
Friday	27	Happy Bags collection
Monday – Friday	30 – 3	Well Being Week
Tuesday	31	Night Owls visit
Tuesday	31	Starbooks Café – 3:15pm – 3:30pm in the school library
Tuesday	31	Parent drop in session – 3:15pm – 3:30pm
April		
Wednesday	1	Mufti Day – Donate £1
Wednesday	1	End of term for Nursery children ONLY
Thursday	2	Nursery ONLY – CLOSED
Thursday	2	Nursery Parent Meetings
Thursday	2	Angelfish Yr 4 sleepover
Friday	3	Nursery ONLY – CLOSED
Friday	3	Nursery Parent Meetings
Friday	3	End of term, school finishes at 1:30pm
EASTER BREAK 6th – 20th April 2020		
SUMMER TERM 2020		
April		
Monday	20	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Tuesday	21	Summer Term begins, children return to school

Academic Dates 2019-2020

Spring Term 2020

6th January 2020 to 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th February 2020—21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

21st April 2020 to 20th July 2020

Half Term 25th May 2020—29th May 2020

INSET Days (School closed for training)

- Wednesday 4th September 2019
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020
- Friday 22nd May 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

Nursery Closure Dates (NURSERY ONLY)

In addition to the term dates and INSET days above the Nursery will be closed for staff training etc on the following dates:

- Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 2019
- Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April 2020
- Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July 2020

Special Leave of Absence

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

Our Values – Spring Term



January: Trust

February: Cooperation

March: Equality

April: Responsibility

Trust

January's value is **trust** some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk about people we can trust in the community.
- Talk about what trust means: Trust means you are there for me and I am there for you.

Co-operation

February's value is **co-operation**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Complete cooking activities, have a written or pictorial recipe with ingredients and steps presented in order. Assign roles to each child such as measuring the flour, counting the correct number of eggs, pouring the milk, greasing the pan, and stirring. Children have to wait their turn, follow directions, and share responsibility for creating something they can enjoy later.
- Play team board and card games, these foster cooperation and team strategies.

Equality

March's value is **equality**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk to your child about accepting the differences between people.
- Encourage and ensure individuals are treated fairly and equally, no matter their race, gender, age, disability, or religion.
- Read 'Jack & Jim' by Kitty Crowther and 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman.

Responsibility

April's value is **Responsibility**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Discuss the importance of looking after property, taking care of things and looking after environment
- Encourage your children to be responsible for bringing the correct equipment to school (book bags, library books, P.E kits etc.)
- Read 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James and 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes

