



Maybury News

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A Message from Mrs Merritt

It has been a busy half term back at Maybury and we are delighted to see how well the children have responded to our recovery curriculum. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children next half term as we slowly begin to move back towards normality. I hope you take the opportunity in the extended May half term holiday to “catch up” on the social opportunities our children have missed during lockdown, whilst adhering to government guidance of course. The most important focus for us all is ensuring the children are happy, safe and are developing positive relationships with each other, through friendships and shared experiences. We all need to “catch up” with this too. I hope as a family you are able to catch up with friends and family, catch up with trips to the park, zoos, museums and castles etc., catch up with swimming and sporting opportunities to keep fit and active and so many more. **The school will close on Friday 21st June at 3:05 for Reception, Years 1 and 2 on 3:15 for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and reopen on Monday 7th June.**

Next half term we are planning to carry out our usual transition opportunities for the children to spend a morning in their new class and have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and support staff, this is due to take place on Wednesday 30th June.

I would like to remind parents that from **Monday 7th June children will only wear their PE kit on their allocated PE day (see table below for allocated days)**. So all children will wear full uniform including black leather school shoes (not trainers) to school each day and on their allocated PE day they should arrive at school in PE kit and trainers. The shops are now fully open so parents/carers are able to purchase the correct uniform and footwear.

Class	Allocated PE day
Starfish	Wednesday
Seahorses	Monday and Wednesday
Jellyfish	Wednesday and Friday
Manta Rays	Tuesday and Friday
Angelfish	Wednesday and Friday
Sea Turtles	Wednesday and Thursday
Dolphins	Monday and Thursday

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against COVID-19. Our staff continue to test twice per week. All parents and carers are able to test twice weekly using the asymptomatic lateral flow tests, we are encouraging parents and carers to uptake these scheme to protect our school community. These can be ordered via this link <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Miss Clark, the teaching assistant in Angelfish class will sadly be leaving our school on Friday 21st May as she is relocating. We thank Miss Clark for her support and commitment to our school and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Rehman, will be joining our team to replace Miss Clark on Monday 7th June.

Thank you to the parents and carers who have responded to our covid change questionnaire the deadline for this is Friday 21st May so please take the time to respond to this if you have not already done so.

Have a wonderful half term holiday

Mrs Merritt
Headteacher

Early Years Foundation Stage Update

Rainbow Fish

It has been another busy month in Nursery. The children have been enjoying their garden. The seeds that they planted in March are growing and everyone likes to water them and watch the insects land on the flowers.

Their story for the month was 'Where's My Teddy?' by Jez Alborough. You can watch videos of Mrs Gale and Mrs Gigg reading the story of the month on Rainbow Fish's class page of the school website.

This month we have been encouraging the children to be more independent. Being independent allows children to gain confidence and develop qualities such as patience and concentration. Children are always proud when they can do something by themselves. At nursery, there are many things children do independently such as: taking their coat off and hanging it on their peg, putting their coat on, washing their hands and choosing their own activities.



Starfish

In Starfish, the children have been very interested in finding out about different insects. We have used books from the library and searched for information on the computer.

The children have particularly enjoyed learning about bees and found out some very interesting facts about bees which we wrote using our phonic knowledge. The children are getting very good at writing interesting sentences, trying to remember to start them with a capital letter and end them with a full stop.

In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract using math stories, first, then and now.

In our classroom at the moment we are being responsible for our live caterpillars which we are watching carefully as they change into butterflies.

We are trying to encourage lots of insects to our garden and have planted some plants that we think our butterflies will like.

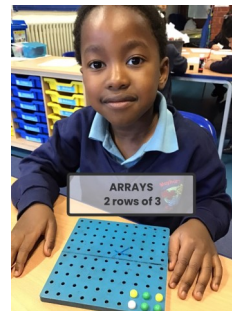


Mrs Eldred (EYFS Lead)

Key Stage 1 Update

Seahorses

Seahorses have been learning about repeated addition and making arrays in their maths lessons. They used different objects to make our repeated addition number sentences and they used peg boards to show their own arrays.

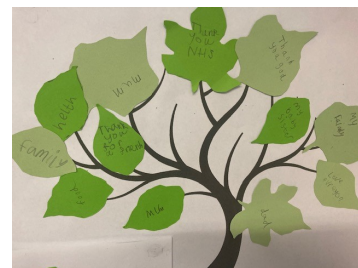


They have just started using Ipads in our computer lesson to code. They are using a programme called Scratch Junior. They have so far learnt how to change the background and make their sprites move forwards, backwards, jump and grow and shrink.

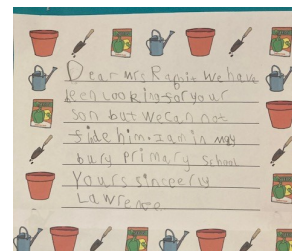
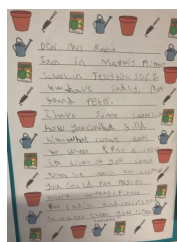
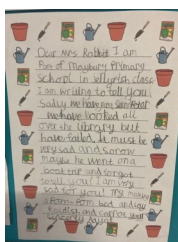


Jellyfish

Jellyfish class have been learning about how different religions pray. The children found it interesting to learn that there are so many ways. The adults were impressed with how the children respectfully listened to each others ideas and experiences. They learnt that some people use the 'Thank you, Sorry, Please' structure for praying and the children then created thank you trees and please doves for our thought wall. They were very grateful to the NHS, their friends and their families in particular.



Jellyfish have been learning to write letters in literacy this half term. They have been replying to Mrs Rabbit who had lost Peter Rabbit. They wrote well structured letters that gave suggestions about how to find Peter. They used formal letter openers and ended the letter formally.



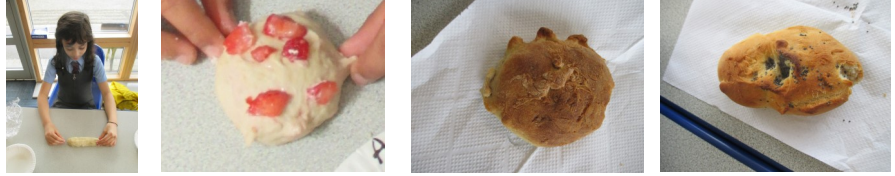
Mrs Butler, Deputy Headteacher

Key Stage 2 Update

Manta Rays

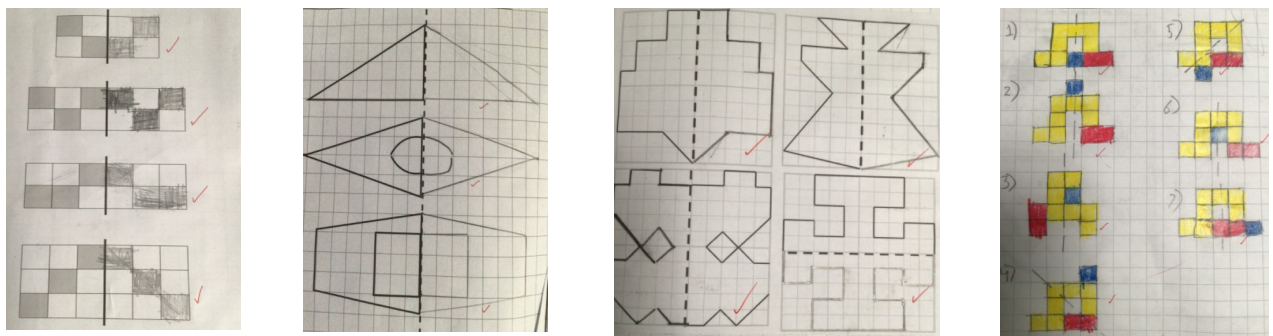
This month, we have been focusing on our DT unit of making bread. We have tasted lots of different bread and evaluated it. We then used these flavours to think of our own, new flavour of bread. Last week, we created a design brief to follow and made a plan for our bread flavours and shape. Some of us chose cottage loaves, some chose plaits and some even chose to make hedgehog shaped bread! We followed the instructions carefully for our dough and then added our ingredients. They ranged from honey and raisins to garlic. Once they were cooked, we got to taste and evaluate our creations.

This week, we are using our evaluations to remake our bread with some changes. Some children are changing their flavours while others are trying a different shaped loaf.



Angelfish

This month in Maths we have been learning about symmetry. We have been identifying lines of symmetry in shapes and also drawing the reflection of a shape or pattern in a mirror line. We learnt that we had to be very precise to make sure that it was exactly symmetrical. We found that using a mirror helped us to check out learning as we completed it too.



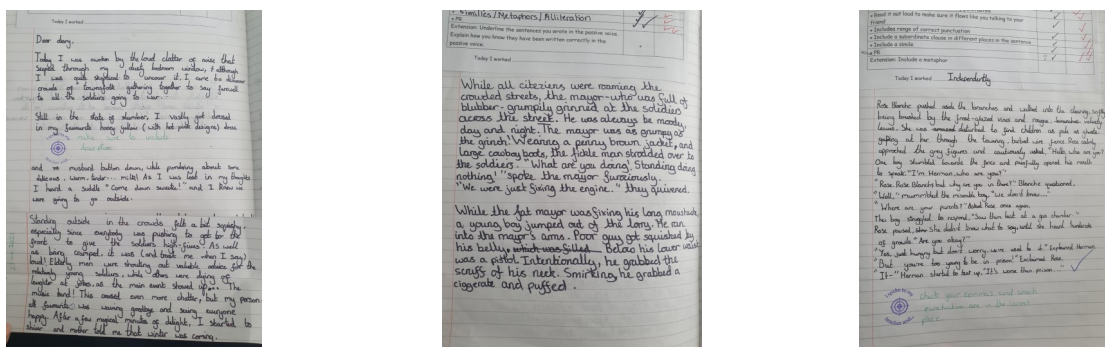
Sea Turtles

This month we have continued to learn about France. We have been studying Paris, learning all about the Eiffel tower. In art we created our own pictures of the Eiffel tower. We are also very excited to host our own French Café on Thursday for all of the teachers!



Dolphins

This month, we completed our work around our 'Rose Blanche' text. The children have produced some fantastic writing around this text! They have been working hard to include all of the year 6 features of writing and have been independently editing their work to improve it. Look at the website for more of our fantastic writing.



National Smile Month and Spreading Kindness

National Smile Month

National smile month starts on May 17th, and ends on the 17th June . National smile month is the best non profitable dental event, they have 3565 events and activities making a real difference education across local communities, they have 7190 people give advice about their oral health from our dental health line, this is amazing how many people they've helped!

Also, they have supplied 5162 organisations with resources to improve oral health, this is all because of them. Every body deserves great oral health!



Written by Jayden, Abu Bakr and Alisha.

Spreading Kindness

Here at Maybury, we love to help spread kindness. Here different ways that our pupils and teachers spread kindness:

- We like to have a positive mind-set
- We should show appreciation towards others
- We should encourage other pupils to continue trying
- We are kind to visitors and treat them with respects

Here are ways you can spread kindness in your community and your homes:

- Help your parents and family
- Do a random act of appreciation
- Help the needy
- Smile to your neighbours

Written by Zahra, Beenash and Ameerah.



Useful Dates

SUMMER TERM 2021		
May		
Friday	21	Mufti day – Donate £1 for School Fund and chocolate (optional) for the tombola
Friday	21	Sport Cool Taster Day
Friday	21	School closes for half term at the usual times
Monday – Friday (2 weeks)		HALF TERM 24th May to 4th June 2021
June		
Monday	7	Children return to school
Monday / Tuesday	7 / 8	Zoolab
Monday – Friday	7 – 11	Science week
Friday	11	Fundraising event - Pyjama day—more details to follow
Monday—Friday	14—18	Fundraising event—Chocolate tombola after school in the playground
Friday	18	Book dress up day and Author visit
Monday	21	Mobile Farm Visit for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday	23	Happy Bags
Thursday	24	Archery Workshop
Friday	25	Fundraising event—Ice lolly sale after school in the school playground
Wednesday	30	Class changeover day – meet your new teacher
Wednesday	30	Reception Induction
Wednesday	30	Nursery Induction
July		
Friday	2	Fundraising event—Break the rules mufti day—more details to follow
Monday—Friday	5—9	Olympics week
Tuesday	6	Zumba Day
Tuesday	6	Fundraising event—Tuck shop after school in the school playground
Thursday	8	Years 5 and 6 Careers Fayre
Friday	9	Jellyfish Seaside workshop
Friday	9	Fundraising event—Cake sale after school in the school playground
Friday	9	Reports to parents
Monday – Friday	12-16	Art week
Friday	16	Fundraising event—Fruit and marshmallow skewers sale after school in the school playground
Monday	19	End of term, school finishes at 1:30pm
Tuesday	21	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday	22	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Summer Holidays—Thursday 23rd July to Tuesday 31st August 2021		
September		
Wednesday	1	INSET Day—school closed for staff training
Thursday	2	Autumn Term begins, children return to school

Academic Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

1st September 2020 to 18th December 2020

Half Term 26th October 2020—30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

4th January 2021 to 1st April 2021

Half Term 15th February 2021—19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

19th April 2021 to 19th July 2021

Half Term 24th May 2021—4th June 2021

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Academic Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

1st September 2021 to 17th December 2021

Half Term 25th October 2021—29th October 2021

Spring Term 2022

4th January 2022 to 1st April 2022

Half Term 14th February 2022—18th February 2022

Summer Term 2022

19th April 2022 to 22nd July 2022

Half Term 23rd May 2022—3rd June 2022

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 23rd July 2022

Our Values – Summer Term



April: Responsibility

June: Honesty

May: Perseverance

July: Courage

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

Perseverance

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

- Talk about the importance of never giving up
- Regularly encourage children to try new things
- Share some instances when you've needed perseverance and grit to accomplish a difficult task

Honesty:

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

- To ensure children play fairly, no cheating in games!
- To praise and value your child when they tell the truth.
- To read stories such as "The boy who cried wolf".

Courage:

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

- Talk about standing up for what is right and being brave.
- Talking about when you have been scared
- Encouraging children to have a go at new things: swimming, sports activities etc.
- Read 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson

