



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER TERM 4



Message from our Headteacher



Dear all our families and friends,

This term has been another fun-filled one with lots of opportunities for learning together and involving families in our school life. We had book week with bedtime stories, family reading time, visiting the pre-school and the travelling book fair. Towards the end of term we had open classrooms and parents evening with most parents coming into school to celebrate how well their children were doing.

Years 3 and 4 put on a spectacular Easter production with beautiful singing and some really poignant moments (as well as some pretty scary chanting!). Year 5 taught the school about Sir Walter Raleigh (with more scary chanting - our children can certainly stir up a crowd!) and Bramble Class invited their grandparents in for a morning of Easter Craft.

We have also been making the most of the fabulous grounds and surroundings that our school is in. There have been trips to the mill pond, village wildlife walks, visits to the river in the rain or shine!

Amongst all the excitement and the visits there have been high levels of learning across the school - have a look at the pages below to see what all the year groups have been up to!

Wishing you and your families peaceful Easter with lots of time to spend with those you love.

Best wishes,

Debbie Johnson
Miss Debbie Johnson
(Headteacher)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

When the children return to school they can wear summer uniform if they wish.

Summer uniform consists of grey shorts and white polo shirt or a navy blue checked summer dress (or loose fitting playsuit). Children should still wear black enclosed school shoes - not trainers, boots or sandals. Jewellery should not be worn at all apart from small stud earrings which must be removed for PE.

Our uniform rules are few - please help help your child stick to them!



Learning, growing, achieving... our journey together with God.

This term's value:

This term's value for our collective worship was **FORGIVENESS**. We learned what true forgiveness means and how we can show that we are truly sorry by changing our behaviour in the future and turning over a new leaf.

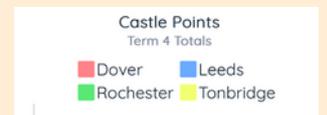
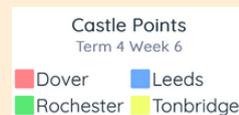
We looked at examples in The Bible, such as the story of Zacchaeus and the parable of The Prodigal Son and linked the theme with the Easter Story.

'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others'

Colossians 3.13

CASTLE POINTS

Rochester Castle have done it again! It did look like Tonbridge might steal it from them earlier in the term, but Rochester won the term with 422 points. Well done! They have won an own clothes day (green) on Friday 19th April.



Dates for your diaries

24th April	Year R Vision and Hearing Screening
25th April	New year R entrants stay and play
4th May	FOWPS Curry & Quiz Night
6th May	Bank Holiday
18th May	Art Festival at the church
23rd May	Last day of school
24th May	INSET Day (no children in school)
3rd June	Back to school



Term Dates:

Term 5 15.4.24 - 24.5.23
Term 6 3.6.24 - 23.7.24



Road Safety

On the last day of term, each class had a presentation from a road safety officer and learned how to cross the road safely. The children in Y1 and R learned to stop, look, listen, think and hold hands. The older children were taught about rules of the road and assessing risk.



I am asking all of you who drive to school to do your part to help keep our children safe by parking legally and safely. There has been some terrible parking recently with people parking on the zigzags, corners of junctions and where our children need to walk. Please help keep our children safe by thinking about where you park.



Nurture Camp

Hi Everyone.

It has been another wonderful term here in Nurture Camp. Lots of chats and laughter!!

We are so fortunate to have Nurture Camp here at Wateringbury primary school, and we are celebrating our 2nd Anniversary this Easter, (times flies when you are having fun !!!).

Our main focus, is for all children to feel safe and have a voice and we work hard each day to ensure this happens. Parents are always welcome to pop in and discuss any concerns they may have also.

We look forward to continue to work with you and your wonderful children after Easter.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a happy and peaceful break.

Mrs Henry and Mrs Bryant.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been extremely busy this term, and have been really happy with our spring bulb collection which has brightened up the school. Our herb garden is already thriving and we are adding Chile, peppers, garlic, marjoram, basil and coriander next term. We have enjoyed thriving and growing together.

SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Year 5&6 Netball



Match Report - Watringbury vs Yalding

We took part in a match on Monday 18th March away to Yalding Primary. Our team consisted of Hannah, Heidi, Lottie, Jahnavi, Sofia and Maryam. Unfortunately, we lost the coin toss so Yalding started the match. The game started off slowly, and it took us a while to find our range but we managed to score a goal, making it 1-0 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, we started to warm up and got into the game with brilliant passes and amazing defending. The communication was flowing which led us to another 6 goals scored. The great support from the crowd helped a lot!

Into the third quarter, Yalding gained more confidence and the score remained the same. Because they gained more strength, Yalding were able to advance up their attacking third, meaning the Watringbury defenders had some hard work to do, as well as the rest of the team. The end result at the end of the third quarter was still 7-0. In the final quarter, Yalding started with the ball, but after some quick interceptions Watringbury won back the ball. In the shooting semi-circle, some members of the team gained some extra confidence and we scored an additional 3 long range shots. In the final minutes, Yalding scored a goal to make the final result 10-1. Overall it was a successful match away to Yalding.

Football . 3-1 to Langley Park Primary Academy.



Bramble Class

Term 4 has been a very busy term and the children have been making lots of progress in all areas of their learning. Our theme this term has been 'We Can Be Heroes' and we have been thinking fictional superheroes as well as every day heroes.

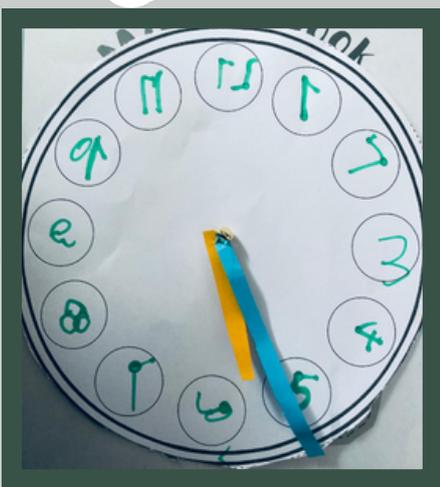


We have been learning about our local area. We went on a walk to the river and learnt how to cross the road and the railway safely. We were very lucky and found lots of very muddy puddles to splash in!

Bramble Class experienced their first World Book week at Watlington. They really enjoyed dressing up and produced some fantastic pieces of art work based on our school book 'Flooded'.



This term in maths, we had a big focus on telling the time. The children made their own clocks and had to remember the order that the numbers go in around the clock face. We can now tell the time to o'clock.



As part of our Understanding the World learning, we learnt about St Patrick's day and how it is celebrated. The children made and tasted their own soda bread following a simple recipe.



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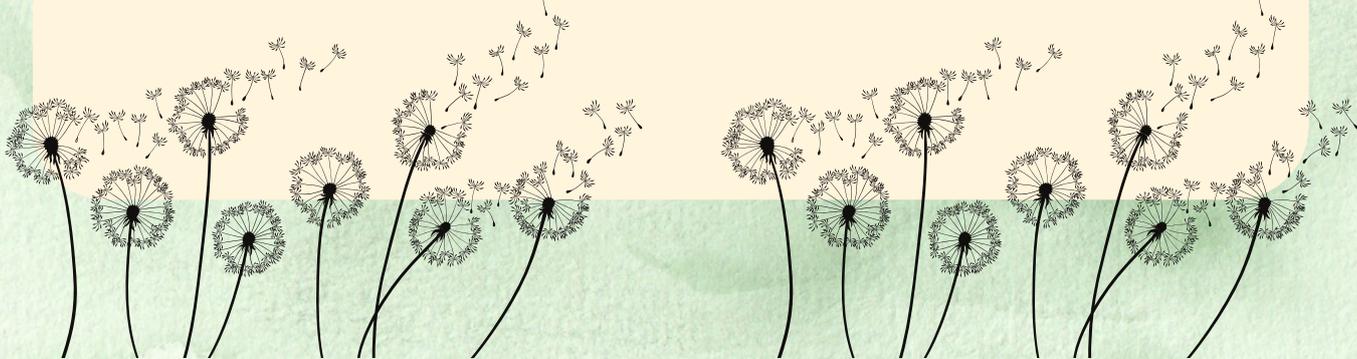
Dandelion

This term Dandelion have been making lots of beautiful work for our 'We are Heroes' topic. They have learnt about significant people throughout history and how they have changed our world for the better. Dandelion were very interested in Greta Thunberg! We have also covered animals and the environment in science, and this has sparked lots of beautiful artwork all about preserving our natural world!



Oliver

Leonard



HONEYSUCKLE CLASS

We Can Be Heroes!

ENGLISH

In English, we have been looking at the book 'The Barnabus Project'. It is a lovely story with its main theme being 'be yourself'. We have written some gorgeous character descriptions and narratives, full of exciting vocabulary.



MATHS

In maths, the focus has been on multiplication and measure. It has been really fun to measure different things! We've also been developing our reasoning skills, which are fantastic!

TOPIC

We've been looking at lots of significant people. These are people who have changed the world for the better. These included Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst. The children then had to pick which one they thought was most significant.



AND THE REST...

We've had so much fun this term learning all about 'The Carnival of the Animals' in **music**. We've listened, interpreted and danced our hearts away to the music! In **science**, we finished our 'Animals and their Habitats' unit by learning all about food chains and the importance of looking after animals so that nature can function the way that it should. In design and technology, we have made our own healthy wraps. We have had to learn all about 'The Eatwell Plate' and have tried and selected ingredients to meet a design brief. This has heavy links with **PSHE**, where we have learnt about what it means to be healthy. In **computing**, we have been learning about inputting data and creating pictograms. In **RE**, we have been learning about the Easter story. In **PE**, we have been doing fundamental skills and gymnastics. We've also had some time to go outside, play and enjoy the outdoors!



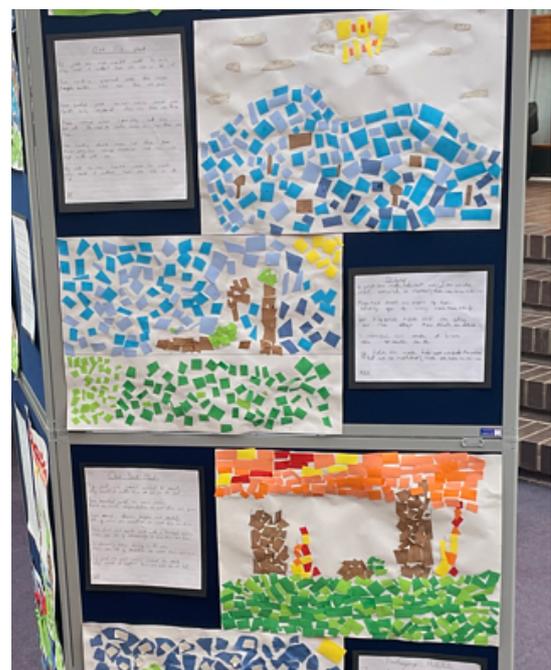
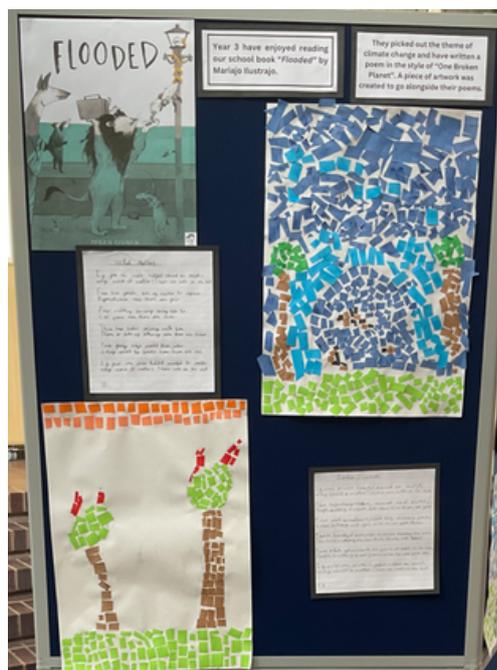
Foxglove Class

This term has been a brilliant term full of learning for Year 3. Our science topic is forces and magnets, and the children have enjoyed exploring magnetism and how it works. They have conducted experiments relating to magnet poles, which materials are attracted to magnets and the effect of friction on objects.

The whole school studied the book "Flooded" by Marijo Ilustrajo and the children enjoyed discussing the deeper meaning behind the story. The theme of climate change was picked out by one child, saying that "There may have been in the story, because people aren't looking after the planet." From here we looked at poems about climate change and created a paper mosaic to go alongside.

The children have also been learning about the UK and its features. They have looked at the difference between villages, towns and cities; identified countries, regions and counties on a map and looked at physical & human features of the UK.

The children have worked hard, learning about fractions and how they are formed. They have since moved on to learning about weight and capacity, and have learned through practical examples.



CLOVER CLASS



In English, we have been reading **The Barnabus Project** by The Fan Brothers which is a story about hybrid creatures being created in a secret laboratory and their escape. We started the topic by making clay creatures that were a mixture of different animals. This was the character we were going to use in our writing throughout this topic. The children have produced a Wanted Poster for their missing creature and a news report about the events that unfolded at Perfect Pets. The children have been focusing on including expanded noun phrases, powerful adjectives, a variety of conjunctions and using speech that is punctuated correctly - with a catchy song to help us remember!

Year 4 have been busy preparing for their **Easter Production** this term. The staff around the school have been constantly commenting on the beautiful singing coming from Clover Class. Now, we are in the hall rehearsing and building our stage presence by following scripted stage directions and cues.



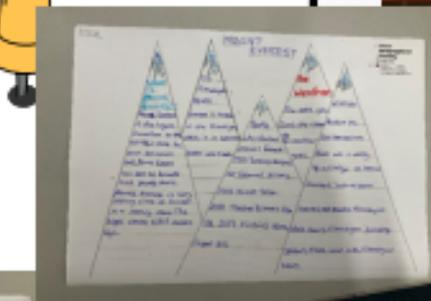
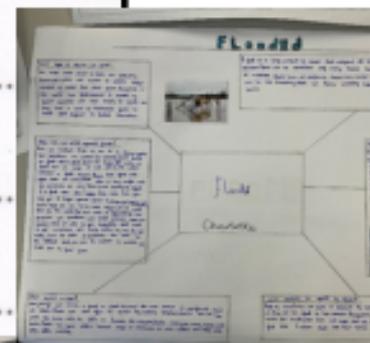
It has been fantastic to see the confidence grow in every individual, both within their scenes and their singing throughout. Every one is eagerly awaiting the performance date and they can't wait to show you what they have been getting up to.

The topic for this term in Science was **Habitats**. We have been focusing on classifying organisms and researching the different characteristics to be able to group them using different classification tools. We have also explored the local area on a nature walk to see what wildlife we have in Wateringbury.

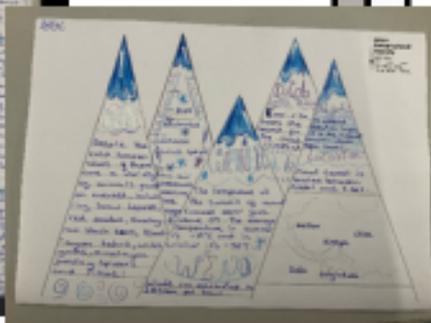
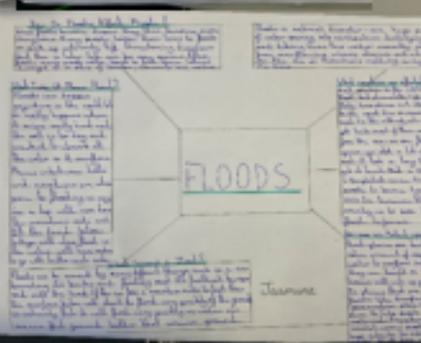
PRIMROSE CLASS



Year 6 loved book week and spent the whole week focusing on their written work. We read the book *Flooded* and discussed the content of the book, what effect the flood had on the animals and what they did to work together to solve the problem. We then discussed what a flood was, the effects it had in our country and abroad. We also considered how people can help each other to prevent floods.



As part of our geography topic on mountains, we researched information about Mount Everest. We read about Sir Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay who were the first people to reach the summit.



This term, Year 6 visited the pre-school and read stories to the children there.

