

Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear families,

Weekly news from across the school provided by Year group leaders:

In English this week Year 3 have been practicing more of the features needed to write a persuasive letter and in Maths we have looked at using rulers to measure length as well as working out the perimeters of different shapes. To link in with our history unit on Ancient Egypt, we have made papyrus in Art which we will be decorating next week. In History, we have learnt about how pyramids were made and why. We were especially surprised to find out how long they took to build and how difficult it must have been. On Monday it is the Music Festival which some of the children will be singing at so we have all been practising hard. The songs sound lovely.

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have completed their Spring tests and the children have shown great resilience and determination to show off what they are capable of. In Science, the children have been continuing to learn about sound and this week loved using string telephones to observe that sound vibrations travel through a variety of materials. During assemblies, Year 4 have been practising hard for the upcoming Sing Up performance which is happening on Monday.

Year 5 has had yet another excellent week. We are enjoying learning all about the Mayan civilisation in History. In DT continuing our topic by exploring where food comes from and what different salsas taste like. The children are excited to be planning and making their own salsa recipes. In Science we have been exploring parts of plants and are beginning to look at how plants reproduce in different ways. The children have all planted sunflower seeds and will monitor their growth over the next couple of weeks.

This week, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. In Maths and English, we have been going through our mock SATs papers. Rather than just checking answers, we used them as a learning opportunity to spot small mistakes, improve our understanding and practise the strategies that will help us in the real tests. It has been great to see pupils showing resilience and determination while challenging themselves. In History, we have been learning about the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush and its historic journey to Britain in 1948. We explored why people travelled from the Caribbean and discussed the importance of the HMT Empire Windrush Arrival in shaping modern Britain. The class had thoughtful discussions about migration, community and the contributions made by the Windrush generation. In Science, the classroom turned into a workshop as we became electricians! We investigated electrical circuits, carefully examining them to find faults. Once we had identified the problems, we worked out how to fix them so the circuits could work properly again. It was fantastic to see everyone applying their problem-solving skills. During DT, we combined creativity with learning by designing comic strips that explained the stages in the production of bread. Pupils illustrated the journey from wheat growing in the field, to milling flour, mixing ingredients and finally baking the bread. The comic format helped everyone present the process clearly and creatively. In English, pupils showed their research and writing skills by creating their own non-chronological reports about an animal of their choice. We focused on using interesting facts, detail and precise vocabulary to inform the reader. The finished reports were full of fascinating information about animals from around the world.

Have a wonderful weekend all!

Miss Hunter

