

Welcome Note

It has been a busy half term with lots of different activities and topics that the children have engaged in; from Year 2 topic on dinosaurs to Year 6 topic on Rivers. This week we shared information about Internet Safety Week and also Children's Mental Health Week – following the theme Growing Together. It has been very challenging managing Covid this half term, and keeping the school open due to staff absences has been our priority. Thank you for the support and understanding. Although it seems national restrictions may be removed by the end of the month, we will continue to keep some of our current restrictions in place; such as no whole school assembly and lunches in classrooms (Y2 upwards). I will update you after half term.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and manages to relax and share some quality family time.



Staffing update

Mrs Light, our School Business Manager and Mrs Nicholson, Admin Assistant will be leaving us at Easter. Mrs Light has been with us for the last 4 years and Mrs Nicholson has had an association with the school for over 30 years; initially as a parent, then volunteering in Reception, to becoming a TA in Y6 to more recently working in the office. I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work in supporting the school and our families.

Mrs Light's post is currently advertised and we will look to advertise for Mrs Nicholson's post after Easter.



Year 2

Why did the dinosaurs become extinct? In Year 2, we have been exploring our BIG question whilst learning about the life of Mary Anning and her amazing discoveries! As writers, we have been researching and finding out about our favourite dinosaurs in readiness for next week's fact file writing. Our creative bones have seen us transform our classrooms into pre-historic forests using a variety of printing techniques to make a class foliage and sculpting techniques to make

Year 4

Over the half term, year 4 have been creating a collage of a Viking longship. Each week we built up part of the project using a different method. We built on our skills of mixing and blending colours from the previous term, as well as painting by spraying bubble wrap and blending water colours. We used tissue paper to decorate the long ships. I think you will agree that they are very colourful! The waves were created by ripping the paper and layering to give the impression of depth and movement.



Year 1

Year 1 have created some beautiful sunflower art for their topic this term 'What Lives in Our Garden'.



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Reminders

School starts at 8:50. Registers are taken immediately. A child who arrives after the register is marked as late with the reason given and the number of minutes late. Please note the school gates close at 8:50. A child arriving after registration is disruptive for the class and embarrassing for the child. If your child arrives late they should enter through the main entrance and report to the school office.

Half Term	Monday 14th—Friday 18th February
World Book Day Dress Up	Friday 4th March
Parents Evening (apart from Year 6)	Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th March
Year 6 Residential Trip	Sunday 13th March -Saturday 19th March
End of Term	Friday 1st April
INSET DAY	Tuesday 19th April
Start of Summer Term	Wednesday 20th April

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

- Parent Anxiety Workshop Flyer
- Vegan Sausage Roll Flyer