

Year 2 Update – 19.4.24

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your families. The children have had a great first week back at school and have all been working very hard.

Forest School

Both classes had an amazing start to the term this week by taking part in their first forest school session. This is some of what they did:

“We introduced the children to our welcome routine which includes our chant, counting all of the people in the session and calling out our group number to the different trees around us. This helps the children to find their voice and learn to recognise some of the trees they interact with. Today we waved at the Hawthorn and the Sycamore Trees. Next we played our name game, where each child took a turn to share their name with an action, which was then repeated back by the rest of the class. We introduced our rules: No pick, no lick. Be careful how you carry a stick and our first activity was a game of Hunter, Fox, Mouse. Next the children were shown eight natural items from around the site and were tasked with finding the same items. We also gathered together to hear Emma tell the story of The Dirty Earth, a story of a foolish King who wanted to clean the Earth so that he didn't get dirty feet and to finish off the session the children had a chance to follow their own interests.”

Next week the children will have Forest School on **Monday 22nd April** and **Thursday 25th April**.

RE

This week in RE we have been learning about Islam. We thought about the importance of prayer in a Muslim's life, how often they pray and the signs of respect they show when they pray. We also compared the life of a Muslim and a Christian, looking at similarities and differences with our own lives and the life of a Muslim child.

Next week, we will be starting our new RE topic for this term – Spread the Word. We will start this topic by learning about how we pass on messages and the best way to do this.

Vocabulary: prayer, Allah, wudu, Halal

English

We have continued our work on the Dream Giver this week. The children have watched the video and written a narrative about the boy's nightmare focusing on using adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions. They have worked hard on their sentence construction and begun using their green pens to edit their work.

Next week, we will be focusing on the children's grammar knowledge.

Vocabulary: luminous, glowing, rapidly, conjunction, adverbs, adjectives, conjunctions.

Maths

This week in maths the children have been introduced to the column method for adding. We thought about the rules we need to follow – set it out properly, add the ones first and the tens second. We looked at adding without exchanging and also adding when exchanging ones for a ten.

Next week: the children will continue their work on the column method – this week we will be focusing on subtraction and using the column method to solve word problems.

Vocabulary: ones, tens, column method, addition, subtraction,

PE

In gymnastics this week we have focused on balancing. The children were reminded of point and patch balances and worked in partners to try a variety of these including, shoulder stands and handstands. The children showed great resilience and teamwork when trying new balances.

Art

Our new Art topic this term is called 'Exploring the World Through Mono Print'. Over the next few weeks the children will be introduced to the work of Xgaoc'are and Leonardo Di Vinci and will be building on their exploration of drawing from our Autumn Term topic.

Extra information:

- PE days this term are **Wednesday and Friday for Lisbon** and **Monday and Wednesday for Padua**.
- Forest School dates for this half term are: **Monday 23rd April, Thursday 25th April, Thursday 2nd May, Monday 13th May, and Monday 20th May.**
- **Thursday 9th May** is Ascension day – parents welcome at 9.15 for our celebration. Please can children bring in a single flower for this event, see the April newsletter for more details.
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:
[1-minute maths app](#) | [White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](http://whiteroseeducation.com)
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://topmarks.co.uk)
[ictgames](#) | [html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



CONNECT

Visit our school chapel with your class and teachers some time this week. Say a prayer, listen the music being played and sit quietly thinking about yourself and others.

Weekly Misson

The Good Shepherd
Mission

We heard Jesus say that his sheep listen to his voice. Your Mission is to spend at least ten minutes in silence. Be still and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Do not worry if all seems quiet, you can know in your heart that the Good Shepherd is close to you and loving you.