

Year 2 Update – 24.5.24

The children have had a great week at school this week and have all been working very hard. Please can you check if you have any **school library books** at home, if you do please can these be returned.

Forest School

Both classes had a brilliant time at Forest School this week. This is some of what they did:

“We had a lovely day in the sunshine for our last Forest School session of the half term, celebrating World Bee Day. We started our sessions with our welcome routine, followed by an invitation to the children to think about the names of some bees that we know. They could name the Bumblebee and the Honey Bee and thought that all bees are yellow and black striped. Emma introduced us to some other types of bees including mining bees that make holes in the ground and leafcutter bees. We saw that they had lots of different colors and patterns on their bodies, not just black and yellow. The children then all went on a hunt for pictures of the different bees. When they were found, the children had to look closely at the features of the bee pictures and match them to the bigger bee pictures. This activity involved focussed observation and comparing and contrasting skills. After this, we talked about what bees do. Some children thought that their job was to make honey for us, but through discussion we learnt that bees are needed to pollinate a huge amount of our food. Without bees, much of the food we eat would not be able to grow anymore. Next we gathered together to hear Emma share the book Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees. We learnt that to look after the bees we need to make sure there are enough flowers and trees for their food and places to live. For the rest of the session, some children used pine cones and alder cones, felting wool and sycamore seeds to make fluffy bees. We also used the tree shake method to find out what creatures were living in the trees. The children were keen to use the guides and books to identify what they found. There were several types of Harlequin Ladybird, a Click Beetle, different types of Shield Bug and some amazing spiders. It was wonderful to see them getting so excited and wanting to share what they had found. To conclude our session, we gathered back at the log circle and everybody got a chance to share how they planned to help bees. We also sang a new song called The Ant, The Bug and The Bee.” (Emma and Lenka, Forest School Teachers)

RE

This week we have started our new RE topic all about ‘Rules’. The children have discussed why we need rules and why they are important to keep us safe. We have spoken about rules we could have a class and why we have them. The children have looked at how we are all God’s people and should behave as such.

After half term, we will be looking at right and wrong.

Vocabulary: Rules, right, wrong, forgiveness

English

This week we have completed the optional end of Key Stage One assessments in Reading, Grammar and Spelling. We are very proud of how hard all the children worked and they should feel proud of themselves!

After half term, we will be focussing on Roald Dahl ahead of our trip.

Vocabulary: past, present, tense, contraction, verb, noun, adjective, adverb

Maths

This week the children have been using all their Year 2 learning so far to solve reasoning word problems. They have worked really hard and we are very proud of them!

Next week: after half term we will move on to learning about time – half past, o clock, quarter to, quarter past and then moving on the nearest 5 minute intervals.

Vocabulary: o clock, half past, quarter too, quarter past, 5 minute interval

RHE

Over the next few weeks, the children will be completing a series of RHE lessons (Relationship and Health Education for Catholic Schools). During these lessons the children will be covering a range of topics, including keeping their bodies clean and healthy, their likes and dislikes, feelings that they have and how to manage these feelings and thinking about the cycle of life.

Science

This week in science the children have researched a particular minibeast. They used the information they gathered to create a fact file including the size of the minibeast, their habitat, and any interesting facts about the minibeast.

Extra information:

- PE days this term are **Wednesday and Friday for Lisbon** and **Monday and Wednesday for Padua**. Please ensure as the weather is getting warmer children have a pair of red shorts in their PE kits.
- Term resumes on **Monday 3rd June**.
- **Friday 8th June** – children to dress up as an animal for a charity day £1 to be paid on the gateway.
- **10th June – 14th June** is our 50th anniversary week, please see the May newsletter for all information regarding this. **Monday 10th June** children need to bring in a plain white tshirt to decorate. **Thursday 13th June** is our anniversary picnic, parents are welcome to join us on the school field at **2pm**.
- **Friday 14th June at 9.15** is year 2's Father's Day Assembly, parents are welcome. (Weather dependent)
- **Wednesday 26th June** is **Padua's** sports morning from 10-12, parents welcome.
- **Thursday 27th June** Year 2 visit Roald Dahl museum. Please ensure children have a packed lunch for this day.
- **Friday 28th June** is **Lisbon's** sports morning from 10-12, parents welcome. (Weather dependent)
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:
[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)
[ictgames || html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



GET ACTIVE / CONNECT/ TAKE NOTICE

With it being Sports Day season and the end of term, get active in school and at home. Perhaps join a local sports team. Perhaps go with a family member for a jog; you could take part in a local Parkrun. All you have to do is turn up with an adult and run! Most parkruns are on Saturday morning at 9.00am but Junior Runs are normally on Sunday mornings. You don't have to run. You could walk if you wish. The idea is to be outdoors, be with other people and get active.

Please click on the link for further details.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>

World Children's Day

Mission

Pope Francis invites you to take part in World Children's Day. You can plan a celebration in your class, write a prayer for children who are facing hard situations and research more about what the Pope has said in preparation for the very first World Children's Day.

