

Year 4 Update

Friday 17th April 2026

REMINDER: Please make sure that your children are practising their times tables at home.

RE

- This week we made 'Alleluia' Easter displays for our RE areas in class. We considered the prayers that Jesus made in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26: 26-46).

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will begin our new topic 'To the Ends of the Earth'.

English

- This week we continued our book, 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister and illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith. We looked at how speech is used within the story to move the action on and we role played different characters. We began to generate some ideas for our own stories.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, children will be writing and editing their own stories based on this genre.

Maths:

- This week, we have been learning to calculate totals using short multiplication and short division. The links below explain how the children have been calculating their answers.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjh88hv#zf844xs

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Pre-Teaching:

- Next week we will continue to consolidate our understanding of multiplication and division and solve some open investigations and word problems involving those methods.

Science

- This week we started our new topic, 'Sound and Vibrations'. Children explored different vibrations and discussed what was happening.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will explore different musical instruments which use vibration and will make their own string telephones.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science

Tomb Apostles Faith Grace Mercy Repentance	Entertain Adverbs Inverted commas Dialogue Noun phrase Character Setting	Multiply Multiplicand Multiplier Product Divide Dividend Divisor Quotient	vibrations sound observe
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Forest School

It was great to welcome Year 4 back and they were very excited to be attending Forest School again!

After our welcome routines, we discussed setting our intentions for the term and our motto. We had a brief chat about what a motto is and looked at the different elements of our motto: knowing me, connecting with my community, and caring for our earth. In small groups, the children generated ideas about these terms and what they thought they meant and would look like at Forest School. Ideas included learning more about what you are good at and new talents you may have, having conversations with others, and making homes for animals.

Then we had an interesting chat about play. The children worked in pairs to discuss what play is and how you might play. Carrie shared that play is critical for humans because it establishes new connections in our brains, so the more children are in a play state, the more new brain circuits form and build their skills. The topic of consent within play was discussed, too. We shared some terms the children could use within their play to help with this. After this, the children tried to guess what the most played with and oldest toy in the world is - a stick! We played a team game called 'Tap Stick' and the children had to really focus and work in sync together. After this, the children worked in small groups with sticks to create some original games of their own.

For the rest of the session, some children enjoyed letting their creativity flow with clay and various craft materials. Other children learnt how to whittle with a sheath knife. They listened carefully to the tool safety rules and were very focused as they whittled a piece of hazel. Some children were keen to help with the site and started digging a trench as we plan to extend the stag beetle loggery this year. Other children were engaged with den building and some learnt how to use tripod lashing to create their base. A discovery of a small empty bird shell created a lot of curiosity. We deduced it was probably a starling's egg.

To finish, the children reflected on what they had enjoyed today and what they would like to get out of their Forest School experience this term.

Homework:

Rosary	The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery Due: Tuesday 21st April
Maths	Due: Tuesday 21st April

Reminders

- Please make sure they have their PE kits and trainers in school to enable them to participate fully in PE lessons.
- School will be closed on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine, Emma & Rachel