

Friday 10 January 2020

Year 1

Our topic this term is Toys. On Wednesday, the children brought in a toy from home to share. They described the toy, talking about the materials. They also explained how to play with their toy. We had many toys that children had from when they were babies. We had some Moshi monsters, Pokemon toys and even a Star Wars' Lightsabre. Children enjoyed having a look at all the toys that were brought in.

Year 2

In Science, the Year 2's began looking at the different properties of materials. They discussed how we could shape certain materials and began to brainstorm the key vocabulary such as stretch, fold, pinch, squeeze and roll.



Year 4

In maths this week, Year 4 have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of shapes. Students have been exploring how to draw shapes to make the smallest possible perimeter and how to increase the perimeter of a shape.

Year 5

On Tuesday morning, year five arrived at school to discover the evidence of a vicious crime in the top floor hall. Students had to work in pairs to investigate what the crime was, who was involved and who the possible suspects were.



Year 6



This term Year 6 are reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in their English

lessons. They will be writing a newspaper report based on an event from the story.

To familiarise themselves with the world of Harry Potter, Year 6 played a game of modified muggle Quidditch in their PE lesson. No sign of flying broomsticks but lots of fun taking on the roles of seekers and chasers!

Author Visit



The author E.R. Reilly visited our school and talked to the children about his work and gave them 'top-tips' for writing stories of their own. E.R. Reilly has books suitable for all primary age children. You

can visit the website at: www.er-reilly.co.uk where you can read extracts from the books and see videos of Eamonn teaching children to write stories. Check out what Eamonn is up to on Facebook E.R Reilly or Twitter @ERReillybooks.

E.R Reilly read short extracts from his stories to children in KS1. He also told the children that he had a very unusual way to drink his water. The children found his actions very amusing! If parents and carers want to know how he did this, please ask your child to show you! After his talk, the children had the opportunity to ask him questions about his books. He was most impressed with the standard of questions and with the amount of knowledge the children had about him. Afterwards, children purchased his books and had them signed. Copies of his books will be included in class libraries.



Online Safety

YouTube Kids

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/youtube-kids/>

An organisation called **National Online Safety** have put together a useful guide for parents about YouTube Kids. It is an app created by YouTube to help parents give children a more restricted and safe environment to explore their interests.



Just download and set up the app, providing details such as your child's age and the types of videos to include.

Please note it is a YouTube algorithm that is doing the selecting for your child and not a human. So it is still possible for inappropriate videos to slip through. If this does happen, the video can be reported and blocked. Because of this, it would help to spend some time watching together. It may support conversations about what they have watched,

to enable children to become more active rather than passive consumers.

Within the app you will also be able to see what videos your child has watched.

Inclusion

Parent Support



Dates for your diary		
8:45 am	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Start of Spring Term
9:30 am	Thursday 9 th January	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents' Open Morning
All Day	Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
All Week	Monday 17 th - 21 st February	Half Term
All Day	Monday 9 th - 13 th March	Sports Relief Week
7:00 pm	Friday 13 th March	DSA - Comedy Night It is going to be brilliant! Professional Comedians. Watch this space!
3:40pm -5:00pm	Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening
3:40pm -7:05pm	Thursday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
9:15 am	Monday 23 rd March	Year 6 Open Classrooms Year 6 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Tuesday 24 th March	Year 4 Open Classrooms Year 4 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Wednesday 25 th March	Year 1 Open Classrooms Year 1 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Thursday 26 th March	Year 5 Open Classrooms Year 5 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:30 am	Friday 27 th March	Whole School Assembly at St Mary's Church. This is not a parent event. Parent volunteers are welcome. Please leave your name at the office so that Mrs Nicholas can

		assign you to a class to support the children walking to and from the church.
9:15 am	Thursday 2 nd April	Year 3 Open Classrooms Year 3 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Friday 3 rd April	Year 2 Open Classrooms Year 2 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.

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