

Summer Term Update

We have been so impressed with how confident and engaged the children have been with their learning since they returned.

We have had a busy two weeks with children completing their Happy Place work and preparing for our Spring poetry party.

We are becoming very knowledgeable about cuckoos and other migrating birds and next week Key Stage 2 will be taking part in our first big debate in over a year. You might like to join in at home.

Cuckoos - Amazing animals or selfish birds?



Cuckoo Festival Poetry Party

We are sadly still not able to invite parents and carers into school due to covid restrictions and continuing to need to keep people safe. We have been looking at ways that you can continue to stay involved with your child's learning and being involved with what's going on in school.

If you did not get a chance to watch the livestream poetry party yesterday afternoon, we will be putting the party on the school website. It was a great event and lovely to link up with other schools in this way, especially from 4,000 miles away!

We hope you enjoy looking at the photos on the newsletter and Frog pages. The children looked amazing in their attire, bird costumes and colours.

We have also planned for each class (not Year 6) to video a class assembly for you to enjoy at home. In the final week of the half term, we will be holding a dance festival over the course of the week. This will be a celebration of traditional Spring dances and folk songs. We have purchased a maypole and Year 2 have already started to learn how to Morris dance. We aim for parents to be invited to this in class groups.



Getting Outdoors

Each class has a daily FIT4LIFE session and an additional outdoor session. We are increasingly using our Forest School and the minibus is in full time use. We are enjoying getting out and about and learning about our natural environment.

Time Keeping

Thank you for your continued support with the organisation for the beginning and end of the day. However, we are beginning to have a few children who are being collected late (particularly on a Friday).

Love of Reading

It has been lovely to see the children continue with their love of reading since coming back from the Easter break and we have loved having conversations with children about the books they are reading and enjoying. All children need to remember to bring their reading book in their school book bag everyday so that they can read to an adult, complete quizzes and change their book.

Yesterday, we had the amazing opportunity of getting to virtually meet the incredible author, Tom Palmer, who has written books including 'Foul Play' and 'After the War'. During this session, Tom gave his background of writing and his inspiration for becoming an author. As well as this, the children were able to ask him questions about the writing process and where he gets his inspiration from for writing his books. His books have now got a waiting list in school because so many children want to read them.



Our Year 6 poets practising at Butterley Reservoir, Marsden.



Our Words Have No Limits



Inside The Birds Eye

I feel unstoppable like a train
The sky I've now reclaimed
I love the noises of cars
The towns and cities shine bright like stars
I don't need no sat nav
My senses are the only thing
That I need and have.

I feel like a shooting star
As I see the forest from afar
I see fruit trees from way up high
I feel so safe and so alive.

I feel like a laser beam
Zooming through the sky
Below I can see nothing but
Beetles and birch trees
A wonderland
With kids filled with joy.

I feel fast as a meteor close to the sun
I feel free like the ocean's deepest blues
I see whales hurl out from
Colourful coral, gasping for air
How beautiful could nature's wonder be?

I feel like superman zooming through the sky
Leaping Lions bound over boulders
This place never gets older
Sun shines on a glittering oasis in the desert.

I feel free, I feel free, I feel free.

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