

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the year already but what a lot of exciting things have been happening across the school!

Our history curriculum timeline wrap was recently installed along the Year 4/5 corridor. It looks fantastic and everyone is in awe of it. If you get an opportunity come in and take a look for yourself – you won't be disappointed.

With the taster session held by Lunchtime Co, drop-in mornings and our open afternoon, this half term has been a busy one.

In Sanderlings the children have been creating seascapes in Art in the style of Constable using a range of brushstroke techniques. In Geography, they have been learning about different settlements – comparing rural, urban and suburban areas.



Avocet Class have explored solids, liquids and gases in Science. They carried out an experiment using chocolate to help better understand changing states of matter. In History, pupils have studied the Gunpowder Plot which was led by Robert Catesby in an effort to overthrow the king and end the persecution of Roman Catholics by the English government. Pupils have enjoyed using drama to really bring the story to life!



Albatross Class have used choreography to complete sequences of steps to perform a dance. This has included working in unison, using a variety of motifs and moving in different directions or pathways.



In Geography, the children have learnt about the different countries that make up Eastern Europe, as well as the four seas that surround it. They enjoyed learning about the two major cities of Russia, Moscow and St Petersburg, which included comparing the human and physical features of each.



Oystercatchers have been learning about the French Revolution in History, finding out about how unequal the lives of the rich and poor were and exploring how it all began with the storming of the Bastille.

In Music, pupils have been performing musical pieces with an awareness of their individual roles, using instruments alongside a simple graphic score.

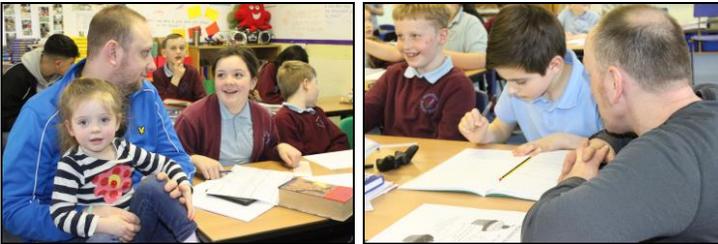


Among other subjects, Royal Terns have been finding out what plants need to survive in Science, describing what happens when its requirements are restricted. In History, they have been learning about the rise of Hitler, including how he became the leader of the Nazi Party after World War I. Pupils went on to learn about Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939 and how this led to World War II.

Curriculum Open Afternoon

On 5th February we held an open afternoon so that we could share our new knowledge curriculum with our families. Parents and pupils enjoyed an afternoon of lessons including Science, Geography and History across the school.

It was wonderful to see so many people in school who were keen to share in their children's education, learning alongside them and offering gentle encouragement.



We continue to run drop in sessions in all classes on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 – 8.40am. Come along and join in with some mathematics and reading activities. All welcome!



LUNCHTIME CO

Lunchtime Co held a taster session for parents in February and it proved incredibly popular. Pupils and their families enjoyed tasting a range of dishes from the menu including a vegetarian stir-fry, lasagna and hot dogs, as well as a range of desserts such as toffee cream tart, brownies and cupcakes!

Feedback from pupils and parents was fantastic and we hope that events like this will encourage more of our pupils to consider having a hot dinner in the future! Keep an eye out for special lunches coming soon....



Diary Dates

- 24.02.20 - Back to school
- 28.02.20 – Swimming starts for Avocet Class
- 04.03.20 – World Book Day
- 04.03.20 – Cross Country Finals at Holkham
- 09.03.20 – Y6 Author Workshop
- 11.03.20 – Cluster Y5/6 Hi5 Netball Tournament
- 13.03.20 – Red Nose Day
- 16.03.20 – Only Dodgeball and Badminton Clubs this week
- 17.03.20 – Parents' Evening (No after school clubs)
- 19.03.20 - Parents' Evening (No after school clubs)
- 20.03.20 – Kingswood final payment due
- 25.03.20 – Cluster Y3 First Steps Netball
- 30.03.20 – Avocet and Albatross Class to visit Holkham Hall for their 'Field to Fork Experience'
- 02.04.20 – Easter Lunch
- 02.04.20 – End of term
- 03.04.20 – School closed for a staff-training day
- 20.04.20 – Back to school

Notice Board

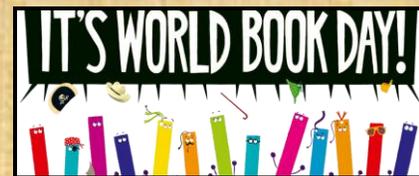


Pick up

A polite reminder that while Year 5 and 6 pupils are permitted to walk home or meet their parents off site, in the interests of safeguarding our younger children, Year 3 and 4 pupils must be collected by parents on the playground.
Thank you.

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Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school; this includes sensible black shoes and grey trousers or skirt.



We will celebrate World Book Day on **Wednesday 4th March** (a day earlier than advertised). Children will complete activities in class and can come into school dressed as a book character if they wish. A special lunch will also be available for pupils provided by Lunchtime Co.