



Newsletter No. 6



Jesus said 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

Our Value this Half Term is to show RESILIENCE

March

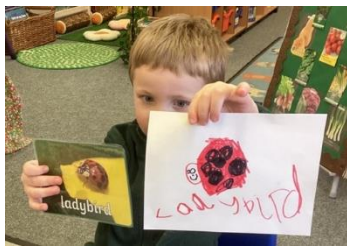


Dear Parent/ Carers,

Welcome to our bumper February and March edition of the newsletter! Our children have had such a busy Spring Term full of wonderful learning experiences, concerts, visits and dress up days! I am so pleased we have been able to get on to our school field in the last couple of weeks, and it is such a joy to see our children from Reception to Year 6 all playing in the same glorious space! Fingers crossed the fine weather will continue and we can have our annual family sports day on our field this year for all to enjoy. We are thrilled for the extension of our Nursery hours to a full day is going ahead after Easter led by Miss Bissett and her excellent team- giving more children such a strong and healthy start to their education. As well as this Year 4 have Forest School after Easter as well as Year 5 starting their weekly swimming lessons. It was great to see so many children enjoying the Infant and Junior Discos on Friday night, thank you to Neche and all the volunteers who made this possible. I look forward to seeing lots of parents and carers at the annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday morning, and I wish everyone a peaceful and joyful Easter break!

With my very best wishes,
Ms Izard- Head teacher

NURSERY—Miss Bissett, Mrs Golebiowska and Mrs Courtney



Spring is in the air, and our nursery has been buzzing with exciting learning experiences! This month, we have been growing our beanstalks, just like Jasper in Jasper's Beanstalk. The children have loved planting their beans and



watching them sprout, learning about what plants need to grow along the way. We have also been exploring the life cycle of a

butterfly, inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar. From tiny eggs to wriggly

caterpillars, snug chrysalises, and finally, beautiful butterflies, the children have enjoyed discovering this fascinating transformation. To bring our learning to life, we created our own *butterfly prints* by painting one side of a butterfly shape and then folding the paper to make a symmetrical pattern—just like real butterfly wings!



Creativity has been in full bloom as we created spring-themed

artwork, painting daffodils, crafting delicate blossom trees, and drawing all the little insects we might find in the garden. Our fine motor skill got a workout too as we weaved string to create our spider webs, linked to the Nursery Rhyme Incy Wincy Spider, before drawing our spiders to complete the scene. In maths, we've been busy matching numbers to quantities, using our key texts to help us count beans like Jasper. The children have had so much fun developing their number recognition through hands-on activities! It's been a wonderful month of exploration, creativity, and growth—just like nature all around us!



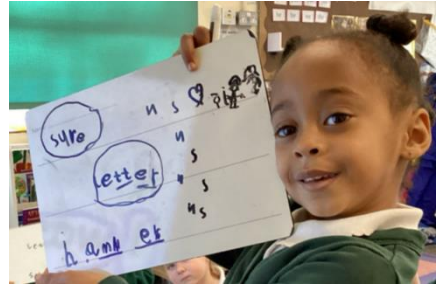
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RECEPTION – Mrs Munt and Mrs Toumazou

This half term, we have been enjoying the wonderful world of farm animals through the story *Farmyard Hullabaloo*. The children have loved learning about different animals, the sounds they make, and where they live...we even recreated our own Farmyard Hullabaloo and designed our own milking station! We have also read *Rosie's Walk*, using the story to explore positional language such as over, under, and around. The children had a great time acting out Rosie's journey and creating maps of her walk before labelling them and



writing the story of Fox's walk! With the change of seasons, we have been spotting signs of spring around us. The children have observed buds on trees, new flowers growing, and the return of birds. We have particularly enjoyed being able to use daffodils and tulips in our observational drawings. We have been focussing on throwing and catching in PE and have enjoyed being able to link this to our Maths learning. We have been working on recognising and learning doubles. The children enjoyed Double Day where all points earned were worth double and our quilt



game and skittles were really popular. We have also introduced time challenges, encouraging children to understand the concept of time by measuring what they can do in 10, 30 or 60 seconds. You can support this at home by talking about daily routines and using timers for fun activities. The children are enjoying their reading sessions please keep Phonics and reading going over the Easter holidays! As a Church School this is a particularly special time of year. The children have explored the events of the Easter Story in their RE lessons, through drama and art, and linked their existing knowledge of Incarnation to explore Salvation. We are looking forward to our Easter Service where we will reflect on this important celebration and enjoy singing together.

YEAR 1 – Miss Campion and Ms Bowery

March has been a fantastic month of learning and exciting experiences for Year 1. One of the highlights of this month was our visit to the Natural History Museum! The children were thrilled to explore the fascinating exhibits, especially the marine fossils. They took part in an engaging Stegosaurus workshop, where they learned about the features of this amazing prehistoric creature and even had a go at assembling a Stegosaurus skeleton model. It was a truly memorable experience that deepened their understanding of the prehistoric world. In Literacy, we have been focusing on writing narratives, inspired by the story *Lin Yi's Lantern*. The children have been developing their storytelling skills by using a story mountain to plan their narratives. This structure helped them think about the beginning, build-up, problem,



resolution, and ending of their own creative narrative. They have shown fantastic imagination and have worked hard to use descriptive language to bring their stories to life. In RE, we explored the big question: *Why do many Christians believe Easter is the most important festival?* The children have investigated each smaller question and learnt about the key events leading up to Easter. This has included, Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. To understand how Jesus felt at the Last Supper, some children chose to serve others and washed the feet of others. The children discussed how it felt to have their feet washed or how they felt washing a person's feet. The children also created their own Easter Gardens, complete with a tomb, to represent the resurrection on Easter Sunday. The hands-on activity helped them to understand the significance of Easter as a Christian. Well done Year 1, keep it up!

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YEAR 2 – Miss Wisbey, Mrs Sofroniou and Ms Darby



What an exciting month it's been in Year 2, full of creativity, and hands-on learning! In Maths, the children have been diving into the world of measurements, learning all about length, weight, and volume. They've been practicing how to measure objects around the classroom using rulers, scales, and measuring jugs. It's been a fantastic hands-on experience where the children have explored units like centimeters, kilograms, and millilitres, and even had fun comparing different objects to see how long, heavy, or full they are.

In Literacy, Year 2 have been exploring the vibrant Caribbean setting in the book *Gregory Cool*. They've had a blast describing the tropical landscapes, from the bright, sunny beaches to the lush, green hills. Using new language and vocabulary, they've created their own Caribbean scenes, bringing the island to life with their words. In RE, Year 2 have been learning about the Easter story and the concept of salvation. They've explored the key events leading up to Easter and the significance of Jesus' sacrifice. The children have reflected on the importance of love, forgiveness, and the idea of new life, which ties into the core message of salvation. They've enjoyed discussing the joy of Easter Sunday and the hope that comes with it, making connections to their own lives and the world around them. To celebrate World Book Day, the children recounted the magical tale of a beanstalk that grew overnight in our school after they planted some magical beans! Their imaginations have soared as they wrote about the surprise and wonder of a massive beanstalk sprouting up into the sky. It's been a month filled with creative exploration, and we can't wait to see what next month brings. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 2!



in the Easter Story?' Through this great experience the children have been able to take part in an interactive retell of this very important story and it has been wonderful to hear the children sharing some of



YEAR 3 – Mrs Fernandes and Ms Bishop

What an amazing and highly successful term Year 3 have had! It has been a great privilege to witness and hear all the fantastic learning that is taking place across the curriculum; from sharing their learning in their class assembly, to taking part in an Easter Trail which further developed their understanding of their current RE unit in which they are exploring 'Who is the Most important Person in the Easter Story?' Through this great experience the children have been able to take part in an interactive retell of this very important story and it has been wonderful to hear the children sharing some of their favourite parts. In addition to their RE learning outside of the classroom, this half-term Year 3 have also been taking advantage of the weather and our lovely school grounds, as they continue their learning related to their current Geography unit in Forest School, learning about the natural resources the Romans used as well as the benefits as we continue to use some of their resources and methods today. They have also been learning about our nature and our role in the community as protectors of our world. Well done Year 3 for being such a wonderful class and always striving to reach your best potential.



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YEAR 4 – Mr Kansara and Mrs Buller

March has been an exciting and enriching month, filled with incredible learning opportunities and engagement from all the students. World Book Day was a huge success, with teachers reading to different classes and Year 4 students pairing up with Year 1 to share stories together. In English, the children have been writing news articles about deforestation in the Amazon rainforest, refining their research and journalistic skills. In Maths, we have explored fractions, and the children can now confidently explain the differences between improper fractions, proper fractions, and mixed numbers. Music has been a real highlight, with students using glockenspiels to create rhythms inspired by sounds from around the world. Science lessons on food chains have sparked enthusiasm as children discovered the intricate links within ecosystems while expanding their scientific vocabulary. As we head into the final week of term, there



is still so much to look forward to, including a visit from Rev. Bolster, who will share his experiences with Holy Communion, perfectly complementing our R.E. learning. With Easter just around the corner, it's safe to say this month has been packed with excitement, growth, and fantastic learning experiences!



YEAR 5 – Miss Hills and Mrs Watson

Year 5 have had the pleasure of welcoming many visitors into their classroom over the last few weeks! To help their understanding of their RE unit's Big Question, "What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?", the children enjoyed a session with Reverend Bolster.

Reverend Bolster explained what Holy Week means for him as a practicing vicar and the significance of many of the rituals that take place in church. The class came up with some very interesting questions



to really understand how these rituals make Christians feel and how they are connected to the core concept of Salvation. Year 5 are also throwing themselves into their Global Neighbours project, which is focused on dealing with the issue of global hunger. The class have decided to focus their work on tackling food waste within our school and so they had the

opportunity to interview our very own George and Lulu from the school kitchen! Our wonderful chefs gave the class some crucial information about what we already do to tackle food waste, however there is clearly much work to be

done and Year 5 are ready to be advocates for change! Finally, Year 5 have been planning and writing newspaper articles all about the discovery of a new planet in our Solar System which has been named 'Novaterra'! Like all good journalists, they were keen to get the scoop and so Miss Hills arranged a visit from two NASA scientists who currently carrying out vital research: Lizzie Comet and Roger Orbit. The children listened to their press conference statements and recorded key quotes which were used in their articles. What an honour to be visited by such prestigious scientists! Although, I couldn't help thinking they seemed slightly familiar...



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YEAR 6 – Miss Dale, Mr Pennock and Mrs Brewer

Year 6 have had a fantastic month of learning and have been incredibly busy preparing for their upcoming SATs tests. One way they have done this is to



attend a workshop called a Moment of Calm, run by the children's charity Success Club. This session encouraged children to practise breathing techniques and self-calming strategies for when they might be feeling stressed or anxious. Hopefully these will come in



useful over the next few weeks! In RE, the children have been learning about how the Christian festival of Easter offers hope. They have focused on the stations of the cross and Jesus' journey to his death and resurrection, thinking about how he and others would have felt at each point along the way. They have also considered how important the Easter story is to God's plan of salvation and explored their ideas through discussion and writing. In Literacy, the children are engrossed in our class novel, *Skellig*, by David Almond, and have produced some amazing descriptive sections of narrative inspired by the events in the story. They focused on creating mood and atmosphere by using figurative techniques and have also been considering the many themes within the novel and linking characters in this story to the others we have read this year. Well done Year 6!



Times Table Rock Star Winners for Spring 2



A huge well done to all our Times Table Rockstar Winners, who received their certificates in Achievement Assembly on Friday! Keep Rocking (and Multiplying)!

Short Story Arts Trophy

Our Arts Trophy focus for the Spring Term was a short story on the subject of HOPE, linking with our Vision virtues of Faith, Hope and Service. We were lucky to have our Deputy Head Mr Pennock and Parent Governor Tom Adey to judge the final on Friday 14th February. Our wonderful winners were Arnav from Phase 1 and Miles from Phase 2- who both received a book as a prize and as both are from the Red Holly House- the Arts Trophy will stand proudly on their Holly board in the hall! Well done to both aspiring writers!



Year 3 Recorder Concert

Year 3 parents were able to see the incredible progress of their children at the Year 3 Recorder Concert last week. We were treated to a range of notes and tunes including the seasonal favourite of 'Hot Cross Buns'. Well done Year 3 and thank to Wendy from the Enfield Music Service.



Rocksteady Concert

We have been treated to some wonderful performances this term, and on Thursday 27th rockstars from Reception to Year 6 shared with the whole school and their parents some incredible, cool pieces. We love Rocksteady!



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Enfield Dance Festival

On Monday 24th March, our dancers from Year 3 and Year 4 performed their dance based on The Lion King at the Enfield Dance Festival. Our dancers have spent the last few weeks rehearsing with their choreographers Miss Wisbey and Miss Campion and made everyone so proud at the Millfield Theatre! Well done everyone!



World Book Day

World Book Day at Forty Hill is always a magical experience, and this year was no exception! The day started with a rainbow waterfall of incredible costumes (and pyjamas) throughout the playground. Followed by a very special live newsroom broadcast in the hall which featured children interviewing a real author- Maggie Butt-Brookes, a hilarious sports report from Mr Kansara and coach, plus the Snow Queen creating mayhem with her weather report and snow being scattered all over the audience! The magic beans that Year 1 and Year 2 had planted the day before had grown into a giant beanstalk in the hall but thankfully no giants! Reception spent a lot of the day chugging around in their home-made Book Boats and the library was transformed into a cosy, sparkly book cave for the day! Finally, there were plenty of opportunities for sharing books throughout the day including a teacher swap where our class teachers read their favourite books to other classes and class reading swaps where our older children shared books with our younger children. It was a truly fantastic day spent celebrating the wonder and joy of BOOKS! Thank you to Mrs Eckles who helped us organise some of these lovely experiences and to all the parents and carers who helped the children dress up for the day. Keeeeeeeeep reading!



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Information

Whilst we will continue to email lots of information, don't forget that our calendar and curriculum information can all be found on website, www.fortyhill.com. The information from the meet the teacher meetings, as well as spelling lists and extra information as it comes available can all be found here.

Curriculum Booklets (Nursery- Year 6) and Homework Grids (for Years 2-6) can be found in the Class News section of the website. These include a variety of different learning activities for your child to complete over the next half term.

As part of our ongoing commitment to **Online Safety**, the children will be talking about staying safe online. It is such an important life skill to understand the impact their digital footprint has and also the ways to keep themselves safe whilst experiencing all of the wonderful opportunities the internet can provide. If you haven't already seen the online video, please do click on one of the picture links below:



**Reception, Year 1 and 2
(Grab the Banana)**



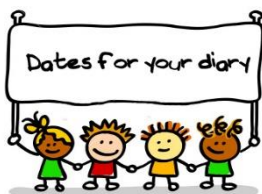
**Year 3 and Year 4
(Band Runner)**



**Year 5 and Year 6
(Jigsaw)**



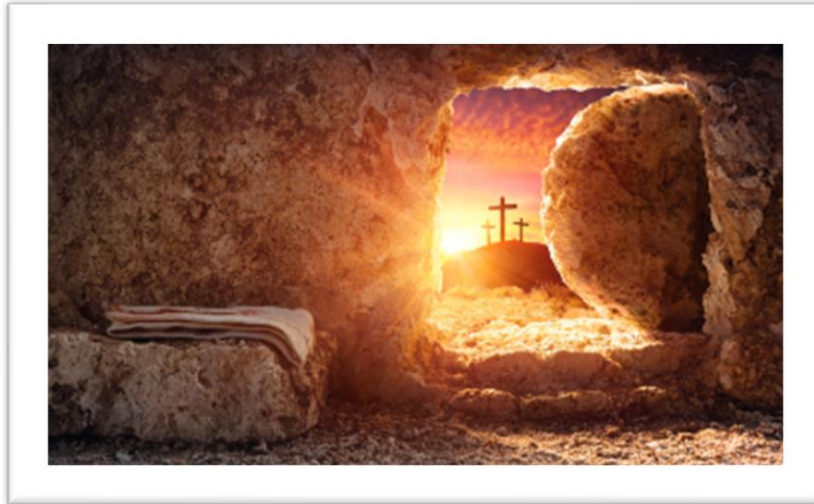
For more information on Online Safety, click here: <https://www.fortyhill.com/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=51>



Forest School Sessions	
Year 1	Autumn 1
Year 2	Autumn 2
Year 3	Spring 2
Year 4	Summer 1
Year 5	Spring 1
Year 6	Summer 2

Forthcoming Dates

Wednesday 2nd April- EASTER BONNET PARADE- all classes, parents welcome 9:00
Wednesday 2nd April -Year 5 and Year 6 College Showcase Assembly to parents 1:30
Thursday 3rd April- Year 2 Act of Worship 9:00am parents invited.
Friday 4th April- Easter Service 12:30 Jesus Church- all welcome
Tuesday 22nd April- Back to school
Tuesday 22nd April- Year 4 Forest School – old clothes and wellies to be worn
Thursday 24th April- Class Photos
Friday 25th April- Arts Trophy Launch- Vision for the World Speech
Monday 28th April- Intergenerational Gardening Project
Monday 28th April- Y3 and Y4 working with St Johns Ambulance
Tuesday 29th April- Year 5 start Swimming at St Ignatius pm
Thursday 8th May- VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations



"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'" - Matthew 28:6

We pray that you will enjoy a blessed Holy Week, a joyful Easter time and a refreshing Easter break.