Our busy school year!

Autumn

The Autumn term was busy for the Meadow Class and we were glad to have a chance to recharge our batteries over the Christmas break. We learnt lots of facts about World War 2, both in History and English, where our two texts, Bombs and Blackberries and Goodnight Mister Tom, focused on the experiences of child evacuee during the War. Science was varied, with the latter part of the term developing our knowledge of Light, including how it travels and which materials it passes through. Earlier in the Autumn, Years 3 and 4 learnt about fossils and how they are created. Years 5 and 6 built on their knowledge of fossils by looking at how living things have adapted to their habitat over millions of years. Forest School was a favourite part of the week and enjoyed by everyone, despite the often rainy and muddy conditions!

Our Nativity at the end of term was the result of lots of hard work and practice! Well done to all of you for learning lines, sourcing wonderful costumes and working together to make a memorable evening – the first time we have performed since 2019!

Spring

We have worked hard during the Spring term. We have set a Reading challenge for all children in the class – every time a reading record is brought into class with an adult’s signature, a DoJo is earnt and the children move upwards on the classroom reading chart. The children are all trying hard to move up the chart and some have gained their first Reading badge already.

Spelling practice takes place four times a week, with all statutory spelling patterns being covered. Children have been asked to practise their spellings at home using their individual spelling lists. And there is no weekly spelling test!

We are focusing on handwriting, with the introduction of daily lessons; children have commented on how they enjoy the quiet time to concentrate on forming letters correctly.

We have all enjoyed our Spring topics, including Sound, for Years 3 and 4, and Earth and Space for Years 5 and 6 in Science. History enabled us to learn about Life in the Bronze and Iron Age in History – we now know that Iron Age people lived in roundhouses and that the Bronze Age brought much more sophisticated tools and weapons to Britain.

In the second half of the Spring term, our Geography learning covered the huge country of Russia, which lies in two continents and has biomes including Polar Desert and Coniferous Forest. In the penultimate week of term, we performed our amazing dance routine at Qegs Primary Arts Day. Light the Sky went down very well with all the other Primary Schools performing.

Summer

We always enjoy the light evenings of the Summer term! Our Reading chart is getting full now, and many children have moved three, four or five times up the chart to achieve their Bronze and Silver Reading badges. Accelerated Reader is now becoming part of our routine and the children are showing their understanding of their books by completing quizzes! This has resulted in new reading levels or zpd’s for the new half-term. Well done everyone!

We are well into learning for the final term of the year. The children have enjoyed learning about historical crimes and punishments over the years and we are using our timeline to place these events in chronological order.

In Science, we are focusing on Living Things and their Habitats – Years 3 and 4 learning about how animals are classified and grouped and Year 5 and 6 learning about reproduction, pollination and life-cycles.

In English we have written an Adventure Story set in a school for criminals and are now following the interesting vocabulary in the classic narrative poem, The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.

SATs are over and the Year 6 are enjoying being the oldest in the school before they start as the youngest again in their new secondary schools in September.

Both classes have visits organised this half-term. We look forward to our FOLL Summer Fair later in the term and of course, Sports Day! Fingers crossed for good weather!

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