A busy start to the 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 are so pleased that the lighter nights are coming! 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 and Earth and Space in Science and Life in the Bronze and Iron Age in History. We look forward to learning about Russia in Geography and will be putting lots of practice into our dance, to be performed at the Primary arts Day later in the term.

We all look forward to an exciting, busy half-term!

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