



Newsletter ~ March 2020

Snettisham Primary School



World Book Day 2020

Thankyou to all the children for such enthusiasm for dressing up for World Book Day! It was wonderful to see an array of different characters from favourite books. Also lovely to see so many parents come in to read with their children!



This term Willow class learnt all about the Queen and our country!

Our knowledge sessions looked at where we live, how England is different to other countries, landmarks in our capital city London and also facts about the Queen (she visited us too but shhh... it was just Mrs B!). We visited Sandringham woods and had a tour in the minibus to look at the stud and the gates! In the past half term we have been learning all about transport and the different ways we can travel. Alongside this in our 'Talk for Writing' we have been learning a non-fiction text and writing our own facts about transport. The children are making amazing progress during our phonics 'Read, Write, Inc' sessions! In mathematics we are currently focusing on number bonds to 10 and applying our knowledge of these to different mathematical problems. The children tried out a maths investigation and were encouraged to use their mathematical language to talk about what they found out.



Oak Class enjoyed their visit to the church! We were fascinated to see the architecture there which linked in with our topic work in DT. In history we have been learning about parliament, government and budgets – including all the important decisions Boris Johnson has to make. We have been investigating our environment in Science and thinking of different ways we can look after our world.

New Outdoor equipment.

The children have been eagerly using our new equipment that was installed during the February half term – we are all really pleased with it! Many thanks again to Friends for their donation towards the cost of it!

In Ash class our last Art Lesson before the half term break, we had great fun at the Forest School site. We had Been studying



landscapes and symmetry in our Art lessons and create our own symmetrical pieces of art work using natural materials. It was great fun and we all worked really well together in our groups. So far this half term, we have been enjoying our new learning which has consisted of War of the Roses, Rivers and The Human Body. We loved reading Stig of the Dump and basing our English around this story. We wrote so great Adventure stories of our own and designed book covers for them.

2020 has started brilliantly for Birch class.

Students have been learning masses (no pun intended – ask your child to explain that bad joke!) about Chemistry, Physics, The French Revolution, the Abolition of Slavery and have



now just started their first DT phase - learning how to sew. We adults have been so impressed with Birch class's attitude to learning – they remain focused and enthusiastic and take such pride in their work: this is particularly shown in their home-learning which has been a joy to see. It has also been really lovely to see the class grow in confidence in our half-termly poetry recitals and to watch them old school hip hop every week! We are so proud of you all Birch!

Classical Music Rocks

We thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Classical Music Rocks and the workshop that was delivered by Anthony (an opera singer) and Siobhian (a pianist). They taught us a lot about how to warm up our voices and bodies ready to sing as well as the instruments in an orchestra. We were amazed to learn that a piano can play a number of different orchestral instrument parts. Anthony taught us how to sing a song called 'Bella Mama' in Italian. We had to use strong voices to empathise the words Bella Mama just like a real opera Singer would. At the end of the session, we all performed in an opera alongside Anthony and accompanied by Siobhian. We sang the word 'vincero' (which means I Will Win) at the end of the famous opera song 'Nessum Dorma'! It was a great experience!

