



Chilham St. Mary's Church Of England Primary School

Newsletter

24th February 2017

What we are learning about in class...

Wrens

The Wrens have returned from the half term break happy and ready to learn. We have begun this term's topic on Fairy Tales. If your child has a favourite fairy tale at home please bring it in for us to share at story time. We worked together to build a fairy tale castle role play area. The children applied what they had learnt about repeating patterns to decorate a crown. Next week we will focus on The Three Billy Goats Gruff. There will be lots of bridge building and some gruesome troll masks!



Hérons

We have embraced the return to school and jumped straight in creating our own Adinkra printing from Western Africa. We worked in pairs to help each other and looked at many different African prints to inspire us. We are looking at Little Red Riding Hood for the next two weeks; the children are already enjoying the story and experiences linked to it. Our classroom was decorated over the break and is now looking lovely and bright and fresh! A big 'thank you' to Mr Linkins for his hard work!





Martins

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable half-term!

In Literacy this term we are starting our new text which is, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The class have been busy planning their fact sheet based on lions which they will be producing on the computers using Publisher.

In maths we will be looking at interpreting and analysing data, collecting data and producing their own graphs.

We will also be looking into our new topic which is linked to Asia, with a big focus on India. Thank you for the India homework that has been sent in already.

In RE we will be focussing on the role of a vicar within the Christian church and will then move on to learn about Shrove Tuesday, Lent and of course Easter as well as planning and rehearsing for the Easter service which Martins will be leading.

In PE we are starting a dance topic involving characterisation that will fit in with this terms class text "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe".

We are looking forward to an exciting term!

Reminders:

Please make sure you remember to read with your child and sign their bookmark especially on Wednesdays for Busters Bookclub so their hard work can be included towards the class total and they could even be the Star Reader!

PE: We are still walking down to the Sports-hall this term so please ensure your child has their PE kit (named) and clothes suited to the weather.



Peacocks

Welcome back Peacocks class! It's been great to see that year 5 and 6 have come back refreshed and raring to go with their learning. This week we have been finely tuning our journalistic skills and year 6 has been engaging in debates to explore alternative viewpoints presented in articles. See if they can remember the 5Ws to include when writing reports.

In maths we have been learning about perimeters and area with some children applying this understanding to measure our playground.



This term we are continuing to explore North and South America; keep your eyes peeled for a letter regarding a South America themed food tasting session later in the term!

Thank you to those children who have completed and returned their research on Charles Darwin. I have learnt some new things myself, reading through these detailed reports!

A friendly reminder: Please could all children make sure they have a full PE kit in school at all times.

Enrichment

The 100% event entertainment on the last day of term was brilliant fun, a lovely way to finish school for the break. The children are looking forward to starting their enrichment activities this week and we're asking the children for ideas for this terms 100% event, so do encourage your child to keep all their points! It's well worth it!

Welcome...

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Catherine Linkins, our new receptionist/administrative assistant. Mrs Linkins joined us on Wednesday and will work alongside Mrs Woodland.



World book Day 2017, Thursday 2nd March

This year we have lots of fun planned to celebrate our love of reading at Chilham St. Mary's.

On the day please could your child come dressed in their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to school (labelled with their name). There will be an opportunity during the day for your child to complete activities related to their favourite book.

We are also having a BIG bedtime story event for children to collect stamps in a 'reading passport' each time they listen to a story! Keep an eye on our school website for photos from the day...

All children will be given a book token:

*"Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will be distributing more than **15 million** £1 World Book Day book tokens to children (that's almost one for every child/young person under 18 in the UK and Ireland).*

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller (there's lots of them out there – [find your local participating bookshop here](#) and swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books!

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. And if you'd rather get an audio book, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audio book costs at least £2.99.

Then all YOU have to do is take your book home and enjoy it.

*The World Book Day book tokens are valid from **Monday 27 February–Sunday 26 March 2017**".*



Buster's Book Club – guess who are district 'Spring Challenge Day' winners...

We are delighted to announce that the Peacocks Class have won the 1st Spring Challenge Day for Ashford district, which was held on Wednesday 8th Feb. Well done everyone!

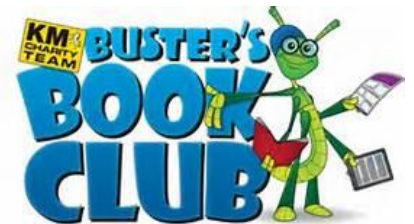
We will be choosing two children to attend the KM Challenge Day photo call where they will be presented with the winners' certificate and RSPB prize vouchers for the class. The children will be photographed with the Busters Book Club mascot and sponsors of the scheme. The photo call is being held at 10am on Tuesday 21st March at Leeds Castle.

Not only that, the participating schools have now reached the target of 1,000 000 reading minutes collectively! Wow, that is amazing. Let's keep up the good work and we could win a visit from Mr Maker! Yes Mum's, (and Dad's) you can come along too if we win! ☺

Drum roll please.....

- ☺ **The overall number of minutes read this week is 1341**
- ☺ **The winning class for the 2nd week running are the Herons**
- ☺ **The overall individual 'Star Reader' is Kiera K**

Remember to record those minutes on your child's bookmark every Wednesday!



Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire we sent home before Christmas, we found your answers and comments really useful. We are sure that you will have noticed lots of changes recently and would love to hear your views about school now.

The questionnaire is very short and will only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – PJ's and favourite story (details above)

Friday 24th March: Red Nose Day – Detail to follow

Wednesday 29th March: Easter Service, St Mary's Church. Refreshments from 1.30pm, Service 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Friday 31st March: Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 18th April: Term 5 Begins

Tuesday 25th April: Parent Consultations – Details to follow

Thursday 27th April: Parent Consultations – Details to follow

