



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Friday 10th March, 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

It has been a busy start to Spring 2 and we have introduced several new initiatives for the children. If you haven't already, do check out our [Spring 2 Knowledge Organisers](#) which contain all the key information children will be learning this term. Children regularly refer to these in lessons and enjoy testing each other to see how much they can remember from their new topics!

We have also launched [Reading Diaries](#) in Years 3-5, which the children have absolutely loved as they provide an opportunity to share their reading journey and tell us their opinions about the books they read. We look forward to rolling these diaries out to other year groups going forwards.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to families for buying books at the February Travelling Book Fair - total sales were £452.99 which means £211.70 for school to spend on books. This makes such a big difference.

Finally, just a reminder that you can receive regular updates on school life and events from our Twitter account [@TFPrimaryN1](#). Please follow us to see regular posts from various members of our team.

News & Celebrations

World Book Day

Thank you for supporting World Book Day last Friday. It was a big success!



Pen Licenses

Congratulations to Romei, Muad, Darrian, Liam and Lucy who have all been awarded their pen licence recently for beautiful cursive writing.

Parent WAMHS sessions

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent session this week. We all learnt how to make playdoh and supported each other with top tips for any challenges we are facing. Please join us on the 21st March for our next 'Skill and Share' parent group..

Staff-Parent Association Launch

This week we launched our Staff-Parent Association on Wednesday - thank you to all those parents who attended. On the agenda were Eid celebrations, future fundraising planning and opportunities for volunteering. We look forward to the next meeting on Wednesday 29th March.

Coming Up

- Monday 13th March
Science Week begins
- Friday 17th March
Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 21st March
'Skill and Share' parent group
- Wednesday 22nd March
Citizens Advice Family Information Session
- Thursday 23rd March
Phonics Coffee Morning
- Friday 24th March
Young Hackney Circuit Cycling (Year 5 & 6)
EYFS Family Friday
- Wednesday 29th March
Parent Consultation Evening

Early Years

This is reminder that there are limited Nursery and Reception places available for September 2023. If you know anyone who might be interested, there is information about school tours and applications [here](#). We will also be hosting special open days on **Saturday 25th March** and **Saturday 29th April, 10.00am-11.30am**, so do come along if you are interested!



our learning

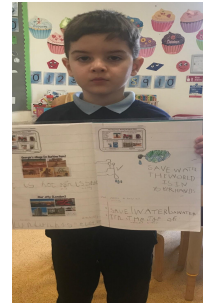
Nursery

This term Nursery have loved learning about the Amazon Rainforest. They have been working on a 'Rainforest in a Box' diorama project where they added in different elements of their learning, in stages. We enjoyed making our own clay animals!



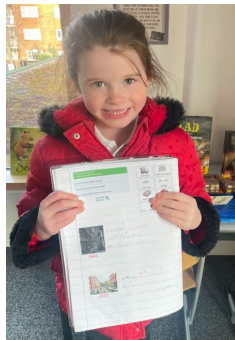
Reception

This term Reception have been learning all about Burkina Faso. As part of their focus on the importance of saving water, they enjoyed creating posters and taking part in their dress up day, raising money for WaterAid.



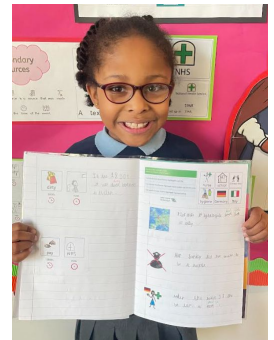
Year 1

This half term, Year 1 are learning all about the Great Fire of London. It was a shock to discover that houses were made almost entirely from wood and straw! It was agreed that the buildings were always at risk from burning down.



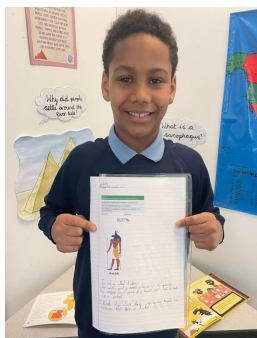
Year 2

Year 2 have travelled back to Victorian Britain to learn all about medicine in the Crimean War. This week they have been learning about nurse Mary Seacole! They celebrate how resilient and selfless she was to help in a war!



Year 3

Did you know the first fossils that were discovered were thought to belong to dragons? Year 3 have been learning about the important scientist, Mary Anning. She discovered many fossils for the first time!



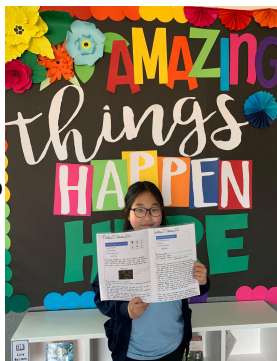
Year 4

Year 4 have travelled back over 1,000 years to the Anglo-Saxons! They have looked at primary sources to establish what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. They have also making their own Anglo-Saxon inspired brooch - here they are hard at work!



Year 5

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been exploring Greek myths, learning about their typical features, and have used this knowledge to write their own! Their vocabulary choices really bring their comics to life as do their illustrations.



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about electrical circuits and have used their knowledge to make burglar alarms! They even had the chance to test them out which everyone enjoyed and gave them the chance to evaluate their work.

