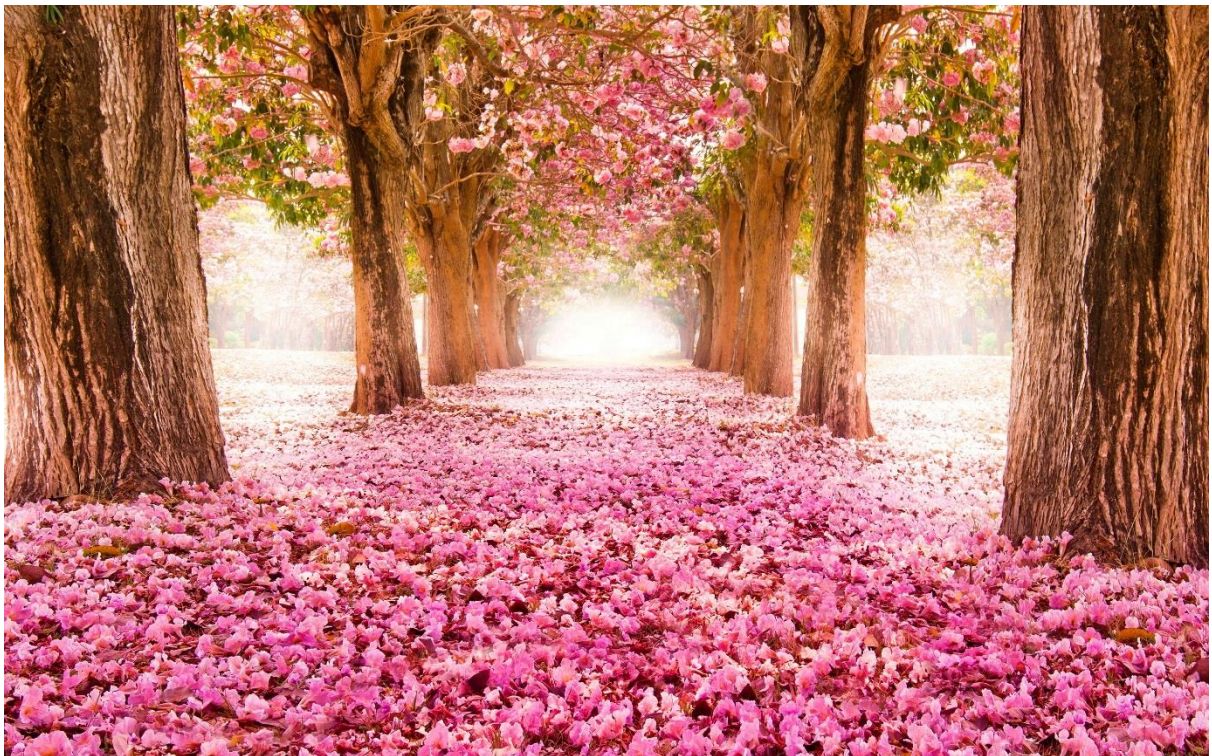


Kemball School

Spring Term 2023 Newsletter





Well after the snow and cold weather, I hope that spring is now on its way and we can say hello to some warmer weather. Another school year is flying by and I can't believe that we will be soon into the summer term.

It is hard to believe that it has been 9 months since Emily started her maternity leave and now it is wonderful to welcome her back alongside Laura who has also returned. Maddie started her maternity leave just after Christmas and she has celebrated the birth of her second little boy. Jasmine will start her maternity leave just after Easter. I think it is fair to

say we've had a bit of a baby boom at Kemball haha!

As usual our pupils and staff have been working really hard this term. It has been fantastic to see the progress that our children have all made since the start of this school year.

Our choir sang again at Litchfield Cathedral, with other special schools from Staffordshire. This is something that Lorraine has been organising for the past few years and every year it gets better. Some of our younger pupils have now joined the choir so it was the first time that they had performed at such a big location. As usual the pupils did us proud both with their confidence and their impeccable behaviour. It is one of the highlights of our year.

Our Easter fair was a great success again and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and friends. The pupils created some wonderful artwork and we really appreciate your generous donations. We are still counting the proceeds however the raffle alone raised over £500, so we can't thank you enough.

Can I remind parents and carers to keep us up to date with any contact detail changes and any medication changes your child may have. If your child is ill it is really important that we have all the right information especially if we need to contact you in an emergency.

Helen and I would like to thank you yet again for your continued support. Hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday, see you all on Monday 17th April

Lisa





Bridgewater 1

What a wonderful spring term we have had here in Bridgewater1! We have been learning all about super space and have focused on 'light', the 'planets and our solar system', 'astronauts and Neil Armstrong' and 'travel around the world'. We have also created space art and been practicing our cutting skills! The children have really enjoyed this topic and have shown lots of curiosity and knowledge about space!

Our texts this term have been Aliens Love Underpants and Toys in Space. The children enjoyed the wide range of character and silly voices in Toys in Space and showed good recall of Aliens Love Underpants!

We have continued with our RE days and MWHB (mental health and wellbeing) afternoons this term. The pupils have enjoyed practicing wellbeing through the topics of take notice, keep learning where they explored familiar skills through the topic of countries and flags. They have amazed us with their persistence and hard work! During RE we have learnt about Hindu's and Sikh's and how they live, through drama, music and food. The children show great engagement in our RE days and always have lots of fun!

Other special days we have celebrated include World Peace Day and World Book Day. Stories are a firm favourite in our class and the children had a fantastic time dressing up and taking part in lots of storytelling activities.

We then enjoyed our parents coffee morning during our science experiments lesson. The children enjoyed exploring, observing and communicating on changes and colours during their investigations. We loved having parents join us and as always are very thankful for your continued support and generous donations.

We have continued to enjoy our community walks and of course swimming which is a favourite for many. Finally we ended the term with our Easter Fair, selling the children's beautiful floral spring paintings.

We would like to say congratulations to Maddie, who has been part of our team since January as supply, for getting a permanent position at Kemball. We are also pleased to report she will be staying in Bridgewater 1 as she has built great relationships with the children.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Steph, Sally, Stacey, Anna and Maddie



Spode 2

Wow Spode 2! What a fabulous term you have all had and, how fast it has flown by.

Our topic this term has been once upon a time, which has been filled with lots of fun science work, role play, reading and, arts and crafts. The children have had a lot of fun exploring different fairy tale characters as well as the royal family and knights and castles using a variety of different sensory props. In science, we have focused on sound as well as floating and sinking, and the children have absolutely loved splashing around in the water.

Everyone has really amazed us in PSHE this half term. One key area we have focused on has been our cutting skills, using playdoh and knives which the children all became increasingly more confident with! We have also worked on our sharing skills, tolerance of others and identifying members of our own family and looking at how these are different to others. Everyone has been eager to increase their independence too, working on their face washing, toileting and tooth brushing too.



This half term we have enjoyed two different sensory stories; 'The Princess and The Wizard' and 'Charlie Cooks Favourite Book'. The children demonstrated excellent listening skills for both stories and really enjoyed to explore all of the different sensory props. During our maths sessions, we have covered many different areas; developing our counting skills, shape identification and measuring. All of the children have worked hard during their English lessons too, and we are so impressed with how their pencil control and mark making skills are coming along. We have also done lots of work on our phonics, reading and communication. All of the children have really amazed us at how well they are doing with their communication; we have seen lots of progress with the use of Makaton, PECs, PODD books and verbal communication too!



There has been many special days this term. One of our favourites was world book day, all of the children looked lovely in their costumes and had lots of fun exploring the school and engaging in sensory activities. We have enjoyed our Mental Health and Well-Being day where we have learnt new skills and taken notice of sounds in music. We also had a lovely time on our class trips to the library and castaway play, where the children all had lots of fun and were so well behaved!

Thank you so much for another wonderful term, and we are all so proud of everything you have achieved.

Lucie, Katie, Jenny and Kayleigh



Paragon 1 Newsletter

Paragon 1 have had a fun Spring term. We have explored lots of animals and have used our art and DT skills to create 2d and 3d animals. We have learned about well known animals and their jobs. This included canaries down the mines, Joey the war horse and Bracken the Guide Dog. We even practiced how we can help someone that is blind.

We had a fantastic World Book Day taking part in lots of different activities. Our favourite was exploring the George's Marvellous Medicine tuff tray. We also wrote a class story including some of the characters we had come dressed as.

A number of children went for a day visit to Stanley Head which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Next term we will be learning about seasons. If you have any photographs of the children in different seasons / weathers then please send them via dojo.

Have a lovely Easter break

Paragon 1 team





Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fantastic term in Spode 1. The children have been making some amazing progress, and I know I speak for all of the class when I say how proud we all are of them. It has been another very energetic term with lots of exciting events and activities.

Our sensory story this term has been 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. The children have really enjoyed all of the activities particularly planting and digging. Our new sensory story is Each Peach Pear Plum which I am sure will be just as popular.

World book day was a great success. We enjoyed all the different activities and our favourite was exploring the bear hunt story. Thank you for all the effort you have put into their costumes we have been very impressed.

This term the children have been very active- we have been learning to ride scooters, bikes and scoot along toys. We will be carrying on practicing these skills after the Easter holidays. We are hoping that we have lots of sunny weather so we can spend plenty of time outside.

Overall, it has been a very busy but very fun term and it has been lovely to get out and about with the children- we will be doing more of this after half term weather permitting. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break, and that the Easter Bunny brings you lots of big yummy chocolate eggs this year.

Spode 1 team



REGENCY 1 SPRING TERM 2022

During the Spring term, the pupils in Regency 1 worked really hard and gave their best efforts, whatever the task, work or challenge. We have also had Mental Health and Well-being days. We have left the classroom to visit Buxton City's ground, walk to Blurton Park, walk to the shops and to practice crossing the road in different locations.

Much of the work has been on a cross-curricular theme.

SCIENCE Scientists making Discoveries- We looked at a variety of scientists and their work on things such as- vaccinations, adaptation and natural selection, the telephone, animal behaviour etc. Plants- Covering; conditions for life and growth, seed dispersal, life cycle and parts of a plant or flower.

GEOGRAPHY Our aim was to compare physical and human geography in the city and in the country. We have used a variety of different maps to look locally around school, the wider area of Stoke-on-Trent, and then to compare it to another locality; Buxton. Our trip to Buxton allowed us to see how the landscape changed as we left Stoke, drove over the moors and countryside and then what Buxton was like.

HISTORY This mainly centred around the first half term, where we studied a range of British historical figures progressing forward in time from Henry VIII, Shakespeare, Darwin, Nightingale, Pankhurst, Churchill, Attenborough to the Beatles.

RE is now covered by two whole days every half term. The subject is covered by studying the area in question by looking at food, art and practices as well as the underlying values of the religion. We have looked at creation stories and the life of a Sikh.

PE We spent the first half of the term developing basketball skills until we could play competitive games. We then moved onto circuit training, where the pupils worked on 6 exercises and tried to increase their performance and score each week.

ART & DT For art, we looked at a variety of artists and tried to re-create some of their most famous works using collage, poster paint, watercolour and oil pastels. Some of the artists were- Munch, Hokusai, Monet, Kahlo and Van Gogh. Everyone showed real improvement in the use of different materials and how they represented the art they were studying. In DT we covered food. We learned what is involved in food hygiene at first. Then we worked on creating and making a "designer sandwich."

PSHE Feelings & Relationships. We looked at what our own values are, before moving onto things such as dealing with emotions, what a relationship is and body image. Changing & Growing. Covering male and female anatomy, intercourse, pregnancy and baby development and finally, looking after a baby. Some very interesting questions asked to deal with!

ICT (Ebooks/Programming & Beebots) To begin with, we used the book we were reading called "Kensuke's Kingdom," to create our own version of it using Power Point. The pupils were able to write the text, add images and then add animations to the text and images to make them move and make it more interesting to read. We then used a variety of programs on iPads to practice how to program to give directions, before moving onto programming simple robots.

Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) We have had 2 activity days on this topic where we have the opportunity to make things, carry out activities and think about ourselves and others.

On Fridays, we carry out life skills. We have covered lots of skills such as what is a charity, shopping, road signs and road sense.

We also have daily phonics and reading sessions and had a real good go at understanding Romeo and Juliet in English.

We always make time for discussion and enjoy our conversations going off in another direction and then using Google and YouTube to discover even further. Best of all, we have a lot of fun.

Ian, Louise, Kim, Robyn and all in Regency 1

Doulton 1

Doulton 1 have had a lovely spring term. Our topics that we have enjoyed have been 'Pets' and 'New Beginnings'. We have had lots of fun exploring these themes. Our sensory stories have been 'Argh! Spider!' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. The children loved finding the spider in different areas of the 'home' and subsequently what happened to the spider, in our Argh! Spider story. Similarly, in our Jasper's beanstalk story, the children loved watching the beanstalk grow taller and taller, and when the Giant came and tickled them.

This half term, we have been on a class trip to The National Adventure Farm. We had a lovely day and we got to meet lots of animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits, goats, cows, alpacas, Shetland ponies and even a chinchilla. We also got to plant a bean seed, and we all took these home to care for. Hopefully we won't find a giant at the top when they grow!

We have also celebrated Mother's Day this term. We celebrated the occasion by hosting a coffee morning for our families. We spent time exploring spring themed sensory trays, a sunflower planting tray and we spent quality time with our Mum's, Aunties and Grandma's. We surprised our families with hand tied daffodils to say thank you for spending the morning with us.

We are looking forward to our annual Easter Fayre on the last day of term, we have spent time creating fantastic artwork in our topic lessons ready to sell at the fayre to our Kemball parents and families.

We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing Easter break.

Danica, Clare and Chelsea



Gladstone 1 Spring Newsletter

Gladstone 1 have had a fantastic spring term, they have all continued to amazing staff in all aspects of their learning and investigation skills.

English- During this term, we have been learning all about space. The stories we have been reading are "look up" and "Man on the Moon". The children enjoyed listening and learning about both books, they had amazing recall when asked questions from an adult. We have been working on writing skills, mark making skills, matching symbols to pictures, matching words to images, speaking, and listening skills. The children have worked hard in all areas of English.

Maths- During this term, we have been learning many different skills in maths. We been learning and understanding the value of money and how we can use money in different ways. We have been on a walk to the local shops, also visited the Café. During the lessons the pupils have been matching coins, sorting copper and silver coins, coining the coins out to match the number value. In addition, this half term we have been working on other maths skills including numbers, numicon, number formation, shapes, counting, matching and colours. The children have worked hard in all areas of Maths.

R.E- During this term, in our RE lessons we have covered the Creation story and Sikhism. The children enjoyed learning and exploring both cultures and how the beliefs are different compared to others. We also enjoyed making and tasting foods from the different cultures.

Computing- During this term we have been exploring different technologies and how they work and what different ways we can use them. We explored technology by using laptops to count objects and find numbers using touch screen or the mouse. We also used Kindles to find our favourite programmes on YouTube or an app. All the children could explore about staying safe online and what we can and cannot do online.

Topic- During this term, we have been learning all about space. The children enjoyed learning and exploring the different planets and what we may see in space. We have also been looking and learning about the space timeline, all the children could remember what animals they sent to space. During our Art/DT lessons, we made textured moons, Space scenes, and Collaged planets matching and identifying the colours of the planets. We played in moon sand and pretended to be astronauts walking through space.

P.E- During this term, we have been learning about different ways to move our bodies through gymnastics, these including large body movements, walking along benches, jumping off balancing beams, moving along the ground. We have also had a block of swimming, which all the children enjoyed moving around and exploring how their body feels in the water.

All the children have had a fabulous spring term; we have been out in the community going on lots of walks, we have also been to the café and the local shop.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Emma, Amer & Mandy



Regency 2 Spring Newsletter

Regency 2 have had a wonderful start to the spring term. They have enjoyed lots of different fun activities within school and have been on some enjoyable trips outside of school.

So far this term, Regency 2 have enjoyed developing their life skills through cooking, cleaning, art and sports. They have enjoyed making simple meals, omelettes and pancakes by following recipes and measuring out their ingredients. They have had chance to showcase their maths skills to visit the shop, understand the cost of different items and explore ways we can pay for things we need.

During their English lessons, they have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story Treasure Island which tells the story of Jim Hawkins, a young boy who happens to come across a map to an Island, where Captain Flint, a pirate, has kept his treasures buried. Jim narrates his dream come true sea voyage to the treasure island, the obstacles he had to go through, and how he is safely brought back to his people. They have created some fantastic pieces of work based on key characters of the story, using adjectives, adverbs and lots of punctuation.

Within their maths lessons Regency 2 have been developing their understanding of time, multiplication, and division. We have focused on how many minutes there are in an hour, o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. The children have enjoyed understanding the different times of the day; for example, lunch is at 12pm.

Science lessons have been interesting. The class have thoroughly enjoyed discovering the roles that Mary Anning had on discovering fossils, how Louis Pasteur developed pasteurisation and Thomas Edison discovered the light bulb. They have engaged in lots of different science experiments to develop their understanding from creating an electric circuit with a bulb to creating fossils out of salt dough.



We have spent lots of time on Fridays working towards our Duke of Edinburgh award, sorting through items we will need on the expedition, discussing why certain items are not appropriate on the expedition and the part the children enjoyed the most... cooking on a Trangia and putting tents up!

Have a great Easter, with a much-needed rest and some quality time as a family.

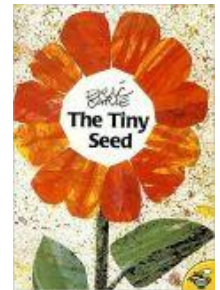
Charlotte, Sam, Sarah and Nikita

Bridgewater 2

Spring 2023

Our sensory stories this term have linked to our umbrella topic of 'Springtime'. Our first Sensory Story was 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. The children enjoyed finding out about all the different types of insects and engaged well with all the sensory activities we completed as part of the sensory story sessions. Our Pupils have really loved this story and we feel they have got so much out of it and the activities we have done each day to go alongside our sensory story sessions. I think their favourite activities were making a Superworm shape during 'Dough Disco' and creating their own spider webs. We could really see their skills develop and progress over the weeks of completing the sensory activities to go with the story

Our current sensory story is 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and the children have enjoyed investigating different plants and seeds and using communication boards to identify the different parts of a plant. Both books had a set of targets to link with the stories to develop their understanding over time and by the end of the half term the children were all able to fully engage with the sensory activities. All children have been fully involved in the sensory aspects of this story and have been able to use pictures, props or words to complete a simple story map.



Our topic sessions have linked to the theme of 'Springtime' and we have explored and learnt about all aspects of Spring. The children enjoyed finding out about the different types of trees and flowers taking the opportunity to really explore different plants and the parts of flowers and plants. They have also investigated the life cycles of a frog and been able to create their own life cycle using pictures.. They have completed some great science work involving planting bulbs and growing their own cress seeds. They have sorted and identified different insects and found out about all the different signs of Spring.



They have made fruit caterpillars, honey biscuits, created hand print spiders and Oreo spiders which they all enjoyed making and tasting

The children have continued to all work hard on their individual targets. We have seen progress with everyone and all are working towards their own independence. Children are progressing well with their levels of engagement and increasing the time they can work at an adult led activity for.

We have continued to develop communication skills using a wide range of different support aids.

In PSHE this term we have been developing skills like dressing ourselves more independently for example trying to put our own coats on and practising putting our own shoes and socks on. We have also been able to get out and about in our local community and the children have enjoyed walks to the shops and practised their maths and communication skills when communicating what they would like to buy and then paying for the items with money. Shopping has been linked to our topic with children choosing and buying their own fruit to then create a fruit smoothie with in school. We have also been out for walks looking for signs of Spring and looking for different flowers and trees.

All the staff in Bridgewater 2 hope you have a lovely Easter and enjoy the holidays with your families.

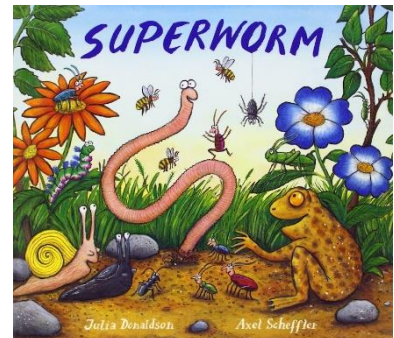
Paragon 2

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy but fun-packed term and we are very proud of all of the progress that the pupils have made over the course of the last three months. This term we have had lots of opportunities to get out and about and have enjoyed walking to the local café, shop and using a range of different crossings in the community. We also enjoyed a trip to Glebe Farm to observe farm animals.

We really enjoyed World Book day this year with many of the children joining in by dressing up and bringing a book to share. The children love stories and their engagement in story time has continued to improve over time. During our World Peace day in January, we explored sharing skills in class, enjoyed a sensory story, and created our own sensory zen gardens.

In class, we have been looking at the theme of 'Spring' and the children have enjoyed looking at our two sensory stories: 'Superworm' and 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have enjoyed engaging in exploring different animals and minibeasts through sensory exploration and alternative communication. We have also been exploring plants and plant parts and the children have engaged well in this.



In RE, we have looked at Creation Stories and the festival of Easter. We have explored a range of special stories through sensory retellings, small world play and exploration of artefacts.

The children have continued to make good progress in their communication and personal targets and we are so proud of the achievements that they have had this term. It has been great to see the children improve their engagement over time and to initiate communication using their own AAC.

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning in February to join in with our planting and also to those who donated and/or came to our Easter fair; it was very successful.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you again next term!

Cath, Savannah and Ebony (Paragon 2)



Wedgewood 2 newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy term and we are very proud of the personal achievements of the pupils in Wedgewood 2

We really enjoyed World Book day this year with many of the children joining in by dressing up and bringing a book to share. We also had our World Peace day in January, exploring sharing skills in class. This March we were lucky enough to have a dance workshop come into school which the children really enjoyed watching and joining in with.

In the last half term, we have been looking at the theme of 'Spring' and the children have enjoyed looking at our sensory story, 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have also enjoyed exploring a range of activities related to plants and flowers including planting our own bulbs ready for the better weather to come. We have also enjoyed doing a plant hunt in our sensory garden.

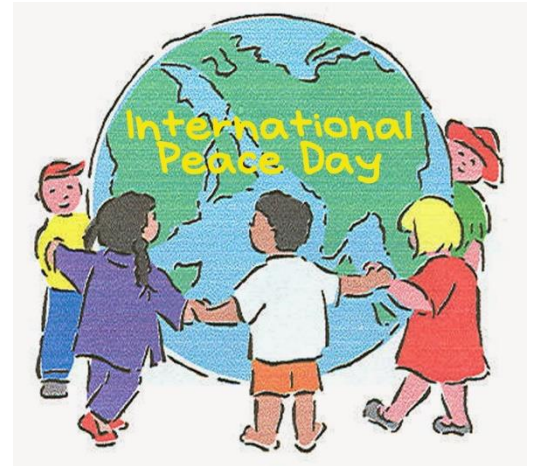
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The children have really enjoyed swimming this half term as well as a walk around our local area, which we hope to do more of in the coming term

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs for our fair; it was very successful and it was great to see those who attended. We hope that you enjoyed our artwork!

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you again next term!

Wedgewood 2



Minton 1

This term we have been on lots of different trips to extend our learning. Our first all day trip was a visit to Sudbury Hall where we explored different toys and inventions through the years. Our second all day visit was to Tatton Park where we explored the countryside. We had a lovely day and collected lots of natural materials to use within our art work.

We have also taken part in half day trips that consisted of breakfast at Toby Carvery, Poundland shopping for hygiene products, community walks and Hanley Library. We are going to continue going to Hanley Library at the end of each half term to return the books that we borrowed and to take out different books ready for next half term.

In English we have looked at two stories. Our sensory story in Spring 1 was A Midsummer's Night Dream and our story during Spring 2 was Minton 1's adventures. We carried out lots of activities focused around our stories including a lesson where we did a virtual trip to London!

In science we have been looking at how plants grow. We have been keeping our own plant diary and have taken pictures each week to show how our plants have grown and developed and we have also demonstrated how to look after our plants. Growing our own plant has helped us to see the different parts to a plant and what their job is.

We carried out lots of different art activities last half term where we looked at three influential artists and practiced skills that they used to create their art work. We then created our own works of art.

We have had lots of fun in Minton 1 this term and are looking forward to the Summer Term.

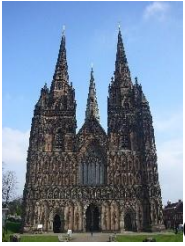
Thank you for all your support this term and have a lovely Easter break.

Natasha, Emma and Shaun





Spring Term Music



Once again we have had a busy but brilliant time in music. It has been great to work with all the pupils in Multisensory, Engagement and Progression pathways, as well as some pupils from Functional and those who have been involved in choir. All the pupils have worked really hard and hopefully enjoyed singing, exploring and playing the instruments as they develop their musical knowledge and ability.

Music share concert Lichfield Cathedral

I have the privilege to take our choir to Lichfield Cathedral to join in the Music Share concert again a few weeks ago. This year 12 pupils from Minton 2, Aynsley 2 and Aynsley 1 joined us, some for the first time and some for the last as they are in year 11 and will be leaving us this year for pastures new sadly.

We had learnt 6 songs in school, including I'm a believer, a Jamaican song called Janie mama, a newly composed song especially for music share about going on holiday and This little light of mine. The songs included opportunity for solos and to sing in 4-part rounds.

The 12 pupils left school just after lunch with Hannah, Eleri and myself for our journey to Lichfield. Once we had arrived, we had a practice with the other 2 schools taking part in the cathedral, before going over to College Hall, our Green room for a break and our packed tea. After tea, Lisa and Helen joined us before we went over to the cathedral to take part in the Cathedral School's Evensong service where 2 of our pupils read a prayer. Then finally it was time for the concert.

We went over to the Cathedral and took our places on stage. All the pupils sang their hearts out and many of Kemball choir chose to sing a solo – no mean feat in front of an audience of over 150 people! The pupils were all totally amazing and we were all so proud of them as were, I am sure, all the parents who were able to join us.

We had a fabulous day as always and I can't wait to do it all again next year!

Well done to all the pupils involved – you are truly amazing.

I am looking forward to making some wonderful summer music next term!



Have a lovely Easter
Lorraine

Aynsley 1

As we move into Spring it's time again to reflect on what we have learnt and achieved during the last term.

In English we have covered the story of Treasure Island where, as always in Aynsley 1, there were some fantastic drama performances, great use of props and some really good work on speaking and listening and comprehension skills of the story. Also in English we have been out and about to look at different services and road signs, for example walking to a local post-box and looking at local bus stops.

In Maths we have covered some different areas such as telling the time and looking at different temperatures and weights, as well as continuing to work on our Number skills using Numicon.

An area in which we have done especially well in this term has been Science. In the first part of the term we studied various different inventors, such as Steve Jobs and also local man RJ Mitchell, and learned about their influence and inventions. Following this, we also have studied Plants, and conducted an experiment where we kept plants in different conditions and then observed the results.



In Computing we have been practising typing skills, changing fonts, sizes and colours, as well as accessing eBooks.



This term has also seen lots of preparation work towards Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and specifically the upcoming expedition for some of our Year 10/11s. This has included assembling a stove, thinking about what and how to pack for an overnight stay, as well as map reading and orienteering skills.

In ASDAN, we have also completed a further 2 units, which have included travelling and making journeys in the local community, and being healthy. During the Being Healthy unit we managed to exercise and also make our own healthy snack, so no excuse over Easter!

I'd like to also make a special mention to our winning Table Cricket Team, it was a huge achievement for all involved and the shield is now proudly sitting in our foyer! All of the class engaged really well with the sessions, and as mentioned congratulations to the pupils who went on to win the County Competition in February.

Have a happy Easter break,

Aynsley 1

Minton 2

We can't believe that spring term is already over and we are heading into summer term!

In English we started this term reading 'Around the World in 80 days' which linked with our topic of 'The Continents'. We loved reading about Phileas Fogg and Passpartout's adventures around the world and enjoyed planning where we would go if we went on a trip around the world! This half term we have had a non-fiction focus and read 'one day so many ways' that looks at how children around the world live. We have enjoyed doing our own research on a country around the world and presenting our research to Maple class.

In Maths, we have worked really hard on our work with multiplication and division using our knowledge of counting in 2's 5's and 10's to solve problems. We have also worked on time and converting analogue and digital times. We showed confidence in telling the time to o clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We have also done lots of work on fractions using real life problems to practise our skills.



In our RE days, we have learnt about Creation stories of different religions where we learnt about the Christian/Jewish creation story in addition to the Islamic and Hindu creation stories. We then compared this to the Big Bang Theory. We thought carefully about our own beliefs and how we believe the universe was created. In spring 2, we enjoyed learning about Sikhism and making dahl to share with others, turning Minton 2 into a langar kitchen!



In Science, we have been learning all about seasonal change, looking at the varying temperatures and changes over the 4 seasons as well as different climates around the world. This half term we have looked at states of matter where we have conducted experiments to test mixtures and compounds and whether solids are soluble in water.

In computing, we have worked hard developing our typing skills and then collecting data and creating our own spreadsheets and charts.

In spring 1 our Friday topic mornings have been all about 'The Continents' The children loved learning about the continents and retained so much knowledge about the different continents and the countries that belong to each one. The children used atlases, maps and google earth to research the different continents. In Spring 2 we focused on fieldwork and orienteering with children enjoying applying their map skills to find hidden stars around the classroom. We also went on a walk around Blurton looking for landmarks using our maps to follow the route.

Many of the children in Minton 2 enjoyed our residential trip to Stanley Head where they showed huge amounts of courage trying abseiling, leaps of faith, rock climbing and archery. The children were fantastic and were a real credit to our school.

It has been another busy term and as always, the children have made us extremely proud.

We hope you have a lovely Easter!

Hannah, Sam, Sophie and Scott (Minton 2 Team)

Gladstone 2 have enjoyed a busy Spring Term!



In English, they have enjoyed exploring the stories 'Look Up!' and 'Man on the Moon– A day in the life of Bob', which linked in with our topic of exploring Space! The children have looked at the jobs of real astronauts and compared them with the characters in the stories.

During Maths, they have been looking at time and using smaller clocks to explore how they move to tell the time. The children have enjoyed working with money and working on their coin recognition and making links with coins and the numicon. We even managed to take a walk to our local shop with our own money, and choose and buy our very own Mother's Day card!

In Science, the children have had great fun exploring Light & Dark, particularly making shadow puppets and exploring how rainbows are made! Over the last few weeks we have been exploring Gravity in Space. The children have impressed us by retaining the knowledge that it was Isaac Newton who discovered gravity! They have all loved learning about how gravity affects the planets and again the children have impressed us by remembering facts about the different planets, like where the storm is on Jupiter!

We've had great fun in our Topic sessions –in Geography we looked at the different features of the Earth, such as mountains and rivers. During History we have really enjoyed looking at the Space exploration timeline. The children have worked so hard exploring the animals and humans that have travelled into Space during the Space race. We have really enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and learnt to say his most famous phrase "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

Throughout Art we explored different textures and how they make a landscape look. We then had a go at making some textured planets using rough and smooth textures. During Design Technology, we have had great fun exploring how parachutes work with the large parachute and even made our own small parachutes.

During computing we've explored Ebooks and using apps to research number songs and then perform and record a Number song with props.

In between all of this we all enjoyed a lovely coffee morning in our class!

We look forward to our Summer Term!

Maple

Maple have had a fantastic Spring term. It's been so lovely to get back out sharing sensory stories within communities and our visits have been really well received. All pupils have made amazing progress with their targets and friendships have developed really well within class. Our sensory stories of 'Did You Know' and 'Thomas Edison Story' have been really fun and pupils have engaged particularly well with the technologies involved such as microphones, iPads apps, virtual reality and Facetime.

We have extended our topic learning surrounding Discoveries and Inventors into lessons exploring who invented footballs, popsicles, Coca Cola, crisps and cornflakes to name just a few! Maple class have really enjoyed contributing to the Easter Fayre with our chocolate treat cones and look forward to more treats over the Easter break.

Doulton 2

Doulton 2 have been exploring the topic of Once Upon A Time we have been learning about the magic of Seas and Oceans as well as Castles and Knights.

In Maths we have been working on identification and exploration of 2D shapes including circle, square and triangle using our shape rhymes as a prompt. Exploring and making choices of colours and filling and emptying containers in the water and sand trays. We have introduced big and small items and begun to compare these to each other, we had fun exploring the big items to see if we can reach around them!



In English we have been reading The Little Mermaid and The Princess and The Wizard. We enjoyed making sounds using the interactive whiteboard by touching the screen to play music we enjoy or make a range of sounds. We have been using our communication books and symbols to find and match items in the classroom as well as make choices for motivating items during playtimes and lessons. Some of our pupils have been taking part in hand massage to increase hand function and awareness of our fingers.

In our topic sessions we have been exploring seas and oceans along with the animals that live there. We have sorted the sea creatures into the different habitats and found out why they like to live there. We all liked the crab the most with its pinchy claws! We talked about how to keep sea creatures safe and rescued the animals from the plastic in the water. We enjoyed making our own boats and testing to see if they floated, we pressed the switch to turn the fan on and blow them across the water, this was great fun! As part of our Knights and Castles work we dressed up as knights and took part in jousting events. We also made a medieval banquet and tasted or felt some of the foods, we were all very brave and everyone had a go at everything.



We have all had a lovely term and particularly enjoyed our trip to The National Adventure Farm. We had a great day seeing the animals and getting the stroke them as well as planting a seed to grow at home.

Best wishes from Katy, Hayley, Karen, and Cathy.

Coalport 3

We've been exploring the topic 'Express yourself' this term, and have explored different expressive artists, exploring and using music and technology, and making different choices of what food we like. We've also explored what Easter might be like around the World.

Our first sensory story this term have been 'Peter Pan' and we really enjoyed visiting Neverland and seeing the mermaids and pirates! We then explored the sensory story 'what If' where we explored the thoughts of a young story teller with a big imagination.

We've had World Book Day this term which was great fun, we got to visit the hall and take part in lots of sensory stations linked to different books and we visited a book café in school ran by the Aynsley classes. We've also been visited by 'The Explorers' dance troupe who performed an interactive dance performance. We really enjoyed taking part with some of the other classes involved.

Finally, we have been running a café for other classes in school where we prepared different snacks such as toast. We all had a different role in the café such as taking orders or exchanging the money. It was great fun!



We can't wait for Summer and to start our next topic 'Explorers!'

Jasmine, Yvonne and Rebecca



Wedgwood 1

This term has flown by in Wedgwood 1 and all the children have settled into being back in school. We have done lots of exciting activities and learning about lots of different things.



In Science, we have learnt about 'Seasonal changes'. We explored the different seasons and compared them and then learnt different climates around the World. Then in groups, the children created their own rain gauges to test the weather in our climate.

Recently the children have been learning about 'States of Matter'. They have explored what the particles of solids, liquids and gases look like and how they change from one matter to another through different heating and cooling processes. The children have then carried out experiment to test if different solids and liquids could be separated (mixtures) or if they formed something new (compounds).



Our topics this term have been 'Human and Physical features' and 'Map work and orienteering'.

Whilst learning about 'Human and Physical features' the children could identify different things photos and within the environment that had been manmade or that was physically already there.

When focusing on 'Map and orienteering' the children learnt how to follow different maps and what information they showed us. They could identify what different symbols meant on the maps that we had created.

In art, the children created a piece of art work over time that was in the style of Wassily Kandinsky's landscapes and explored mixing coloured paints together to create new shades of colour. This half term, the children have designed and then made their own flags.

Well done this term for all your hard work.
Have a good Easter.



Steph, Zoe, Clare, Jas and Elaine

Spring Term Newsletter - Coalport

This term the children in Coalport 1 have been focusing on the topic It's Spring! They have enjoyed exploring Spring through a variety of activities during topic lessons, sensory story and independent activities. They have also been working hard during their Communication and Problem Solving lessons focusing on Writing, Communication and Reading as well as Measurement, Number and Shape and Classification. We have also enjoyed celebrating a variety of other things this term including World Book Day, RE days about the Creation Story and the Easter story, Mental Health and wellbeing days based on keep learning and take notice.

Sensory Story...

This term we have explored two lovely stories including 'Little Acorn' and 'If all the world were'. During this the children have been working hard on their targets whilst exploring Spring themed props. This has included exploring Spring A-Frames, exploring different textures, matching and identifying objects using symbols and switches, exploring planting and soil and practicing our fine motor skills through threading.

Communication and Problem Solving...

This term during English we have focused on Writing, Communication and Reading and focusing on targets such as manipulating small and large objects and showing an awareness of mark making tools, using switches and symbols to communicate preferred items and likes and dislikes as well as tracking objects and locating objects on a communication board.

During Maths we have focused on Measurement, Number and Shape and Classification and focusing on weighing heavy and light, exploring hot and cold as well as empty and full. We have also exploring shapes and colours as well as extending our understanding of numbers and tapping out the beats to the numbers and showing recognition to the different numbers when signing the rhymes linked to them.

Topic...

This half term we have explored the topic It's Spring and have completed many activities including creating Spring blossom trees, daffodil sun catcher, orange bird feeders also exploring what plants need to grow. We have also created butterflies and caterpillars and frogs whilst exploring animal life cycles. We have explored animal habitats and farming in the spring where we had lots of fun pretending we were milking cows using a plastic gloves and exploring other jobs on a farm and farm animals.



With all that we would like to say how proud we are of all the children this term they have all been fantastic and have worked super hard on their targets and achieved so much. Thank you all for all your continued support too.

We hope that you all have a fantastic Easter break

From Fiona, Jo and Kim



Aynsley 2

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Aynsley 2 have had a great second term of the academic year!

In Science, we have been learning about different scientists such as Margaret Hamilton and Stephen Hawkins. The students participated in a range of experiments and conducted research based on what each scientist invented or discovered. We have now moved onto 'Plants'.

In English and Maths we have been busy revising for our exams and completing regular mock entry level exam papers in preparation.

We have been working towards our D of E bronze award. We have been preparing for our Duke of Edinburgh expedition by looking into what kit we will need, how the kit works, what is necessary and unnecessary to take with us, and the types of foods we can bring with us to cook.

In topic, we have been learning about important people. We had the pleasure of welcoming Jack Brereton into our school where he gave us a talk about his role as our local MP.

In ASDAN, everyone has completed 'Managing social relationships' and our Year 10's have now moved onto 'Environmental awareness'. The Year 11's have completed all of their ASDAN qualification, and they are now being send off for external marking.

This term we have been on a visit to Hanley Library, which included some travel training. We had the whole place to ourselves! We were given a tour and had a talk about careers in a library setting. Our visit was insightful and the student's enjoyed their time there.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aynsley 2 staff.

Coalport 2

We have had an enjoyable spring term in Coalport 2. It has been wonderful to have the children in school and it has been fantastic to see the amazing progress the children have been making thanks to all their excellent efforts.

Our topic for the spring term has been 'Spring Time'. We have loved learning about different signs of spring, exploring animals and habitats, growing our own food and discovering where our food comes from. We gained a knowledge about life cycles of plants, butterflies and frogs. We have also explored our creative skills by printing using natural materials and making Easter crafts.

The sensory stories that we have read have been 'The Little Acorn' and 'If all the world were...' During these stories, we loved learning about how an acorn grow. We learned how important is to cherish memories of very important people in our lives.



We have had a great fun during World Book Day by dressing up and taking part in different activities set around the school.

We have also had RE days and our theme for this term has been 'Creation Stories' and 'Easter'. We learned how the world was created and explored different Easter traditions, and symbols.

We hope that you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

Ramona, Julie and Catherine.