



Newsletter

Spring Term.

March 2023

Dear families,

It does not seem long since I last wrote to you all, but with so much happening, it is a pleasure to write to you again.

We have had a very busy half term with our Year 3 Residential trip to Beaumanor Hall, two visits to the church and Dojo parties in all classes, as well as lots of work being covered in all year groups as you can see from our Class Dojo pages.

With the help of Mrs Good, our School Council have been super busy deciding on a new logo for Friends of Dove Bank and arranging a fantastic day of celebrations for Children in Need



World Book Day was a real highlight this half term with a big thank you to Mrs Stanworth and to our Usborne representative, Sally Johnson for supporting in raising nearly £900 towards new books for the school. A big thank you to all families who supported the children to complete their sponsored read and to Edith Gilmore who raised £100.

Congratulations to our Year 6 children in the allocations of your Secondary school places. We look forward to an exciting final term with you before you move on.

On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to wish you a lovely Easter break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fletcher



Sycamore Class

We've had another busy, but fun term in Sycamore class. The children have worked incredibly hard to learn new concepts in Maths, and in English they have produced some fantastic finding stories and information posters using some newly learned grammar skills. They have expressed well considered opinions during our Maafa topic and have shown good understanding about a healthy life style when learning about Food for Life.

Away from the classroom, the children very much enjoyed being part of World Book Day with great costumes and enthusiastic sharing of favourite books. The children have participated in a Children in Need assembly and wrote and delivered an assembly about diversity and respect – which they did brilliantly! Sycamore children really loved their dojo party too.

Well done to everyone who has worked hard and engaged fully in their learning. I'm looking forward to all the things we have coming up in the Summer: SATs (to show off brilliant new skills), a residential visit and a trip to Warning Zone amongst other things.



Oak Class

Oak have had a busy term. We have been learning all about different foods and where our food comes from. We have tasted lots of different fruits and talked about which we like and dislike and used lots of adjectives to describe the tastes. We have enjoyed some wonderful stories this half term including retelling Jack and the Beanstalk and building beanstalks using lego. We have completed an investigation into finding out what a seed needs to grow by planting seeds in different conditions. A seed that had no daylight but did have water, grew well but we noticed it was white in colour!

We loved playing in the snow and exploring what happens when snow warms up. We made snowmen and snow angels and had a wonderful time.

We really enjoyed the story Handa's Surprise and made maps to show the journey Handa went on to get to Akeyo.



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Maple Class

It has been another busy term for Maple Class. The children have continued with their sow and grow project. They have learnt about how plants reproduce and have taken cuttings from different plants, which we hope to plant in the school garden. In art this half term, we have explored further how artists use line, light and tone. We have used white oil pastels on black paper and have created monochrome digital images to understand aspects of form, light and shadow. In Science, we have researched the lifecycles of different species and learnt about their similarities and differences. As part of this project we carefully dissected eggs, in order to identify the key parts. We also enjoyed taking part in the World Book Day activities and Red Nose Day.



Pine Class

Pine class have had a super half term leading up to Easter. They have become football commentators in English for both Messi and Pelé and have become superheroes in our six-week dance course. We performed this in front of Birch class, who were mighty impressed at their super hero poses! We have explored the world map in our geography lessons and focused on diversity in different cultures and religions in PHSE. We have been 'shining a light' on our science topic exploring different forms of light and shade. Lastly, we have just begun looking at the Tudors in our French topic.

It's been a super busy half term but we are ready to explore the next one!



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Birch Class

Birch Class have had a busy Spring term. In Year 1 during English we have been writing our own fairy tale stories. We have had a focus on basic sentence punctuation, using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. The 'Punctuation Police' do come and check everything is there! In Year 2 children have chosen their favourite fairy tale and have written their own alternative sequence to the story. They have focused on using time adverbials to order their story and synonyms to include new vocabulary.

In PE we have been developing our send and return skills using a tennis ball and a racket. We can hold the racket correctly and complete a self-serve to our partner and return the ball with some accuracy.

In our 'Rain and Sunrays' topic children have explored a range of materials found inside and outside. Children have explored different motifs linked to the weather and used a range of materials to create single and repeated prints using Collagraphy. This was very messy but lots of fun! In our 'Taxi' Topic, children were encouraged to explore mechanisms to help move objects. They found objects needed wheels and an axle attached to a chassis to move. After lots of planning and debating, children began creating their own moving object with success!



Great work this half term Birch Class.

Easter Service at All Saints Church

We had a lovely morning at church learning all about the Easter story. A big thank you to everyone at the church for making us so welcome again.



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Larch Class

Larch class have had a very busy half term getting to grips with their times tables through games and songs as well as working hard on Times Tables Rock Stars.

We have looked at mountains and how they are formed in Geography and are completing a cross curricular activity in computing by putting together a PowerPoint presentation called 'Misty Mountains'.

We have developed our skills of report writing, then we edited and improved our work and created characters for a narrative with our model text 'Joe's Hooded Hawk'.



Well done Larch!

Friendship Ambassadors

We have spent time together thinking about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to others. We talked about times when we have shown true friendships with each other and how this has made us feel.



We have elected two Friendship Ambassadors from each class in Key Stage 2 who have begun working to support us at playtimes and dinnertimes.

Thank you for all of your work so far and to Mrs Crane for supporting us.

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Year 3 visit to Beaumanor Hall



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Pine class had a fantastic trip to Beaumanor Hall. They took part in a range of different activities including camp fire, den building and climbing.

The children were a credit to the school and the staff at Beaumanor commented on their fantastic manners.

Well done Pine and thank you to Mrs Armitage, Miss Massey and Mrs Whittingham for supporting the children on the trip.

Braunstone Frith Primary Academy.

Oak class had a fantastic time visiting All Saints Church with over 60 special visitors from Braunstone Frith Primary Academy. We hope that this is the start of more visits between our schools. The children shared a picnic lunch together as well as walking to the church, learning about baptism and finding out about the history of the church.



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Staffing

We are really pleased to introduce our new staff who will be joining us after Easter:

Mrs Hardwick who will be teaching Oak

Mrs Haywood who will be supporting in Oak .

We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Hopper but we wish her well as she moves on from Dove Bank.



A few reminders...

- Please can you stick to our one way system for collection at the end of the school day.
- **All children must have their PE kits in school on a Monday ready for the week ahead.** All pupil absences need to be reported to the school office first thing in the morning. These messages can not come through class Dojo as they may not be seen by the class teacher in time.
- **Please contact your class teacher on Class Dojo in the first instance if you have any worries or concerns or if you have any questions.**
- All absences must be reported to the school office by 9am on each morning that your child is not in school.

Diary Dates

We have lots of exciting dates for your diary:

Year 6 Residential meeting and SATs meeting	19th April at 2.30pm or 5pm
Years 5 & 6 Swimming	Beginning 19th April 2023
Whole School Drumming Workshop	26th April 2023
Year 6 Breakfast club and SATs testing week	Week commencing 8th May 2023
Bank Holiday	1st May 2023
King's Coronation Celebrations at Dove Bank	5th May 2023
Bank Holiday	8th May 2023
KS2 visit to New Walk Museum	Friday 26th May
Year 5 & 6 visit to Warning Zone	Tuesday 20th June 2023
Year 6 visit to Whitemoor Lakes	Monday 26th June—Wednesday 28th 2023

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