

Newsletter

Friday April 22nd 2022

Reception news

What a lovely week! We've been making the most of our outdoor area in the nice weather. We're so excited to have some chick eggs in an incubator which we expect to hatch next week. The children are watching the eggs with great anticipation. We will soon have our chicks and ducks to care for! We have enjoyed looking at our new tadpoles in the pond too. Combined with Forest school, we've enjoyed lots of nature this week, making art from natural objects such as sticks and leaves. We've been tree climbing and playing on the tyre swing. Have you seen the progress of our flower garden area? It's a lovely area for the children to enjoy. In English, we have been re-capping new diagraphs in phonics, plus writing stories and acting them out! ☺

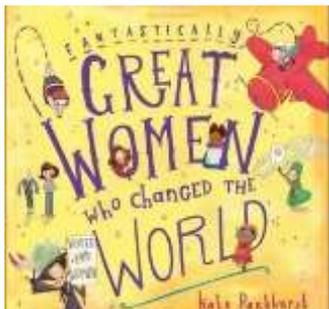
Dates for your Diary

26/27/28 April – Parents evening
3 May - Year 4 Roman workshop
13 May – group class photos
25 May – EYFS and Year 6 Screening
27 May – last day of term
6 June – return to school



Year 1 and 2 news

Year 1 have had a wonderful week back and have been eager to continue with their phonic work. They are now working on u-e (cube), u-e (flute), ue (statue) and ue (blue) sounds. They are building confidence in recognising, reading, blending and segmenting words. In Maths, Year 1 have been counting backwards from 50 and have enjoyed finding the next number as they chant with the class.



Year 2 have started reading 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World', a book that celebrates the achievements of some amazing women. So far, we have read about Rosa Parks, Mary Anning and Mary Seacole. They especially enjoyed reading about Mary Anning knowing that she enjoyed collecting fossils just like David Attenborough.



Next week we will be reading about Emmeline Pankhurst. We hope the pupils of Year 2 might want to find out her achievements ready for next week.



Year 3 and 4 news

How lovely it has been to see the eager **Year 3** students returning this week. We have dived straight back in and challenged ourselves throughout the week.



In our writing lessons this week, we have been looking at performance poetry. The children have been reviewing two poems and identifying devices used within them. They were then challenged to perform the poem thinking about their intonation and delivery.

Fractions have been our continued focus in Maths, looking specifically at making a whole and counting in tenths. We will be continuing our fractions topic over the next couple of weeks and looking at them in more detail.

The children have enjoyed the start of our new class reading book, *'The Dancing Bear'* by Michael Morpurgo. This is a story about abandoned bear cub that is adopted by an orphan child. They soon become inseparable until the arrival of a glamorous film crew.

Next week, will see the start of our Romans topic!

Year 4 have all had an amazing first week back. Some children have been at school with Mrs Norton focusing on an insect art project. Others have been at the Frontier Centre taking part in lots of outdoor activities, such as canoeing, archery, king swing, high ropes and many more. The children have all been great, tried new things and overcome obstacles which we have been really impressed with.



Year 5 and 6 news

Year 5 have come back from Easter with a spring in their step, ready to learn and trying their very best. We have been looking at the capital cities of the continents of North America, South America and Europe. In addition to this, we've started to identify the different biomes each of these continents has. We have also started writing a balanced argument – it is going to be based on our use of plastics so we will be researching at the beginning of next week. If children have time over the weekend, they could always find out some extra facts to share with their class.

Year 6 have had a busy start to the summer term. Lots of them completed some excellent revision over the Easter break by creating posters about different elements of GPS - well done for your hard work on this. They were also asked to read a short story called 'Trilla and the Warlock's Staff' which is a fantasy narrative. They have been working on their own ideas for a fantasy story inspired by this and are looking forward to developing these over the next couple of weeks. In Geography, children have enjoyed learning about settlements and how these can be affected by physical geography.

New staff at Brambleside

A warm welcome to three new staff at Brambleside. We have Miss Cartwright who started this week as our new music Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) who will be working with all years in their music lessons. On Monday, we also welcome Ms Johnstone, who is also a HLTA based in year 3 / 4. Welcome also to Mrs Bradbury, who is our temporary lunchtime supervisor.

