

# SUMMER 1 END OF TERM NEWSLETTERS

## Nursery News Letter Summer 1

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed this first summer term as much as we have. We have all loved the "Bear Hunt" story, it has enabled us to get out into the garden and step out our story using real life textures for most parts although we found it tricky to recreate a snowstorm!



The children have also really enjoyed playing silly soup during our phonics sessions and are getting really good at only putting in the correct items or pictures (they must all start with the same sound). We have had a big focus on name writing. Some of the children can now do this from memory which is amazing!

During our maths learning the children have enjoyed getting wet while exploring capacity and also having fun adding using our newly created machine. While working on forces we noticed that if we pushed the car it went quicker.



The R.E stories we have been learning have also taught us why and how we can be the best person we can and also how we can show thanks for how beautiful our world is.

We look forward to the fun and sun that we hope our next term will bring!



## Reception News Letter Summer 1

We have had a full and fabulous half term; it is amazing how fast it has flown by!

In Literacy and Understanding the World this term, the children have been exploring different habitats for a variety of animals and have applied their knowledge to plan an information sheet about how to care for a unicorn. Paying particular attention to the specific diet and habitat most suitable for a unicorn.

They have been extremely imaginative in creative arts this term. Alongside some truly creative and beautiful artwork, we have seen the children create amazing 3D structures made from wooden blocks, lego and even guttering and drainpipes! The icing on cake (no pun intended) has been the production of the delicious edible unicorn horns (linked to our class book, 'Not Quite Narwhal') that the children created as part of our end of unit exit point. Through exploration of this text, the children have been able to think through big themes around difference, self-acceptance, and acceptance of others. Being true to yourself and embracing differences and striding (or paddling) fearlessly into the world for Kelp (our main character) was a good thing and tied in wonderfully with our school vision of *Living Life to the Fullest* – a comparison that the children picked up on.

Once again, I have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm, reasoning, and problem-solving skills in maths. The children are becoming quite proficient at using a 10 frame to solve missing number problems and they have been working hard to develop their knowledge of doubling numbers, as well as identifying odd and even numbers.

Finally, this term there has been a focus on word mastery, specifically ensuring that the children are confident and competent in reading and writing their high frequency words. You may have noticed your child coming home with a focused list of high frequency words each week. Please continue to support your child in learning these words.

"This term, I have enjoyed subitizing – fast counting with my eyes." - Evie

"This term, I have enjoyed my writing in phonics." – Lyna

"My favourite bit of learning this term is maths; I liked it when we were matching patterns." - Aria

"This term, I have enjoyed creating things on the art table. I loved making a robot." - Emmeline

"I have enjoyed reading because it is fun. My favourite book I read was Ducks Socks." - Noah W

"My favourite thing this term is playing with the building blocks and making things". - Henry

This term, I enjoyed exploring the world map and learning all about the different countries." - Osaze





## Year 1 End of term Newsletter

The children in Year 1 have done SO much learning this half term and have worked incredibly hard: being imaginative, challenging themselves, aiming for their best and having a positive attitude towards their learning. During this half term, we have been reading '*Traction Man is Here*' by Mini Grey and have used it to write different types of texts such as, Story Maps, instruction writing and write their own sequel to the book. Year 1 have also learnt many grammar techniques which they have been using in all areas of their English work. The amazing work Year 1 have produced is due to their enthusiasm towards their Phonics where they have been excelling. They are doing so well and we have now completed all of Phase 5!

Year 1 have been using different representations in Maths, multiply in 2's, 5's and 10s and also learning division. They have become confident in making groups of equal parts and recognise the multiples on a number grid. They have also been learning about fractions where they have mastered halves and quarters. They can use the correct vocabulary to explain their reason and support their reasonings.

In science, the children really enjoyed learning about surviving on a Deserted Island and also enjoyed learning about ways to survive. In teams, they made their own shelter and tested which shelter is the most sustainable. They also made their own rafts and tested it out on water to see whether it floats or sinks.

In RE, the children have focused on the question '*Is Shabbat important to Jewish Children?*' I cannot express how well the children have worked. They have understood what Shabbat means and why it is so special. They have also experienced their own Shabbat table in our very own Year 1 class which they enjoyed thoroughly.

Finally, in Geography and History we have been focusing on Superheroes around the world where they focused on real life historical figures that made a difference in the world. They loved how these historical figures made such a huge impact in our world that they even chose their own favourite one to write about.

Please don't forget to revise the phonics Phase 5 sounds with your child and keep reading on BugClub. Hope you all have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back for more fun learning in Summer 2.

Miss Atiya and the Year 1 Team

"I learnt how to write about adventures that we discovered through our imagination." Albert







**What we have been learning this half term?**

What an amazing half-term it has been for the children in Year 2! They have been an absolute credit to you all, in showing their determination, resilience and drive when completing their learning and their SATs papers. They all worked extremely hard and never gave up and we are so proud of them.

The children have really enjoyed the story that we have learnt this half term called The Secret Sky Garden. As always, they have immersed themselves in the story and produced some wonderful pieces of learning around this text.

In maths, we have practised as much as we can in preparation for their assessments and also learnt about length and height and measuring in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. After the half term we will consolidate everything that the children have learnt so far in Year 2, and showcase all of this learning in their Maths books.

The children have learnt about Islam and how the mosque is seen as a special place of worship to Muslims. The children were able to learn about the different features of a mosque and reflect on their own special places, which varied from child to child.

In Science the children completed their learning around plants and growing. They saw how best to germinate a seed and wrote instructions on how to grow a plant and kept a weekly lettuce diary.

Last but not least, the children enjoyed learning about The King's Coronation and making special crowns.

We hope you all enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to seeing the children return for our last term of the year.

The year 2 team.



Year 3 have had a wonderful fun filled term of learning and exploring.

We have become more curious this term, taking every opportunity we get to question things as we learn and develop our minds.

In English, we looked at Spy Fox and designed our own 'Super discreet, Spy weapon'. We then used our imagination to write a story about Spy Fox fighting a new villain using expanded, noun phrases as well as similes and metaphors. After that, we moved onto exploring the poem 'Last night I saw the city breathing' which inspired us to create our own poems.

In maths, we looked at fractions again which helped consolidate our previous learning. We then moved onto money and then moved on to time. Using clocks to read times helped us to further understand how clocks are read.

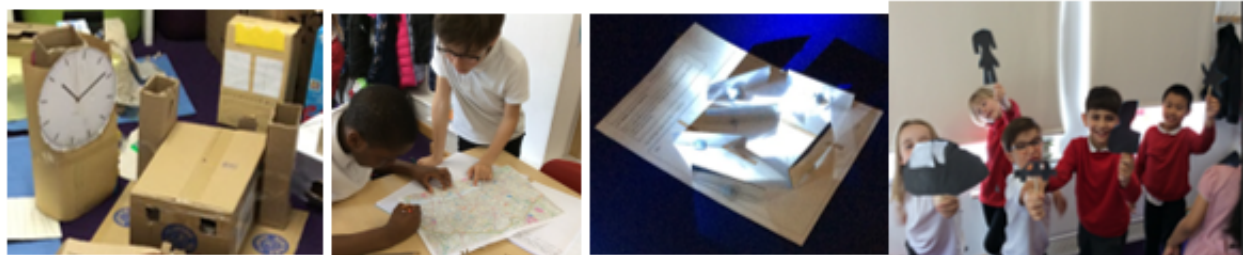
In RE, we learnt about the Pentecost and explored the impact of The Holy Spirit in the lives of the Disciples and the Christian community.

PHSE and P4C have both given us the opportunity to continue digging deeper into our own thoughts and opinions about the world. It continues to make us think about what we believe in and how our actions have a consequence.

In geography, we explored learning around the topic of Urban Pioneers. We went on Virtual tours around our area using maps and used ordnance survey maps to explore different routes as well as learnt how to read coordinates in order to locate a specific place. Additionally, we looked at satellite data which showed us the earth at night. In science, we explored the topic 'Mirror, Mirror', which give us the opportunity to learn about reflections and shadows. We particularly enjoyed making mirror mazes and shadow puppets.

Our most memorable event this term has had to be the Kings Coronation. Where we spent a whole week learning about Kings and Queens from the past as well as designing castles for the King to live in. We also created a fact file about the King which helped us to better understand the new King.

Well done Year 3 for an amazing term. We look forward to seeing you all again after the half term!





## YEAR 4 - END OF TERM NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 1

Year 4 has had a great half term, studying our book 'Rooftoppers', which linked to our musical topic, 'Playlist'. We have completed some fantastic pieces of writing, including diary entries, and character descriptions.

In Maths, we have solidified our learning around decimals, and then moved on to money and time. We've also continued to practise our times tables - hoping to all be completely fluent in multiplication and division, ready for our times tables test in June.



In History, we created biographies and fact files on famous musicians including Tchaikovsky and Bologne. We also dedicated a special work of learning to the history of the royal family, to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Our learning in RE led us to ponder, what is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? This deep dive into Buddhism saw us learn how Buddha's teachings make a difference to how Buddhists choose to live. As part of our learning, we visited the London Buddhist Centre in Bethnal Green, where we asked questions to a practising Buddhist, and

learnt all about meditation.

We hope all the children have enjoyed the half term as much as we have and that you all have a restful break over half term - and that you manage to squeeze in some, times tables practise ahead of the MTC! We look forward to welcoming you all back in June for the final term in Year 4!

**The Year 4 Team :)**

## Year 5

The first half-term of Summer is finished!

For the past 6 weeks, we have been exploring the historical topic of the Suffragettes, looking at the effort's women went to in order to win the right to vote. Across all subjects, we have truly immersed ourselves in history. We began by examining prominent Suffragists and Suffragettes, using interesting vocabulary to describe them. The class thoroughly enjoyed our non-fiction focus book, "Suffragettes: The Battle for Equality", which we used to gather historical information about the suffrage movement. Our cross-curricular learning prepared us to write a persuasive letter to the Prime Minister at the time, explaining the many reasons why women deserved the ability to vote. As part of this writing unit, we perfected our persuasive writing techniques, including mastering modal verbs, using alliteration and really, really refining our use of repetition.

This term, we were also lucky to witness and celebrate the historic event of the King's coronation, where we looked back at the British monarchs from 1702 onwards, and researched information about King Charles' life.

In Science, we have been incorporating our mathematical skills in statistics, plotting scientific data - the average height and weight of babies - onto line graphs. We learnt about the human lifecycle, and we researched and compared the gestation periods of different animals.

In Maths, we have worked on our Geometry skills, looking at the properties of shapes, plotting coordinates, drawing lines of symmetry and reflection. We have been practising using rulers correctly, making sure we use the lines in our maths books to ensure we are drawing straight lines.

In RE, we explored our own interpretation of God, then read how Biblical texts interpret and convey God. We analysed the symbolism within numerous Christian pieces of art which depicted the Holy Trinity, and reflected on the meaning of God being made up of three aspects - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What did you enjoy learning this half term?

This term, I adored learning about the Suffragettes because it was interesting that they were forced - Alfie H

I found learning about the Suffragettes and how much they wanted the vote exciting  
- Micah

We hope you have enjoyed the half term as much as we have.

Have a wonderful and relaxing week off!

Miss Dooley and Ms Harris :)

I enjoyed learning  
about decimals -  
Eloise

I enjoyed learning about the Suffragists and writing a persuasive letter - Peter

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## Year 6

First of all, I want to say a massive congratulations to all of the children for their perseverance, determination and resilience during the SATS week. As I am sure you are aware from the news, this year's tests brought plenty of challenges; especially in the reading paper. The children managed wonderfully throughout it all and really were a credit to the school and you as parents. Not one tear was shed and there was a clear anticipation of wanting to finish the papers to the best of each child's ability in the room!

We hope that the children really enjoy their holiday and rest-up, ready for their final half term in Year 6 and at St. Saviour's.

Although a lot of the learning has been predominately been around revising for the children's SATS tests and making sure the children can be the best they can, we have completed other areas of learning such as learning about Akhirah (life after death) in Islam for our R.E. and the impact of World War 2 in our History and Geography. The children have also continued their learning of French, Performing Arts and Computing each Friday, which they still continue to enjoy.

*"I have especially enjoyed swimming because I enjoy learning the new skills and getting into the water."- Hussain*

*"SATS were challenging at times but I enjoyed the breaks and being able to complete them with my friends... we all supported each other and the lunch was AMAZING!"- Jessica*

*"It is a relief that SATS are done and being able to go swimming has been great to practise new skills and learn with your friends."- Natalie*

Have a wonderful half-term break and we will see you all in Summer 2!

