



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence

Dates

- Book Week – 4th - 8th March
- CVC Dance share – Ash Class, Mon 4th
- Pancake Day Lunch – Tues 5th
- Ash Vision Screening – Weds 6th
- Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament – Weds 6th
- Parent Drop-In Session – Weds 6th 14:15 - 15:15
- Dress Up for World Book Day – Thurs 7th
- KS1 Bedtime Story Event – Thurs 7th, 5-6.15
- Girls Football - Fri 8th March 3.30pm
- KS2 Movie Session – Fri 8th, 6 – 7.30
- Parents Evening – Mon 11th & Tues 12th
- Nearly New Sale – Thurs 14th



Letters Home

- Hawthorn Trip
- School Disco
- Kingswood Reminder
- Parents Evening



Welcome Mrs Lovett

We are really pleased Mrs Lovett is joining our staff team. She will be teaching in Birch class on Thursday and Friday.



Nearly New Uniform Sale

The next sale will be before and after school on Thursday 14th March. Please leave any uniform which is in saleable condition at the school office. Do come along to bag a bargain and raise funds for our PTFA.

Many thanks, Clare and Lisa.

Headteacher's Bulletin

Yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting two new volunteer helpers who either came to Haslingfield when they were younger or whose children are here as 'parents'. Haslingfield School welcomes volunteers who wish to join us; supporting children's learning and getting involved in one or more activities to suit their availability. Grandparents and parents can bring a wealth of skills into school that benefit the whole community. A new 'art club' advertised recently, started Thursday of this week, and I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Burt-Gray, who many of you already know, and is now a member of our School's extended curriculum – club provision. Cookery club also started again this week – the jam tarts smelt wonderful!

Graeme McLeod

Morning Activity Club

This week we have made origami sailing boats in an array of colours, decorated wooden disks, played with lego and painted with watercolours. We have also done scratch art. "It's meant to be a pyramid" (Thomas, scratch art)



Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Year 2 practised their classroom instructions and remembered them very well. We made some of the instructions more difficult and they still met the challenge. Hawthorn Class practised writing dates in Spanish and watched some Spanish children singing a rhyme about dates. Oak Class completed a task in groups to conjugate the verb 'practicar' and used the information to fill in the missing verbs in sentences about sports. Beech Class learnt some different frequencies and had to complete a true or false reading activity. The children then put together fantastic sentences using the new frequencies.



Book week

We are all very excited about book week next week. Below are a few reminders;

- Book character **spoons** to be in school from **Monday 4th**.
- Catch me reading **photos** to be in school on **Tuesday 5th**.
- If your child would like to swap a book at our **book swap** on Friday then they can start to bring their books in from Monday. I would appreciate it if they could be in school **by Wednesday 6th**.
- Whole school **dress up** day as favourite book character on **Thursday 7th**.
- The **library** will be open for half an hour after school **every day** next week for you to share a book with your child.
- The **book fair** will be in school **from Wednesday 6th** until Wednesday 13th March.

There will be two evening events for the children to enjoy.

- **Thursday 7th** March 5-6-15 for EYFS and KS1 in the school hall- Bedtime stories.
- **Friday 8th** March- 6-7.30 for KS2 in the hall- Movie night (Paddington Bear 2)

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Peck

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons: This week we have talked about all the fun things we did over half term and chose some of them to write about. We have continued to practise our dance for the dance share on Monday. In Maths we have been doubling numbers, learning that doubling means adding two of the same number together. We have started our new topic of fairy tales and the children have enjoyed exploring the story of the three little pigs, role-playing the story and retelling using various props. We have also heard the alternative version of 'The Three little wolves and the Big Bad Pig' and looked at the similarities and differences between the two stories. We have loved being outside this week and have explored the mud kitchen making hot soup for the wolf to land in and some of the children have made their own 'dinosaur launcher' thinking about how they can make it safe!

English: to anticipate key events in stories.
Maths: to solve problems including doubling.



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lovett: Welcome back after a well needed half term. This week we have really enjoyed the sunshine and even got to have our P.E session outside, wearing shorts! In English, we have started to learn about the Wright Brothers and the invention of the aeroplane. We have thought of questions we would have asked if we were newspaper reporters. We have thought about how people may have felt during this exciting time and we have used freeze frame drama to act out some of the events. In Maths, Birch 2 have been looking at fractions including halves, quarters and thirds. Birch 1's have been looking at measuring and comparing height and length using nonstandard units and then learning how to use a ruler correctly and measuring in cms. In Science we are looking at comparing animals and their characteristics and habitats. Our DT focus, this half term, is how to design and make a moving vehicle. We started this week by looking at different types of vehicles and their uses. Guided reading and phonics continue with a focus on alternative pronunciation of phase 5 sounds and comprehension and inference activities.

English: to think about others feelings during important events in History.
Maths: Birch 1 - to compare length and height and measure using nonstandard and standard methods. Birch 2 – to find a fraction of a shape and a quantity.



Hazel – Miss Peck: We have had a lovely first week to the half term. In English we have been learning about the Wright Brothers and their first flight. At the beginning of the week we thought of some questions that we would like to ask the Wright Brothers if we were there at the time and thought of some answers to go with them. On Tuesday, we worked in groups to produce freeze frames of different moments that the Wright Brothers experienced on their wonderful journey. On Friday, the children produced some fabulous posters telling everybody about the first flight. In maths we have started our unit on fractions. We have been looking at different shapes and finding a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and a $\frac{1}{3}$ of these. The children then looked at using these fractions when finding different amounts. The children have been fraction superstars this week and have been solving problems linked to them too. The children's reasoning skills have really improved this week and it has been wonderful to see. In D&T we have been researching different vehicles in preparation for making our own vehicles. In Geography we have continued to look at Continents and have started our own information booklets.

English: to ask questions and research information about the Wright Brothers.
Maths: to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes and amounts.

Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: In Hawthorn this week we have been exploring perimeters in Maths. We have been trying to use rulers accurately when measuring in centimetres and millimetres. Today we finished with an active Maths lesson outside, finding shapes and measuring perimeters. In English and Topic we have been finding out about Greek Gods. We have been researching the Gods using two websites and checking whether facts are accurate or might be people's opinions. We have taken notes and then used our notes to write a fact file page about our chosen God or Goddess. In PE we will now be outside for both lessons unless it is raining. Please make sure they have their PE kits in school, with trainers or plimsolls on Monday and Thursday. We have begun learning skills in tennis and hockey. In Science our new topic is Animals Including Humans. We have started by looking at food groups and nutrition.

English: to write an explanation about a Greek God.
Maths: to measure perimeters.



Oak – Miss Kimberley: I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and were able to enjoy the unusually good February weather. This week has been very busy with rehearsals and preparation for our Class Assembly on Friday. Drama is a very important aspect of the English curriculum and also provides lots of opportunities to develop and assess their speaking and listening skills. Additionally, the children wrote their own short script for a scene in the play using the conventions for play writing. In Maths Mrs Williams and myself went through the Arithmetic paper with the year 5s and Year 4s respectively. The children also worked through a set of differentiated fractions word problems. We have also been identifying Prime numbers up to 100 and sharing our reasoning about how we could work these out systematically. We have started looking at square and cubed numbers and their notation. This week in Music Oak have been continuing with their project on Egyptian music and creating melodies following a structure of 'good melody writing' and using the E Phrygian Dominant scale which is a common scale in Egyptian music. Thank you for coming to the Oak Class Showcase of their half termly homework project with a geography focus. I am so impressed with the quality of the children's work. It demonstrates such a range of skills, ingenuity and creativity. Very well done to all the children. The children have also had the opportunity to present their homework to the class.

English: to use the main features of a play script when writing a scene.
Maths: to choose the most efficient/ appropriate methods and strategies for solving word problems involving fractions. To identify all prime numbers up to 100.



Beech – Mr Brown: This week in Beech Class we have hit the ground running and already busied ourselves with practicing a Maths reasoning paper which we marked and analysed what we needed to do in order to improve. This then formed the content for our lessons for the next few days as some children practiced measuring and answering questions related to adding and subtracting additional measurements, some children worked on scaling problems and others solved multi-step calculations using all four methods to answer a variety of problems. The next day, the children worked through reasoning problems related to reading and interpreting graphs. Later in the week, we have been learning facts to do with circles, including specific terminology such as diameter, radius and circumference. In English we have been focusing on reading skills by analysing a variety of question types involving retrieval skills. We then discussed different types of texts and decided what to expect when viewing fiction, non-fiction and poetry questions and then went through answering different question types. Later in the week, we began creating a grammar revision booklet to help support our understanding of different grammatical features. We also began writing a story with a flashback that is based around the Lindisfarne raid. In Science we re-visited key facts about how we are able to see objects using light and how it travelled. We then built periscopes and tested them to see if we were able to clearly view objects around a wall. In Music, the class have been continuing their project on Conduction (using signs to conduct) through playing C Jam Blues (a standard 12 bar blues song) with backings, harmony and improvisation around the Blues Scale.

Maths: to understand facts and terminology to do with circles.
English: to learn key skills to answer a reading paper.