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Dear Families,

I do hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term. It has been wonderful to see the children back in good spirits and ready to learn. The weather has been quite changeable this week, but we are thankful that the recent storms have not impacted upon the school and today is glorious!

Covid update

Today I had a Local Authority briefing as to the measures we need to take under the guidance released by the DfE yesterday. The regulations in general society have been relaxed to the point that self-isolation periods are now not necessary. Whilst thankfully rates are on the decline, they are still higher locally than nationally and higher than January 2021. We are removing the request for you to wear masks outside when picking up or dropping off children (unless you would like to) but will still retain that requirement for in school visits for the short term.

We are also making plans to open up more widely in the future. The parent information meetings and class assemblies over the next two weeks will be recorded still as we appreciate it would be challenging for families to get time off work at short notice and the Local Authority are still expecting rates to increase following the half term holiday. We hope that we will be able to host the Spring Concert at the end of term with an audience and the summer term is looking much more positive so long as the situation continues to improve.

Parent curriculum and assessment meetings

Some might be in person as they are later in the term (or next term) and are directed at small cohorts of children whereas some are online as they are sooner; details are below:

KS1 phonics – Monday 28th February 9.15am - Teams and recorded

Y2 end of KS curriculum assessments (SATS) - Tuesday 1st March 9.15am - Teams and recorded

Y6 end of KS curriculum assessments (SATS) - Wednesday 16th March 3.30pm

Y4 Multiplication tables check (MTC) - Thursday 17th March 3.30pm

New reception parents (current Nursery) welcome evening – Tuesday 14th June 7.00pm

Pick up and drop off times reminder

FM class – drop off at 8.50 and pick up at 3.10 as normal

SQ, HH and BD classes – drop off between 8.40-8.50 and pick up between 3.15-3.20, all siblings can be collected at the same time.

We know there are days when road issues and other circumstances mean lateness and for most families this is infrequent. However, we would like to remind you that children arriving continuously late often miss the start of the daily lessons and this can impact upon their learning.

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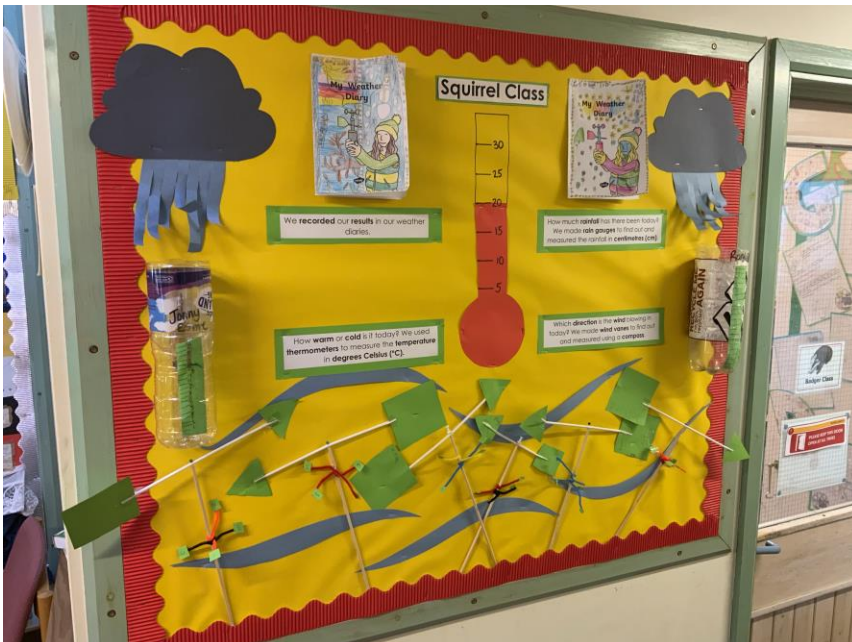
Displays around the school

As promised, these are displays in our foyer celebrating the work the children have done this term – they look amazing. Thank you to the staff for their efforts and to the children for producing such wonderful work.

Fieldmice class



Squirrel Class



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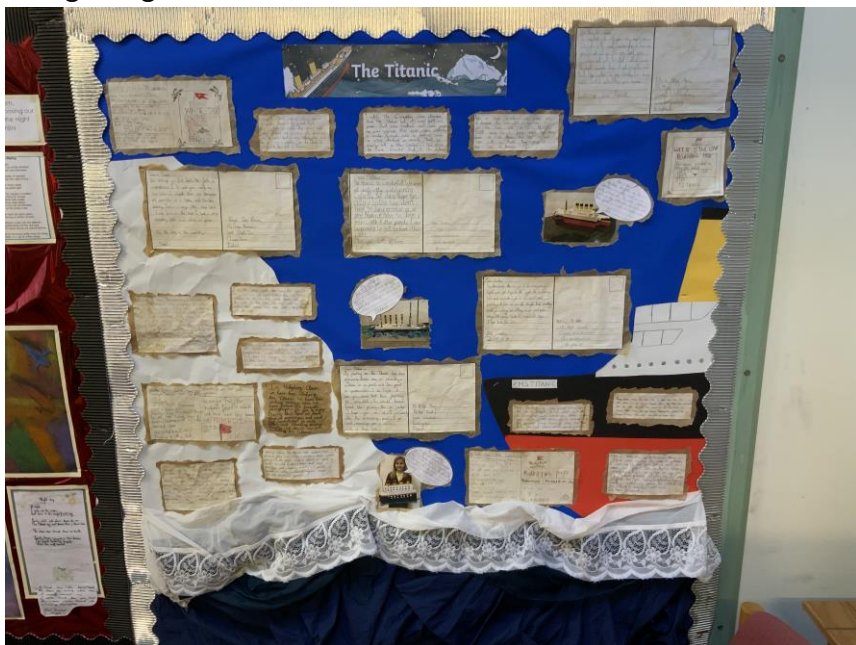


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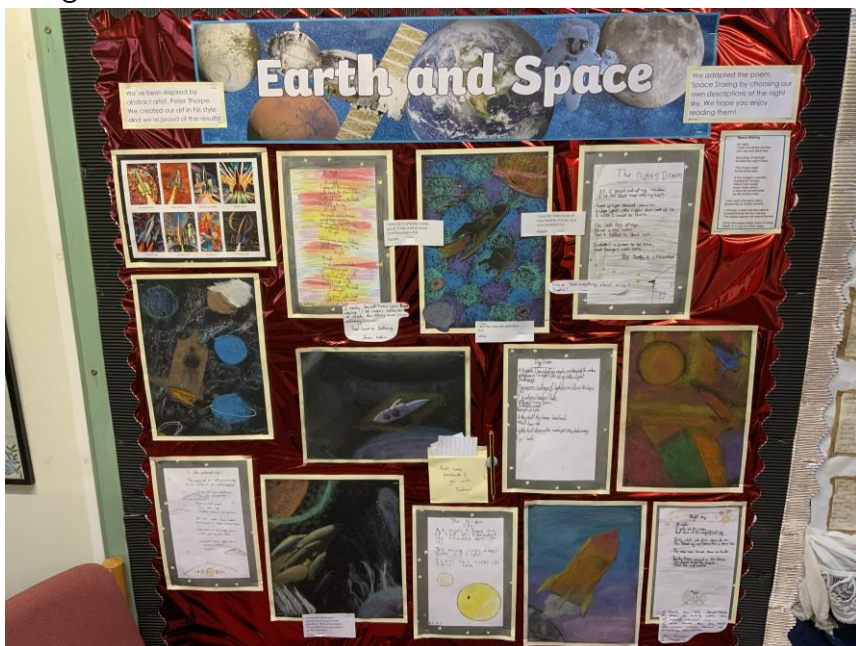
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Hedgehog Class



Badger Class



Sharing learning in school

We are hoping to have events in the future where you will be able to come in and see children's work in the classroom and share their learning. In the meantime do keep looking at the Teams posts or Tapestry to see what is happening.

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Outdoor Working Party

We need your help!! On both 11th March and 25th March from 1.00 until 4.30pm we would appreciate your support by coming on site armed with gardening tools to help clear a few areas. This has not been done for a while, certainly not for the past two years as a community, but we look forward to being able to have people on site outside.

If you are interested in lending a hand, even for a couple of hours, then please complete the following MS Form. <https://forms.office.com/r/8Gtwp11y7f>

PTFA

I met with the PTFA last night who are looking forward to hosting events and activities this term. If you feel you can help and support us in the events then please contact the PTFA via the school office.

You may see workers on site from next week as we are having some new play equipment installed thanks to a grant obtained by the PTFA. This will have a carpet surface underneath to enable year-round use but unfortunately this part of the project will not be completed until April.

Lastly

The future looks very bright for being able to get back to more normality and host events where we can welcome you back into school. I am very hopeful, but we will continue to remain vigilant. There is a letter coming from the Local Authority which will outline the guidance and measures we need to take but I look forward to what we can achieve together this half term and for the future.

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Dates 2022

Spring Term 2022

Monday 28th February – KS1 Phonics meeting 9.15am - Teams

Tuesday 1st March - KS1 SATS meeting 9.15am - Teams

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – dress as a book character

Wednesday 9th March – Badger Class to Careers event in Cambridge – more information soon

Friday 11th March – Outdoor Working Party 1.00pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 16th March – KS2 SATS meeting 3.30pm

Thursday 17th March 3.30pm - Parents meeting regarding the Year 4 Multiplication check 3.30pm

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief

Monday 21st March – Class photos

Wednesday 23rd March – Governors Meeting

Friday 25th March – Outdoor Working Party 1.00pm - 4.30pm

Monday 28th March – Author Visit

Wednesday 30th March – group of KS2 children to small schools Tag Rugby

Thursday 31st March – Easter lunch

Friday 1st April – school closes

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April – school re-opens

Friday 22nd April – Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight checks

Wednesday 27th April – Author Visit

Monday 2nd May – May Day holiday

Wednesday 4th May – Governors Meeting – Budget Approval

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th – KS2 SATS

Monday 16th May – Thursday 19th May – chance to visit the classrooms – more information soon

Thursday 19th May – Census Day

Tuesday 24th May – Sports Morning

Thursday 26th May – Picnic Lunch on school field

Thursday 26th May – school closes

Friday 27th May – INSET

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – half term

Monday 6th – INSET

Tuesday 7th June - school re-opens

Friday 10th June – KS2 to Harry Potter studios

Tuesday 14th June 7pm – meeting for new Reception Parents

Friday 24th June – closure day in lieu of extra Bank Holiday

Friday 15th July – Governor Morning in School

Friday 22nd – School closes

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