



Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 24th May

This half term seems to have flown by with so much excitement in school!

The staff and I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children for their incredible hard work with their SATs tests last week. They were all absolutely brilliant and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Last Friday it was a pleasure to take years 4, 5 and 6 to the theatre to watch a most poignant and thought provoking play of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. The children, as always, demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We were treated to all things Brazilian this week with year 4's excellent class assembly. What a fabulous performance - thank you Year 4!

This week we have been monitoring children's learning in reading, maths and Spanish. Governors and all our senior leaders were immensely impressed with children's outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning in all their lessons.

During the first week back we have our 'iSingPOP' workshops throughout the week and of course the concert on Thursday 6th June. Please do complete the forms link here to let us know which performance you would like to come to – this will really help us to plan seating in the church. We would really love all the children to be able to come back to the 6pm concert please.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sxRLK9969H>

I would like to wish you all a very happy half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Very best wishes,

Mrs M.A. Baker

Staffing News

After 5 very happy years at Barford, Miss Allsopp is sadly spreading her wings to pastures new to develop her career and leadership skills in a much larger primary school. Of course we will all be very sad to see Miss Allsopp leave at the end of July, but wish her all the luck in the world for her new ventures. Fortunately, she won't be too far away and I am sure will still visit us often. Miss Allsopp has been a most highly valued member of the team and has always brought such energy and enthusiasm to her teaching.

We have been very fortunate to recruit an outstanding and experienced upper key stage two teacher for September. Full details of staffing for next academic year will be communicated after half term. Children will have the opportunity to spend the day with their new teachers on Wednesday 10th July.

School Fund

Thank you so much to those of you who have contributed to our school fund – we have so far raised £300 this term which is very much appreciated. We are in desperate need of more design technology tools and equipment which will cost around £500. If you are able to donate to the fund, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

What we've been learning

(written by our magnificent reporters!)

Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading the wonderful story of 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been writing letters to Handa pretending to be one of the animals.

In maths, we have been busy learning to weigh and measure both indoors and in our outdoor play. We even made a route for Handa to Akeyo's house and thought about which was the longest or the shortest route.

In R.E., we have been thinking about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandan, which is a celebration of brotherhood and love. Siblings give each other bracelets as a sign of their care for each other. We made bracelets which was great fun!

Also this week we made some yummy fruit salad and tried tasting lots of new fruits such as mango and papaya!

Year 1

In Year 1 we had a super exciting week. We went to The West Midlands Safari Park on Wednesday and saw lots of different African animals. We even saw meerkats, giraffes and lions! Back in the classroom, we have been learning about Africa. In art we used pastels to create a sunset picture; we used yellow, orange, pink and red pastels to make a sunset. We then got to choose from an ostrich, lion or giraffe silhouette to put on our picture. They looked really good!



In maths, we have been learning about quarters which are a type of fraction. They are 4 equal parts. We even learned how to find a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a number as well!

In science, we have been learning about George Mottershead and the work he did on zoos. We sorted different animals based on their properties. For example, if they were big or small.

In English, we have been writing a recount of our trip to The Safari Park, we saw white lions, emus, buffalo and even zebras! We had such a fun day on our trip.

In RE, we have been thinking about why places of worship are important in our community. We have been thinking about why people might go to places of worship and why they are an important part of creating a community where people can come together.

We also learned how to make an egg sandwich with Mrs Baker. The trickiest part was spreading the butter but we persevered! We also practised mashing and mixing, as well as learning how to peel a boiled egg!

Year 2

In Year 2 in English we have been looking at diary entries, and thinking about the features of a diary including past tense, first person and trying really hard to use our time conjunctions. We then wrote diary entries based on Luba and the pebble.

In history, we've been learning how hospitals looked in the past and present, and comparing the hospitals that we had back then to the hospitals that we have now.

In maths we have been learning about statistics and data; we have been looking at tally charts and pictograms about how data is presented. We have also been looking at the scale of charts; this is quite tricky because it is quite hard to remember that the scale doesn't always go up in ones.

In computing, we have been thinking about online safety. We explored kiddle which is a children's search engine. We searched facts about elephants and found some information which is true and some which is false. It is interesting to see that sometimes the facts are saying they are true but they aren't.

In music, we have been learning about different notes c,d,e,f and g. We have been creating our own melodies using these notes and then playing our melodies on the glockenspiel.

In art, we have been looking at LS Lowry and his artwork, we have been drawing and painting images in the style of LS Lowry. We had to practise drawing stick people in the style of Lowry, this was quite tricky so we had to persevere.



Year 3

This week Year 3 has been very busy! In English we have been writing a persuasive text to encourage people to save the bees. Mrs Stock gave us a very specific set of instructions of what to include in our writing. We had to use repetition, rhetorical questions, exclamations and directly address our reader. We learnt what rhetorical questions are, these are important questions which make the reader think things through. Mrs Stock described it to us as a question you think in your head but don't say it out loud.

In maths, we have been looking at tenths as a decimal. We created graphic organisers which described the dictionary definition of a tenth, our definition of a tenth and then we included some examples and non examples of different tenths.

In science, we have started our new investigation based on our unit of plants. We had some cress seeds and we have put them in different locations and are comparing through observation over time how quickly they grow and how different conditions affect the growth.

In our topic lesson, we have explored more facts about different bees so that we can gain a real in-depth knowledge of them and what they are like.

In PE, we had our WOW active session where we had to complete 4 different activities, it has been really good for us to see our progress over the year. We also had a brass lesson with Mrs Pugh. We are learning more songs to add to our 'playlist' of songs we can play on our instruments!

Year 4

We have had an exciting week in Year 4! The highlight of our week has most certainly been our class assembly that took place on Tuesday. It was so exciting to see everyone's faces as we shared our sketches, our samba dance and our beautiful, carnival masks! We were the first class to share our assembly with the others and it was really exciting to share all our hard work. Mrs Baker said that we have set the bar very high for the other year groups! We have loved our Brazil topic and have learnt so much about this amazing place.

In English, we have been writing chapters to our narrative, all based on our book, 'my name is River'. In PE, we have been practising our athletics, ready for the county competition; we have been practising our

long jump and triple jumps, measuring how far we can jump. We also practiced our sprinting.

In science, we learnt about the digestive system and how and what our bodies do to help us digest the yummy food that we eat.

In RE, we have been looking at Hinduism and exploring the different deities of the Hindu religion.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we finished our Earth and Space topic. As part of our topic, we finished off with a poetry book in English called 'Spaced Out'. We learnt a poem from the book off by heart, and then performed them using expression and movements to our peers. This was a great group activity and helped us with our speaking and listening skills.

In maths, we have been practising our problem solving and reasoning skills; we completed some word problems based on multiplication and division and some number problems.

In history, we thought about different famous astronauts and worked in small groups to create a presentation based on an astronaut. Each group did a different one, and then we shared the facts and information with each other.

In RE, we continued with our new unit, looking at Islam in great depth. We learnt about the Qu'ran, the holy book for Muslims, and compared the Qu'ran to the bible, a Christian holy book, that we are familiar with through bible stories shared at school. We used a Venn diagram to compare the two.

In computing, we finished our computing unit, all about the Mars Rover and binary code. We have learnt so much! In PE, we continued with tennis with Mr Jenkins and also practised the fundamental skills of running and jumping in our athletics lesson with Miss Allsopp. We also practised our dance routine ready for our class assembly!

Year 6

In English, we have been writing our very own Bear Grylls survival books on how to survive in the wild. We started by planning what we needed in our survival kit using a mind map then made our introduction and finished it off with a list of what we needed in our kit.

In maths, we have completed a maths investigation based on time to see how many 5s appear on a 24 hour clock. In geography we have been looking at thematic maps and looking at the different climate and temperature zones in North America and the UK. This week all of year 6 went to Warwick Arts Centre for 'The Big Sing' with lots of other Warwickshire schools after SATS as a celebration for completing them. Miss Taylor, Mrs Facchino and Miss Dutton went on stage to dance during one of the songs.

In P.E., we have been practising hurdles with Miss Dutton to practise for sports day. In art we have been making soap carvings like Barbara Hepworth and we are soon going to be making pop culture art like Andy Warhol. All of year six are all very excited as we have now finished our SATS and are starting to audition for our end of school play "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Reception Cake Sale

Thank you to our fabulous Reception parents for donating so many cakes – we raised a superb £207 which will go towards school resources. Thank you all for your support with the cake sale.

This Week's Prayer

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

Everlasting God,
At this time of year, we remember how your Holy Spirit gave new strength and courage to your followers. We pray that you will give us the same gifts in our lives today so we can make real change in our world. Thank you for the promise that you will be with us for all our days, no matter what we face in our lives.

Amen

Summer Term Dates 2024

Date & Time	Event
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
W/B Monday 3 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Week iSingPOP workshops
Thursday 6 th June 2pm 6pm	iSingPOP concerts @ St. Peter's Church
W/B Monday 10 th June	Year 6 – PGL Year 1 – Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12th June 8.45am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 12 th June & Thursday 13 th June	Year 5 overnight stay at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Sports Morning & Family Picnic
Friday 5 th July	Reports sent out to parents
Saturday 6 th July	FABs Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 th July	Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 10 th July 3.30pm	Transition Day & Parents Presentation Meetings
Tuesday 16 th July 2pm	Year 6 show
Wednesday 17 th July 6pm	Year 6 show
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Church Leaver's Service
Friday 19 th July 9am	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly