



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

23rd: Families@4

25th: PTA Meeting @ 8pm

27th: Y2 @ White Waltham
Airfield

28th: Child Choice Day

28th: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm

31st: KS1 Choir Performance @
2.45pm

April

1st: Easter Service @ 2pm

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @
1.30pm

4th: Y3 Last Swimming

4th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

22nd: Inset Day

23rd: Return to School

28th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

May

2nd: Governors In School Day

8th: Y5 Play @ 6.30pm

20th: RBWM Inclusion Summit

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MARCH

Monday 17th:

* Neurodiversity Celebration
Week

* Mini Gravity Grand Prix Races

Tuesday 18th:

* Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th:

* Neurodiversity Market Place @
3pm

Thursday 20th:

* Inclusion Ambassadors
Assembly

* Y4 @ Chiltern Open Air
Museum

* Parents Evening

Friday 21st:

* Down Syndrome Day

* Red Nose Day

* Y6 Mufti Day

* Y5 & Y6 Smartphone Free
Childhood Talk

* Mini Gravity Grand Prix Winners
Announced

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our Year 6 who did a great job selling the knitted chicks. They managed to sell all 60 chicks which equates to £180. Thank you to all who bought a chick and for supporting the Alexander Divine Hospice.

Also a big thank you to parents for showing amazing resilience (and Georgie) with our new parent booking system. There were definitely some teething problems which are now sorted. We look forward to seeing you next week.

DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Next Friday is Down Syndrome Day—don't forget your odd, bright socks!

Year 5 Netball

On Wednesday 4 year 5s and 3 year 4s played against Cookham Rise at their school. The people who played were Flo, Archie, Minnie and Millan from year 5 and Charlotte, Emily and Sophie from year 4. Cookham Dean won 4-1. Flo scored 3 goals and Archie scored 1. Millan, for his amazing interceptions, got player of the match—voted for by Cookham Rise. At the end of the last quarter, we did three cheers for Cookham Rise and then they did it for us. 'We came in wearing PE kits and came out as winners' (Minnie year 5)

MINI GRAVITY GRAND PRIX

On Tuesday 18th March, we will be holding our own final of the mini gravity grand prix (please see previous newsletter for entrant details). Please let the office know on Monday if you will have an entry on

Tuesday. Good luck everyone putting the final touches together this weekend!

FAMILIES @ 4

We currently have 2 children signed up for our 'Mothers Day' special Families @4 service on Sunday 23rd March at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church. This service is a special service, led by the children of our school and this time, the children will be making posies, listening to bible stories, prayers and reflection followed by high tea. Please let the office know on Monday if you will be attending so that we can get numbers for posy kits.

NEURO DIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

Please see last week's newsletter for all the details regarding next week's neuro-diversity celebration week.

SCHOOL NEWS

GARDEN

A massive thank you to all the parents and children who helped out last Sunday in the garden. It's looking very tidy and we now have a new tap! This will be a massive improvement for 'Garden Club'. No more lugging watering cans up and down the playground all summer. Thank you to everyone who dug trenches, cut back trees, jet-washed pavers, tidied the shed, lugged and spread compost and Mark for installing the tap. We're ready to start growing!



CRICKET AT COOKHAM DEAN

MINI CRICKET AT COOKHAM DEAN CRICKET CLUB

These ever-popular sessions are back!!

Start date: Fri 25th April – no obligation taster session.

Time: Reception – 3.50pm to 4.30pm. Year 1 - 4.30pm to 5.10pm.

Location: Cookham Dean Cricket Club

Cost: £90 for the course of 10 sessions. The first session is a no obligation taster. (i.e. no payment is required until after the first session).

Clothing / equipment: Players will not need any cricket equipment as all is supplied. Any appropriate sports clothing can be worn. Please bring a drinks bottle.

Bar, BBQ and sweet stand are all provided!!

For more information please see www.tvca.co.uk. To reserve your place for the taster session please contact Jon Stewart, Head Coach on info@tvca.co.uk

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COOKHAM DEAN PTA
PRESENTS

DEANSTOCK FESTIVAL FETE

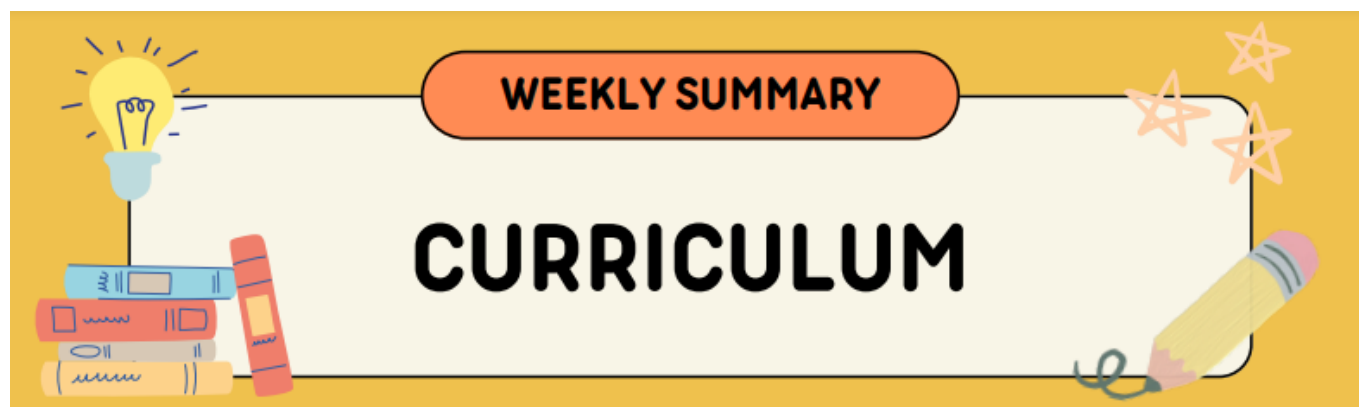
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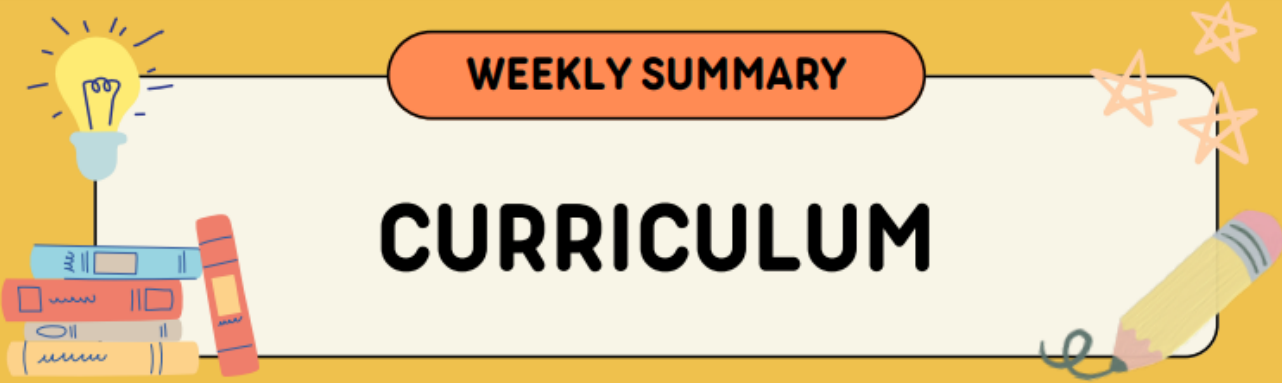
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Reception	It has been another action packed week in reception. In phonics we have been revising all our sounds but particularly focusing on ai, igh, oa, ear, ar, ee, oo and air. We have continued with our book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and the children have all drawn and described a character from the story which I look forward to showing you at parents evening next week. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 and saying what is one more and one less than a given number. In geography this week we have drawn our own maps of the reception playground. I hope you all have a lovely weekend - Ms Brown.
Year 1	Phonics: the children have been securing their knowledge of newly introduced sounds so far this half-term including 'tch', 'ture' and 'oor' just to name a few. English: this week the children have started a new English text called 'Prince Cinders' by Babette Cole. They have been learning about predicting events that may occur in the story and making inferences from the pictures in the book. They have also explored sequencing events in the book as well as deepened their understanding of different word types including adjectives, verbs and nouns. The children also enjoyed another author visit from Coral Rumble which was fantastic! Maths: this week we have been learning about time. This involved thinking about what different activities we do during different parts of the day. We then moved onto thinking about hours in the day. Followed by learning how to tell the time to the o'clock and half past - this included learning how to read and write the time on digital and analogue clocks. Music: This half term the children are learning about pitch in Music and this week they were introduced to the Glockenspiel and challenged to make a two-pitch pattern tune involving high and low pitch notes.
Year 2	To be updated on Monday



WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Year 3	It's been a great week in Year 3. We had another two author Zoom calls to wrap up our World Book Week activities, which the children greatly enjoyed. In maths, the children worked very hard on telling the time to the nearest minute. We had a great swimming session today. Tilly and Bertie are the swimming champions this week. They were very responsible and listened carefully to their swimming teachers. Bertie was nominated by myself and Mrs Terry so extra well done.
Year 4	This week, we have been having some of our maths lessons outside. Although it was chilly, we managed to guess the shapes, draw all the features and name the shape with chalk and a ruler. In English, we have started to read Beowulf and have been learning the features to write a CV as if we were the main character. In art we have been investigating how to create tints and shades using one colour, white and black.
Year 5	In maths this week we have been furthering our multiplication and division skills with great success. Thursday's game developed estimation skills, with answers confirmed by multiplication, and there was tactical play evident by many of the children. Lots of fun and some very high scores. We were lucky enough to have two more author visits this week, both of which were very interesting. We have finished our beetle reports too: Mrs Thompson now knows more about different beetles than she ever knew possible! The reports were well written and very interesting. In art we finished our print plates for our futuristic paintings and started designing ideas of what the future may look like focusing on clothes, transport, buildings and robots. There are some very creative and original ideas which will be developed over the next two weeks.
Year 6	Our week started off with further Author workshops, Thanks to The amazing Maidenhead's Big Read: We met Peter Bunzl from Cogheart fame and Fleur Hitchcock creator of The Murder mysteries. They taught us the importance of using our own experiences in our writing. We have been studying Dragons in our creative writing, coming up with some fantastic figurative language inspired by our Lindsay Galvin workshop last week. In science we have been studying adaptation and evolution. We investigated different biomes and have created new species that have adapted to living in them. We have had lots of fun in PE this week, choreographing out 1970s disco routines and then learning Tag rugby with Mitch.