

Newsletter 26th March



We wish you all a Happy Easter. Here's hoping for some lovely spring weather during the holiday to be able to get out for walks in the local area, as permitted.

The 12th April will be a staff training day. The children will return on the 13th April.

We hope that the gradual lifting of restrictions will allow some of our usual summer activities to take place.

Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work this term.

Covid 19

The admin@st-peterscofe.essex.sch.uk email will be monitored daily at the beginning and end of the holiday. Please email if your child has tested positive for coronavirus within 48 hours of the end of term or before the beginning of next term.

The Budget

As we reach the end of the financial year we have been very grateful for the support given by FOSP to help balance the budget this year. We have incurred many additional costs this year due to Covid and we have lost additional income from our Breakfast and After School club and from school dinners. Schools have not been able to furlough staff during the lockdowns. Following a lengthy application process, we received £200 additional funding from the government to cover the first lockdown. We have received some Covid Catch Up funding, but that is ring fenced to pay for additional educational support. Many other schools are in a similar financial position. We are lucky to have the support of our school community to help us through this difficult time.



Red Nose day

Thank you for your online donations. We have been able to send £250 to Comic Relief.

Our Learning

Year 5 & 6 have thoroughly enjoyed being back in school- they began by focussing on a fusion of Klimt and Kandinsky in order to create 'A tree of Hope'- we are sure you'll agree that the and results are stunning and fill us all with hope at this strange time:

We also completed our WW2 topic. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the events of the second world war and wrote some superb narratives about Operation Dynamo- the children really

focused on writing good quality description that reflected the mood and determination of the rescue of troops from Dunkirk.



After 12 weeks of learning about the topic, children were encouraged to showcase an area of the war that they were particularly interested in- this resulted in an amazing array of presentations that reflected their understanding.

A superb Spring term Year 5&6- well done!

Reception

The children have had an 'Eggciting' few days!! They decided to set set up an Easter bunny headquarters and look for clues, just in case a we had a visit from him! The Easter bunny postal service has been a big hit and there has been some great independent writing taking place! We have been helping Mrs Rabbit find her ten little bunnies, as some of them didnt come home! This has helped the children learn number bonds to 10. We also talked about the census and collected our own Easter egg data and recorded it as a pictogram. 'Eggcellent' work EYFS!!!

Year 1/2

This week in Keystage 1 we have continued looking at the Christian story of the creation - we have been working toward creating our own creation story poems and art.



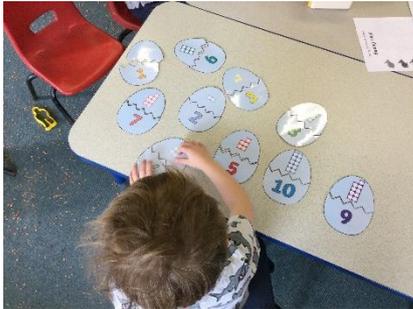
The children have enjoyed exploring volume and capacity using water play, and thinking about 3D shapes - edges, faces and vertices.

In science we have been exploring the way that animals (including humans) look like their parents. In the afternoons we have joined the Royal Opera House, using dance to explore Alice's journey into Wonderland.

We hope you enjoy the Easter treats the children have been working hard on this week.

Acorns

In Preschool this term we have continued to have lots of fun while learning about Spring. We have enjoyed lots of stories, songs and rhymes. We all helped to make 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by mixing colours to make different shades of green. We learnt that if you add black to green it goes darker and if you add white it goes lighter. After Easter we are going to base our learning on traditional tales and will begin with Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. This will include looking at different sizes, ordering from biggest to smallest and following a recipe to make porridge. We will also learn to retell the story using actions.



Year 3/4 have been busy since returning to school. We have been learning about 'Geoff' and his unshakeable love for 'Baked Beans'. The children all designed their own baked bean product and have written persuasive letters to Heinz. Some of them sound delicious!

Also, we have been sewing a piece for a class wall hanging linked to our topic of natural disasters. In Maths this week, we have learnt about the Census and completed class surveys before presenting our data in different ways.

It has been fantastic to see the children return to school so enthusiastically! We are looking forward to next term when to begin with our topic will be 'The Blue Planet'.

