



Friday 3rd March 2023

Newsletter

What a wonderful first week back we have had. It was great to see so many parents and family members at the opening of our revamped library – thank you for supporting us. It was an amazing experience to welcome the mayor into school for our assembly, he also spent time with each class to help them learn more about his important role in Carlisle.

Shine As One – Years 3-6

Tickets are now on sale for the Shine as One performance at The Sands Centre on Tuesday 21st March. The link to purchase tickets is; <https://betterboxoffice.co.uk/whats-on/shine-as-one>

They are £5 per ticket and are initially limited to 2 per customer. This is to enable all schools and parents/carers to have the option of purchasing a ticket to be able to watch their child at the event.

Further details regarding the event will follow closer to the time. If anyone requires transport after the event, please let me know as several people have offered to give lifts.

Baby photographs

We are creating a backdrop for our Shine as One project and require baby photographs of all the children in the school. If you give consent for your child's baby photograph to be used as part of our backdrop, please send it to Miss Carroll via email or on Dojo. Thank you to the people who have already sent them in.

Class News

Honeybee Class

A new half term and a new topic in Honeybees class as we turn our attention to Spring. Using the lovely picture book *Jasper's Beanstalk*, the children have been thinking about what plants need to grow and have planted their own bean plants. Fingers crossed they start to grow soon! We've also set up a farm shop and café in the role play corner, a garden centre in the outdoor area and we've been painting pictures of snowdrops and thinking about what makes our families special as part of a World Book Day focus on the book *My Friends and Me*. Reading, writing and maths also play a very important part in our everyday learning and it's wonderful to see our youngest learners really begin to blossom.

Bumblebee Class

Bumblebees have had a lovely first week back, we are all refreshed and ready for a fun term of learning. This week we have finished off our maths unit on shapes. Year 1 and 2 have been identifying 3-D shapes by their different properties as well as using mathematical language to describe shapes. We have made repeating patterns using shapes as well as grouping shapes in many ways based on their similarities and differences. Year 3 have been learning about angles, we identified what a right angle is, and then learnt about acute and obtuse angles, they were able to identify the different angles in objects around the classroom. In English we started looking at a new book, 'The Stone Age Boy' which links nicely to our History topic. This week we looked closely into the book by answering VIPERS style questions, so that the children have a good understanding about the text we are reading. Our aim for the end of this English unit is to write a diary entry as though we are a Stone Age girl/boy. Our World Book Day was a busy but wonderful day, we listened to the story 'The Proudest Blue' which was about a girl wearing a hijab to school for the first time. To link this to our English skills, we had a go at writing a diary entry pretending to be the little sister of the girl wearing a hijab. We were also lucky enough to listen to the story 'This is me' written by George Webster. We listened to George talk about his book, and the message he wants his readers to get from the book.

Queen Bee Class

What an amazing first week back. This week in Queen Bee Class, we have been looking at writing non-chronological reports, the children are going to complete research in order to write their own reports. In Maths, the children have been practicing their skills finding the perimeter and area of different shapes, this has included completing some challenging reasoning and problem-solving questions to explain their thinking. They have also been busy recalling previously taught basic Maths skills including times tables. In Science, the children started an investigation about how water evaporates. Elsewhere in school the children thoroughly enjoyed the world book day fun - they all looked amazing and had clearly spent time considering which character they wanted to be and why. They also really enjoyed our session with the mayor and asked some thoughtful and interesting questions. They enjoyed sharing and completing tasks based on the story My Shadow is Purple. This is an inspiring book about being true to yourself. The children spent time thinking and writing about the colour of their shadow.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School