



8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow - the World Book Day costumes looked amazing! We could clearly see how much effort some children (and parents!) and gone to with their costumes. We all had time to show off our costumes and talk about the characters who had inspired them. The children also had an opportunity to read with the Year 6 children and it was lovely to see them sharing their books with older children.

The children had a great time in forest school this week where they all had a chance to have a go at whittling. This task was to inspire the children in our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age history topic. After a clear lesson on how to safely use the knives the children all successfully managed to all remove most of the bark of their mini spear and to whittle the wood to create a pointed end. Some pictures of this activity will be put on the website. They also learned about how the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age housing changed from basic cave dwellings to complex hill forts.

In science this week, the children continued learning about plants, they looked at the different parts of a flowering plant and had an opportunity to investigate how a plant reproduces. Using a magnifying glass, the children carefully drew and labelled the inside of a tulip. **If your child is interested in science, then Cambridge Science Festival has a free family weekend on 23rd & 24th March:** https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-festivals-family-weekend?utm_campaign=newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_source=1638569_Cambridge%20Festival%20subscribers%20-%20family%20events&dm_i=6DCF,Z4BT,1NWNNI,4DPOK,1

Home Learning: Reading Please try to read with your child as often as you can, we are having a big push on reading skills and extra reading at home will support the hard work your child has been doing in school. All the children have been given a log in to **Collins Big Cat** and books to read will be set on there. There will also be a sheet of activities on **Teams** to complete if your children would like to add to their learning and their work can be uploaded back onto Teams to share with the class. Activities will also be set on **Mathletics**.

In Maths, the children will be telling the time. We will be exploring:

- Telling the time to the nearest hour, and half past the hour.
- Telling the time to quarter to, and quarter past the hour.
- Exploring the months of the year.
- Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

In English, we will continuing with our work on Stone Age Boy and learning how to punctuate our writing with apostrophes. We will also be learning about paragraphs and when these are needed.

In spelling, we will be focusing on when the base word ends in 'ic', we can usually add '-ally' straight on the end.

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earth

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enough

exercise

experience

experiment

extreme

famous

tragically

historically

logically

magically

dramatically

specifically

frantically

automatically

basically



Year 3/4 Spelling List – for reference

Year A

accident
accidentally
actually
address
answer
appear
arrive
believe
bicycle
breath
breathe
build
busy
business
calendar
caught
centre
century
certain
circle
complete
consider
continue
decide
describe
different
difficult
disappear
early

earth
eight
eighth
enough
exercise
experience
experiment
extreme
famous
favourite
February
forwards
fruit
grammar
group
guard
guide
heard
heart
height
history
imagine
increase
important
interest
island
knowledge

Year B

learn

length
library
material
medicine
mention
minute
natural
naughty
notice
occasion
occasionally
often
opposite
ordinary
particular
peculiar
perhaps
popular
position
possess
possession
possible
potatoes
pressure
probably
promise
purpose
quarter
question
recent

regular
reign
remember
sentence
separate
special
straight
strange
strength
suppose
surprise
therefore
though
although
thought
through
various
weight
woman
women