



Sundon Lower School

Half Term School News - Spring (2) 2024

Welcome to our Spring edition of School News. This is our half-termly newsletter where we celebrate all the exciting things that we have been doing over the half term. We hope that you enjoy reading about our exciting Spring Term so far!

Message from our Headteacher

Despite being a short half term, we have packed a lot into it at Sundon Lower School! This half term has been full of special days, visitors and experiences for the children, as well as a development of our Early Years Learning Environment. We hope that you enjoy looking at our photos and reading about what we have been up to.

World Book Day 2024

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day and it was wonderful to see so many of our children arrive at school dressed as book characters. We had children dressed up as Fantastic Mr Fox, Mr Strong, Paddington, Dorothy (from the Wizard of Oz), the Big Friendly Giant, Peter (from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe) and Matilda to name just some of the characters chosen. We had five costume winners but it was clear that a great deal of effort had been put into making all of the costumes so thank you to everyone involved.



Throughout World Book Day each class took part in a variety of fun and practical activities aimed at developing the children's love of reading but the highlight of our day was when each child had the opportunity to share a story with a child from a different year group. It was fantastic to see the children enjoying reading together.



Get Caught Reading 2024

On World Book Day, as part of our whole school assembly, we launched our exciting 'Get Caught Reading' photo competition! We are asking the children to have a photo taken of themselves on their own or with their family, caught reading somewhere interesting or exciting! You can email the photos to school (getcaughtreading@sundonlower.co.uk) or you can print them and bring them in to school in an envelope, addressed to Mrs Roberts. Please make sure all photos have names written on the back and have fun taking your photos!

Reading Ambassadors

In the same assembly, we also had the pleasure of announcing our first Sundon Lower School Reading Ambassadors. These children were chosen by their class teachers because they have shown enthusiasm for reading, a love of books, commitment to improving their reading skills and confidence in sharing their dedication to reading with others. The Reading Ambassador team will meet with Mrs Roberts regularly to plan ways in which we can continue to promote reading across our school. Their role will be to inspire others to read widely, to help with practical tasks related to reading such as helping in the library and also to act as reading role models. The Reading Ambassadors will change each academic year but until the summer holiday this year, our new team are:

Swan Class: Esha
Year 1: Joshua
Year 2: Brooke
Year 3: Roxanne
Year 4: Felix



Swan Class

Gingerbread Man Biscuit Decorating

Whilst we were looking at The Gingerbread Man this half term, the children all had the opportunity to practise their piping skills by decorating gingerbread man biscuits.

"We put icing and chocolate buttons on them." - Delilah



Athletics Workshop

The children in Swan Class were lucky enough to take part in an athletics workshop run by a very talented coach from Team GB. They practised running and relay races.

"I liked running." - Esha



World Book Day

Swan Class had great fun on World Book Day. They read stories with Year 4 children, took part in some acting and made some fantastic Bear Hunt faces. They all looked great in their costumes!

"I lived being Fox." - Aahil



Early Years Revamp

The Early Years classroom has had a complete revamp. It encourages greater independence in the children's learning and makes each area of learning much more accessible. The children love the changes and are amazing at keeping it neat and tidy! Our thanks to the PTA for supporting us with this.

"I like the new sand pit, I want to play with it forever!" - Kaelan



British Science Week

Between the 18th and 22nd March we celebrated British Science Week - the theme this year was 'Time'. The children enjoyed carrying out scientific investigations each afternoon, such as planting beans and observing shadows. We also welcomed back the Explorer Dome who offered Swan Class a fun workshop all about bubbles.

"I liked watching Delilah not pop the bubble. The bang was very noisy!" - Eloise



Golden Book

Jensen



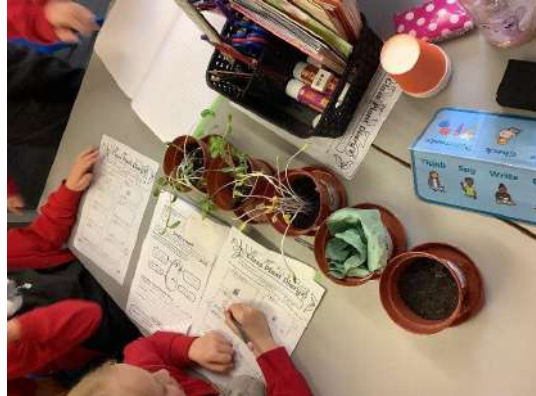
Wow work

Sidra & Delilah

Dove Class

Plant Cycles

It's been a busy few weeks in Dove Class. We have been learning about plant life cycles. We currently have an experiment going on in class to find the best way to grow sunflowers. We have also been keeping a weekly diary to show the progress of the 5 pots. Each pot has something missing like soil or water or heat.



Team GB

Doves really enjoyed having Emily in from Team GB to do some training with us and show us different skills needed to become a talented runner.



World Book Day

For World Book Day Dove Class heard stories from Julia Donaldson and David Walliams and enjoyed role playing some of them.



In this picture we were creating purple monsters to go with The Smeds and Smoos.

Science Week

In Science Week we made biodegradable plastic and looked at time travel along with pendulum clocks and that you can push pencils through bags and not get wet



Finley "I have enjoyed DT as we tasted dips, I really liked the Rita dip"

Jasmine "Science week was fun. I really enjoyed the science dome."

Locksley "I enjoyed the magic pencils."



Golden Book

Finley



Wow work

Eloise & Rico

Owl Class

Martial Arts

"This term we have been learning self-defence in martial arts. We learnt how to get away from someone quickly if we are in danger and we were taught which movements we can use to keep ourselves safe. We learnt the skills we need to defend ourselves but not attack. We learnt how to kick on a pad using the right technique which made me feel brave. I really liked our martial arts sessions because they were fun and made me feel safe." Riya

"This term we have been doing self-defence and it has been amazing. We learnt how to walk around safely by looking and listening, how to jump up quickly when we're in danger and what we need to do to stop an attacker. It was fun because everyone was able to join in." James

"In martial arts we learnt how to use the gloves and pads. We were taught the positions we need to stand in to protect ourselves and how to 'jab' and 'cross' with the gloves and pads on. We did roundhouse kick races in two teams which was a lot of fun!" Saffiya



World Book Day

"I love World Book Day because you get to dress up as your favourite book character. In the morning we showed our costumes to each other and after that, we went to assembly. In the afternoon we made griffin pictures because our author of the day was David Walliams and the book we have just started reading is The Beast of Buckingham Palace. We drew our griffins and then we covered them in tissue paper to give them colour. World Book Day was a lot of fun." Haajer

"On World Book Day we went to read books to other classes which we really enjoyed. We also had a special assembly and learnt about David Walliams" Jason



Science

"This term in science we have been learning about teeth. We carried out an investigation where we put fizzy drinks into cups and then put eggs inside them because eggshells are made of similar materials to teeth. We left them for a couple of days to see how much the drinks damaged the eggshells. We found out that water damaged the eggs the least which means that drinking water will cause your teeth the least damage. Coke damaged the eggs the most." Felix.

French

"This term in French we have been learning how to say the days of the week and how to say different foods in French. We played a game called Splat which was a lot of fun and helped us to remember new French words." Ah'Shay.

"In French we have enjoyed learning how to say the names of foods and whether we need to say the word 'le' or 'la' in front of them." Jeevan.

Maths

"In maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been doing equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, fractions on bar models as well as fractions on a number line. I don't feel stressed when I am doing fractions because I understand it and it's fun!" Viraaaj

"I have been very happy doing fractions. We have been shading fractions and we have been working out the fractions of shapes." Harrison

"We learnt about numerators and denominators and unit fractions. It felt good because it was challenging and I like being challenged." Riya

"We work hard in maths doing fractions and we are learning fast!" Andi

DT

"In DT this term, we have been learning about juggling balls. We have been looking at different types and thinking about whether they are suitable for children, whether they are a good shape for juggling, whether we like the colour, whether we like the design and whether they function well. We designed our own juggling balls and drew our own patterns on them. We are looking forward to doing tie dying and making our own juggling balls" Nico

Music Assembly

"We enjoyed performing lots of different songs during the music assembly to parents. We sang 'We are the Earth, Hero and Get Down!' Thank you to everyone who came to listen to us. We really enjoy singing at school." Roxy and Riya

Green Park

Year 4 had an amazing time on our residential. They completed a range of activities including abseiling, fire lighting, climbing, shelter building, nightline and scrap heap challenge. We were pleased to see so many examples of our values including resilience, determination and teamwork.



Golden Book

Stefan



Wow work

Riya & Felix

Mothers' Day Tea

We were delighted to be able to invite parents in for a Mothers' Day tea and thank everyone who was able to attend.

