

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy term and I know from walking around the school that everyone has been working really hard, living out our vision and demonstrating our values in abundance. From our youngest children, learning how to read, to our oldest children, learning about algebra, all of our children have been demonstrating resilience, courage and perseverance.

Let's find out what they have been up to in their classes this term:

Ladybirds started the Spring term with a topic on dinosaurs at the request of the children. Our focus was a Talk 4 Writing story, The Little Green Dinosaur. We learnt the story by heart and made story maps of our own story, we then used these story maps to write our stories.

In mathematics, we focussed on numbers to 5; learning number bonds to 5. We moved onto numbers 6,7 and 8 and having a solid understanding of the numbers in the number system. We also looked at weighing, length and height and the language used to discuss this. We moved onto combining two groups and finding the total.

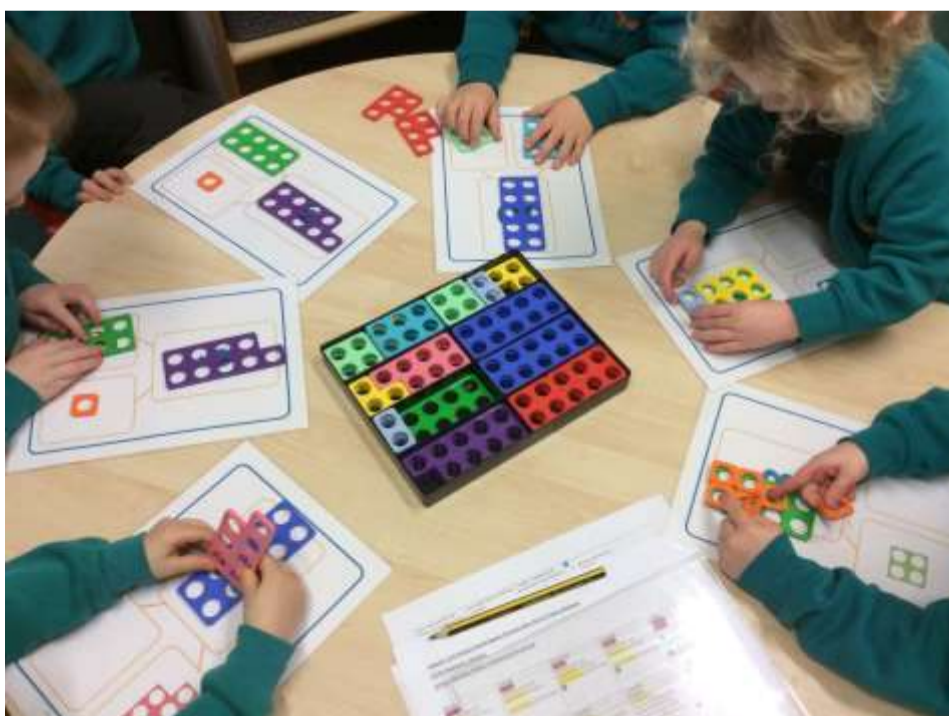
Our dinosaur topic included us making dinosaur poo! As well as enjoying lots of painting and making fossil biscuits, we all tried different ways to rescue the dinosaur from the frozen egg. We found out about Mary Anning and why she was a famous person in history.

We have also enjoyed a topic on Fairy Tales, including Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and The Gingerbread man. Activities included; using instruments to play alongside the retelling, making Gingerbread men, looking at maps and lots of craft. We all also made our own favourite fairy tale puppet.

In mathematics, we moved on to building numbers 9 and 10 looking at how these numbers are made up and learning number bonds. We used lots of different materials and objects to make patterns; moving onto some complex repeating patterns.

The children have continued to work extremely hard in our daily phonics and made huge progress in their reading.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter



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This term Woodland Class have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have been finding out about the famous diarist Samuel Pepys and have placed key events from the fire along a timeline. The children have also been researching jettied houses from the 1600s and worked in pairs to make their own houses for the Great Fire of Ibstone.

In English they have been looking at the story 'Monstersaurus'. The children learned the story off-by-heart before writing their own versions, changing the characters and setting. They then moved on to writing their own portal stories, travelling back to London in 1666. The children worked very hard on their description skills by including interesting adjectives and powerful adverbs. Woodland class have also been reading and writing diary entries inspired by Samuel Pepys. The children wrote some excellent diary entries and even had a go at writing with quills on distressed paper.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about place value within 50 and measuring length, height, mass and capacity. In Year 2, the children have completed their work on multiplication and division and have been learning how to measure length and height.



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The Great Fire of Ibsstone!

On Monday 27th March 2023 Woodland class burned their houses because ~~we~~ we made our own jettied houses to replicate the ones in 1666. Firstly we put our mini jettied houses on the stones next to the playground. I felt scared because I thought we set the school on fire! We used buckets and made a big line each had a go at chucking water on the houses.



The great fire of Ibsstone.

On Monday 27th March 2023 Woodland class had a tiny great fire of London. firstly we had made our own jettied houses in pebbles. Then we totally set our jettied houses to the pebbles. Afterwards our Headteacher Mrs Long asked us questions and set the houses on fire. I was really excited! Next we went in a long line and quickly passed buckets of water to the extent of the line.

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On Monday 27th March Woodland class set fire to our model houses just like in 1666. Next we used buckets of water used. A fire engine came out the fire.

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Kestrel Class have been busy too! In mathematics this term we have been covering length and perimeter and fractions. For English, we completed our newspaper reports, making sure their layout looked like an official article. We have also written a 'wish story' based on the myth of King Midas, we had a big focus on characterisation, and how to describe a character without drowning it with detail! Our topics were the Ancient Maya, looking at when and how they lived, even looking at their version of the numbering system. This led us on to our Geography focus of Mexico, where the famous 'Dia de Muertos' (Day of the Dead) festival comes from, which has been a big talking point in class and at home. Finally, our main science topic was looking at states of matter, which has been filled with experiments from testing the weight of carbon dioxide, to creating our very own cress terrariums.



Next term we will be learning about rainforests, please save your cardboard boxes and tubes for our 3D models.

What an amazing term Osprey Class have had. We have done so many things it is impossible to choose just one to be our favourite.

During English, we focused on two books, *The Adventures of Odysseus* and *The Malamander*. *The Adventures of Odysseus* was an Ancient Greek Myth about a King of an island who was cursed by a cyclops. We enjoyed writing our own version of this story. *Malamander* was about a hotel lost property attendant and an orphaned girl trying to uncover the mystery of the Malamander Creature. We have all written diary entries in the role of one of the characters.

In mathematics we have learned about lots of different things like, perimeter, algebra, decimals, fractions, percentages and much, much more. Although we may have struggled with some things, we kept trying and persevered until we got there!

For science we have learned all about evolution, inheritance, natural selection and adaptive traits. Not only have we learned about Charles Darwin but we have also made biographies about him.

In DT (Design & Technology) we have been constructing our own pop up books to share with the younger children in the school.

Written by Gracie & Alfred



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Easter Walk

The rain didn't deter us this morning, we kitted up and headed out on our stations of the cross walk. The children walked in their family groups and took really good care of each other. Once at the church, the children sang and made a special display of the crosses they made in Family Time last week.



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If you would like to see the children's crosses displayed, the church is open 24/7 and there is an Easter Service on Sunday 9th April at 10am, everyone is welcome!

Once back at school the whole school enjoyed sharing hot cross buns together!



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A huge thank you to the team of litter pickers who stayed after school today to help our local community in the Village Litter Pick, there were a few interesting finds!



Some of our litter picking team!

In other news:

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Wood who has completed her teaching placement with us this week. I know we have enjoyed you being part of Team Ibstone, good luck with the rest of your course, we know you will make a fantastic teacher.

After Easter we will be welcoming Miss Firth back to school. Miss Firth will be working across the school for the summer term. Mr Lacey will be teaching Kestrel Class until the end of the academic year. Mrs Hodgson will be working 4 days a week and Miss Firth will be teaching in Osprey Class every Friday.

Fundraising

We have been given a generous donation of £5000 towards our minibus fundraising campaign! This means we have raised £5788 in just 3 weeks! If you can support us, please do get in touch! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ibstone-minibus>

Ibstone Circle

Don't forget Early Bird £10 entry for Run in Colour ends tomorrow – 1st April (it's no joke!)

Don't forget to sign up now to get the Early Bird rate for the 5k / 10k & Run in Colour!



We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break, thank you for your continued support of the school!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Don't forget to join us on Good Friday between 10am-2pm



Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2023		
Mon 3 rd – Thurs 6 th	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Fri 7 th	Pop Up Lambs & Easter Egg Hunt (posters to follow)	Everyone
Mon 17 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Wed 19th	Year 5&6 Cricket Festival – West Wycombe	Y5&6 only
Sun 23 rd	Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour	Everyone
Thurs 27 th	OperaFirst Workshop	KS2 only
May 2023		
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 8 th	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Everyone
Fri 12th	Wine Tasting – 7.30pm – school hall	Adults only
Tues 16 th – Fri 19 th	Y5 Adventure Week – more information to follow	Y5 only
Thurs 25 th	Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm – school all	Y6 Parents only
Fri 26 th	Whole School Workshare & Family Time 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 26 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2023		
Mon 5 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Fri 9th	Puddings and Pimms	Adults only
Sat 10th	Stokenchurch Summer Fete – Dance Club performance – more details to follow	Everyone
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Y6 Adventure Week – more information to follow	Y6 only
July 2023		
Mon 10 th – 14 th	Ibfest Week	Everyone
Thurs 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff only

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