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'Let your light shine'

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Newsletter – 6.01.2023

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week for the start of our Spring Term.

Curriculum Newsletters

These will shortly be available on the website and emailed out by the end of today. They contain information about the topics your child will be covering this half term and how you can support them at home. Please note that some of the PE days have changed this term whilst Leeds Rhinos come in to work with particular classes.

Collective worship

This week I introduced our new theme for discussion this half term which is our school value of **'courage.'** We read the book 'The Lion Inside' and also Little People Big Dreams; Malala Yousafzai.

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring this value in collective worship, finding out what the bible tells us about courage and how we can show courage in our own lives.

Next week, Reverend Nick/ Pastor Phil will be back in school and our celebration worship will resume.

Later in this half term, class 3 and 4 will lead a sharing worship to which their parents are invited during which they will show case their learning. Class 1 and 2 will follow after half term.



Boston Green Group

Boston Green Group will be visiting school on Tuesday to lead eco talks for the children.

They will explain what the Community Green Group does locally, talk about the Climate Crisis and children will complete a recycling quiz.

They have also asked us to share the following with parents:

Save the date! Saturday January 28th. Energy Fair. Free entry.

Boston Spa, Wetherby & Villages Community Green Group are holding an Energy Fair on Saturday 28th January 10am-2pm, in Wetherby Town Hall. There will be short talks and discussion about renewable energy technology and ways to save money on your energy bills, including information on the latest Government grants, an open discussion forum and bookable appointments for individual consultations with the experts at the event. There will also be free

children's activities available all day, warm refreshments and the opportunity to drop in at any time between 10am and 2pm to chat to exhibitors.

If you would like to find out more contact penny.stables@bostongreengroup.co.uk or view our website: bostongreengroup.co.uk

Spelling

A paper copy of spelling lists has been sent out this week whilst we upload details and navigate our new spelling software. We are hoping that this will be up and running by next week and we will send out further information and videos for parents on how this works.



Staffing News

I am pleased to let you know that we have successfully appointed Mrs Christina Booth as a Teaching Assistant for Class 1 on a Monday/Tuesday. Mrs Booth will replace Miss Nedd who has been with us on a temporary basis from a supply agency. Mrs Booth comes to us with a background in school nursing and she has also worked as a health visitor and as a teaching assistant in a specialist school setting. We look forward to welcoming her on Monday 9th at which point she will spend her first two days shadowing Miss Nedd and getting to know the children and our school routines.

On Thursday, Miss Philippa Boxford will begin her teacher training placement in Class 3 supported by Mrs Marsden and Mrs Tait as her mentors.

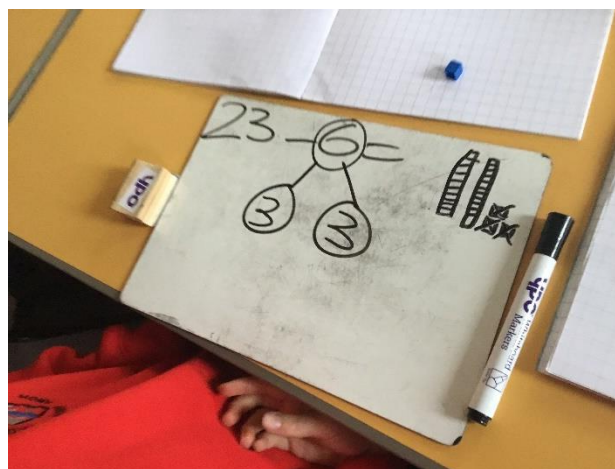
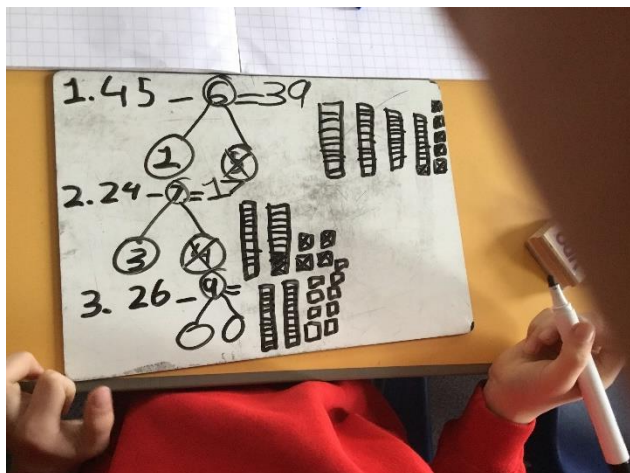
We are also welcoming back Mrs Elaine Stephens in a voluntary capacity on Wednesday afternoons. Some of you may remember Mrs Stephens from several years ago when she worked as an experienced TA at LEH. She will be supporting reading across the school.

A snapshot of this week's learning

Class 1 have been busy with lots of learning this week. We have been working on comparing numbers with Year R and enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic today, sharing out the food. Sometimes some bears got more than others! We are using the language of more, fewer and equal. Year 1 have been creating fact families. Did you know you can create 8 number facts using the same 3 numbers? It was challenging but we did it!

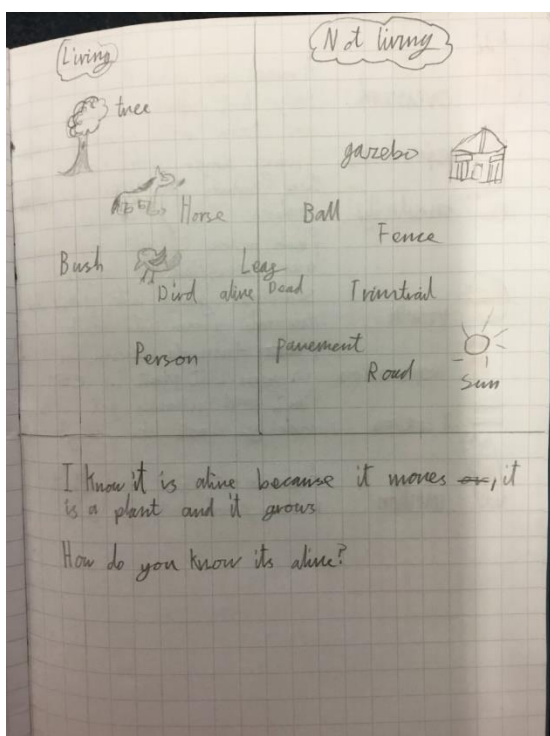


Class 2 have been working very hard this week! They have been learning to subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers in a number sentence. They have used Base 10 and drawings, as well as mental maths strategies, to help them find them answer.



Class 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their PE lesson this week, with an introduction to tag rugby. In science we have begun our work on living things and their habitats. We have also learnt the 7 characteristics of living things.



This week in **Class 4** we have been doing descriptive writing. We have been looking at how we can use subordinating conjunctions and prepositional phrases to begin sentences. Today, we played a game in English where we had to stand up when we heard a prepositional phrase in the story.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 19th January	Boston Green Group talk for children
Wed 1st February	Class 3 Sharing Worship – 2.45pm Class 3 Parents Invited
Wed 8th February	Class 4 Sharing Worship 2.45pm Class 4 Parents Invited
Fri 10th February	School Closes for Half Term
Mon 20th February	School Closed for Training Day
Tuesday 21st February	School re-opens for Spring 2

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Barnett