

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



Dear Families,

24.03.22

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well, as we move towards the last week of term. We know that covid is still impacting our community and we send our best wishes to those who are unwell.

Last week, we invited our Y6 families into school to attend a meeting about supporting our children as they prepare to sit the statutory assessment tests (SATs) in May. It was so good to have so many families join us. Our PowerPoint is now uploaded to the website, should you wish to revisit the messages shared and discuss them with your child. We look forward to next week, when our children will compete their Lenten journey within school and each class will retell a part of the Easter Story through drama, dance, music, artwork, poetry, prayers or written work. We are so proud of how hard our children have worked on the 'Easter Labyrinth' and we look forward to showcasing their work to Rev. Anne and our governors next Thursday. Please check Twitter for pictures and updates.

Friday 1st April – Easter Bonnet and Decorate an Egg Competition

Next Friday, all children are invited to take part in our fun competitions. Children are encouraged to decorate an egg or make an Easter bonnet at home and bring into school for us all to admire. The winners in each class will receive an Easter egg. We ask for a suggested donation of £1 to enter either competition and all money raised will go towards our new library. Please pay via School Money or send to school on the day.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all families who joined in and contributed to Red Nose Day last week. It was lovely to see our school community wearing a hint of red and it was great to enjoy the jokes our children shared, as part of the competition. Altogether, we raised £110.80 for Comic Relief.

Message from Miss Hamilton – Curriculum Update (History and Geography)

At school, History and Geography are taught in accordance with the National Curriculum requirements and we are pleased with the broad, diverse topics that we are able to provide for our children. We learn about how the world around us is made and the role we have in protecting the planet we live in. Children are able to learn not just about far away exotic areas such as the Amazon Rainforest and India but also consider their local geography around them, starting with school itself and then looking at Whinmoor as part of our city of Leeds. By the time each child leaves us in Year 6, they will have a comprehensive understanding of Ancient and Modern Britain as well as other civilizations living outside of Europe, understanding how the past has helped to shape modern day life.

Each Friday, in our class collective worship, we celebrate any extra work that has been completed related to any aspect of History or Geography. Each child then receives a History or Geography Explorer certificate to congratulate them on their extra work. Please do encourage your children to complete some work for this as I truly enjoy reading every piece I am sent.

Message from Mrs. Lindley: British Science week

Last week the whole school took part in British Science Week, looking at the theme of Growth. To celebrate this theme, each class has planted seeds to grow their class plants. These plants will be cared for by the

individual classes, as the children observe their growth over time and then will be planted out into the planters around school to improve the environment for ourselves, our community and the wildlife.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1 the children were learning the different names of the plants parts and what they need to grow. They created handy green houses with plastic gloves to observe how a variety of seeds germinated and to see if it was at the same rate. They created experiments to see how seeds would grow when light and water were removed.

In Key stage 2 the children investigated how their bodies grow over time, thinking carefully about the anatomy of the body and recording their collected data. They investigated how their growing brains perceive the world around them and created optical illusions for their classmates. They were challenged to think about the characteristics of a creature that could grow on Mars and explain what would make it suitable for that environment. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their Science understanding, using their knowledge in practical activities and hearing comments from the children such as “we had to work really hard to see if they were both the same. It was tricky but really fun.”

Thank you for your continued support,

God bless.

Miss McBride

Head teacher

