

Thursday 28th March



# Bridgewater Spring Term 2 Newsletter 2024



## *A message from Mrs Henderson*

As we approach the end of another term at Bridgewater, it gives me great pleasure to share with you some of the fantastic learning that has been happening in each and every class at Bridgewater. Again, this is due to the fantastic teachers and support staff we are lucky to have here at Bridgewater.

I am delighted that this term we have been able to invite parents and carers back into school for parent-teacher meetings; workshops and special events. We value the enormous impact that good communication between home and school can offer our children and thank you for your support. I hope that you have found these sessions informative and look forward to seeing you next term as we offer more.

Wishing all our school community a restful and hopefully sunny Easter.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

Bridgewater Primary School recognise that children's physical and mental health and wellbeing is fundamental. As a school, we pride ourselves on our pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development as we recognise that fostering and supporting these areas ensure they thrive within our community. Emotional Health and Wellbeing is a priority at Bridgewater Primary School and is reflected in our values and underpins everything that we do.

Our school achieved the Emotionally Friendly Settings (EFS) Bronze Accreditation for our commitment to improving children's emotional wellbeing in 2022. We are currently reapplying for the Bronze Accreditation this year. The award is led by Salford Local Authority and has rigorous criteria. If you would like any further information on this process or the actions we are taking, please do contact Miss Lovell, our Senior Mental Health Lead and Wellbeing Champion.

Our Emotionally Friendly Wellbeing Champions are Miss Lovell, Miss Hopkins, Mrs Cope, Mrs Freeney, Miss Lomax, Miss Cunliffe, Mr Hargreaves, Miss Morris, Mrs Boardman, Mrs Wroe and Miss Grice. Children, parents and carers can approach any of these adults for support at any time. Our School Council members are also Wellbeing Ambassadors and are on hand to support their peers and share the opinions and suggestions of each class.

## In Memory of Eliza Rowley

The loss of a child is a pain that no words or actions can heal. Eliza's light touched so many lives and will continue to shine in our memories.

During this time of profound grief, may we find comfort in the love and memories we shared with Eliza. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eliza's family.



In our role as Emotionally Friendly School Ambassadors, we work very closely with Miss Morris and the EFS Team. We currently have a Bridgewater Star wall to celebrate our children's success in school, however, Miss Morris and Mrs Boardman are currently working on a 'Celebration Station' where we will include photographs of our children's successes in school including academic and sports achievements but we would also like to include their achievements out of school. Therefore, if your child attends any clubs such as swimming, football, dance etc and they gain a trophy, medal or certificate, could they kindly bring it to our Friday Celebration assembly and then we can share their success with the whole school and we can get a photo for our Celebration Station.

Have a lovely Easter from Miss Morris and the Bridgewater School Council members.

## **Important dates next half term:**

**15th April**  
Choir Performance

**17th April**  
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check—Parent Workshop

Y2 Seaside Wow Day

**18th April**  
EYFS Creepy Crawley Show

**23rd April**  
Uniform Shop Open to Parents

**25th April**  
Reception Parent/Carer Riveting Reads Workshop

Y4 Class Assembly

**1st May**  
Y1 Trip to Smithills Farm

**7th May**  
Reception Parent/Carer Riveting Reads Workshop

**9th May**  
Parent/Carer Anxiety & Low Mood Coffee Morning

**13th May—17th May**  
Y6 SATS

**16th May**  
Y1 Experience Jesus Love—St John's Community Centre

**17th May**  
Class Photographs & Y6 Individual

**21st May**  
Multiplication Tables Check Mocks—4RS

**22nd May**  
Y2 Trip to St Anne's Beach

**23rd May**  
Reception Class Assembly

Multiplication Tables Check Mocks—4DS

**24th May**  
School Closes for Summer Half Term

# Nursery



We have been learning all about traditional tales this term in Nursery, including Goldilocks and the three bears, Little red riding hood and the three little pigs. We have been detectives to find out who ate little bear's porridge, we also had a breakfast morning where we all tried porridge ourselves. We have been practising our independent writing skills and learning all about length and mass in maths. Nursery also enjoyed dressing up and reading lots of stories for world book day.



Who ate all the porridge?

# Reception

What a fantastic half term Reception have had! We particularly enjoyed our Traditional Tales topic, where we acted out the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, produced some wonderful writing based on The Three Billy Goats Gruff and we even got to make our own gingerbread men biscuits! World Book Day was celebrated in Reception, by reading lots of books throughout the day, reading outside, writing our own book reviews and illustrating our own book front covers. In Maths, Reception have been busy learning about doubling, halving, money, counting in 2s and odd and even numbers. We particularly enjoyed setting up our own shop and buying food with the coins we had learned about. We concluded the half term by learning all about Easter. We found out why Easter is celebrated, how people celebrate and we followed the recipes we wrote in Literacy to make our very own Easter treats. Well done Reception – have a lovely half term break!



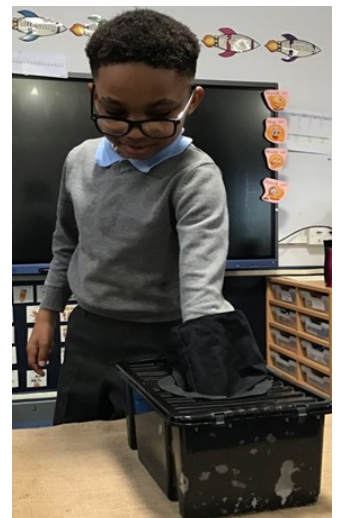
# Year 1

In History, Year 1 have enjoyed learning about toys from the past and have produced some lovely drawings of teddy bears in their Art lessons.

Also in Art, Year 1 have practised their weaving skills and made their own clay tile.

Year 1 have been reading 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' in English. They did a brilliant job of retelling the story and enjoyed making glove puppet characters in their Design Technology lessons.

In Science, Year 1 have conducted lots of investigations to find out about uses of everyday materials. They had lots of fun during their 'Magnificent Materials' workshop where they built a house for the three little pigs. Were they strong enough to withstand the huffing and puffing from the big bad wolf?





# Year 2

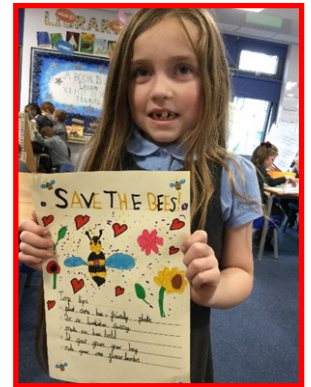


Year 2 have had a fantastic half term and have been so busy with all their new learning. We had an amazing trip to Knowsley Safari Park where we watched a spectacular Sealion display and saw the cheeky meerkats and lazy lions. We have been learning about conservation in Science and have made our own flowerbombs to attract bumblebees to our school Nature Garden. In Geography we have explored the country of Kenya; its amazing natural features and how our life differs from a child who lives in Nairobi.

We've enjoyed reading 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' in our Writing lessons. We continue to practise our recorders in Music lessons and have been practising our beats on different percussion instruments. Mr Gandy and Miss Lomax wish all our Year 2 families a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. Happy Easter!



Can you spot the sealion?!

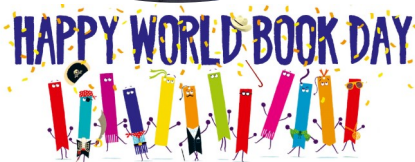


Amazing work!

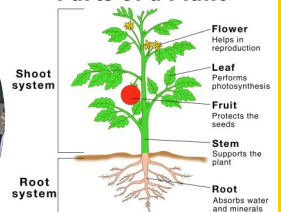


# Year 3

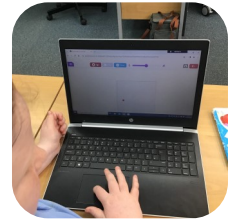
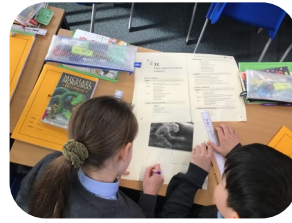
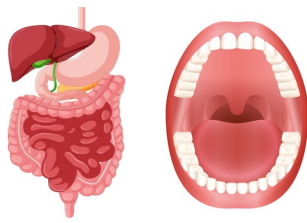
In Year 3 the children have been learning about plants in Science. They have learnt the parts of a plant, the role of the roots and why plants have leaves. They enjoyed a trip to Martin Mere and became plant investigators. In Geography, the children have been learning about Europe and its countries. The children labelled a map using atlases and found out about what life is like around the Mediterranean. In English, the children have been learning about the story, Theseus and the Minotaur. The children then designed their own Greek monster and created their own Greek Myth. Everyone in Year 3 enjoyed the World Book Day activities. The children have had the pleasure of being taught Flag Football in P.E with Mr Myring. After such a busy term, everyone is looking forward to a well



## Parts of a Plant



# Year 4



This half term in English, Year 4 have been writing a suspense piece linked to the mighty warrior 'Beowulf' defeating the terrible monster Grendel. We have been learning how to divide using the bus stop method and revisiting rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and the different functions of the teeth in the human body. Year 4 have also been learning all about The Vikings and their perilous rule. This included a visit from a Viking warrior. The children in Year 4 have been studying animation in Computing and we have been developing skills communicating the weather in Spanish. The Year 4 classes have also been working hard on identifying pitch, rhythm and notation in Music.



Wow!



# Year 5

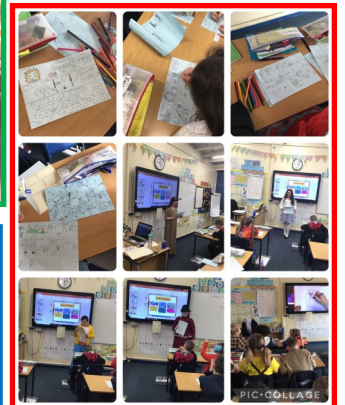
Year 5 have had a fantastic Spring 2. They have been continuing to read the text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and have enjoyed drafting an argument about why Camp Green Lake is an unacceptable place for children to stay. They have also explored the story 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and dressed up for World Book Day, where we had several Harry Potter characters turn up! In Maths, they have been working hard to master graphs and measurement and have been continuing to develop their Mental Maths skills. In Science, they have been looking at properties of materials and have discussed how to separate mixtures and examples of reversible and irreversible changes. They have been learning lots of new gymnastic skills in PE and had a visit from Life Education to discuss mental wellbeing. During their Geography topic, they have been learning about the River Nile and have discussed its location and its journey through 11 countries. In Spanish, they have learnt about different cities in Spain have shown confidence in giving a weather report for the cities. In Art, the children have produced wonderful artwork with Miss Pickup linked to the Egyptians. Year 5 have especially enjoyed their trips and visitors this term. They have been to the National Football Museum and have visited St John's Community Centre for an Easter experience.



# Year 6



This half term, Year 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs. They have all shown such resilience in their learning and a determination to succeed to reach their full potential. In English, we continued exploring the wonderful book 'The Island' by Armin Greder. Within this, we have developed our formal and persuasive language to write a letter to the characters. We also celebrated World Book Day by exploring graphic novels, watching a live author discuss her own graphic novel and created our own. In Science, we have been investigating how fossils are made and even made some of our own!



WORLD BOOK DAY

School Reopens Monday 15th April 2024