

29th March 2019



# Bridgewater

## Spring 2 Newsletter



### A note from Mr Doherty

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As you can see, the children have been very busy in their learning this half-term. They have all worked so hard and enjoyed their new learning. Please do visit the school's website and Twitter page @BridgewaterPS and follow us for regular updates on all the interesting activities that the children are involved in and that occur at our school.*

*It was lovely to see so many of you attend Parents' Evening this term. Please remember that you can always request a parent-teacher meeting at any time throughout the school year with your child's teacher. We are delighted that Mrs Henderson will be returning to resume her role as Headteacher after the half-term break.*

Wow! Where has the Spring Term gone? We have been very busy fundraising. Our Valentine Disco raised an amazing £683.83 for our school funds. We are currently busy preparing for all of our 'cracking' Easter Activities. We will be holding a special Egg Competition over half-term to be returned on Monday 15th April, we can't wait to see your creative entries.

Our fun Easter Bingo event will be on Tuesday 16th April where there will be lots of prizes including luxury Chocolate Hampers. Thank you for all of your kind Easter donations for our Non-Uniform Day and your continued support.

Mrs Morris & Bridgewater School Council.



### Important Dates next

#### half term:

**15th April 2019:**  
School reopens  
Easter Egg Competition

**16th April 2019:**  
Easter Bingo

**17th April 2019:**  
St Johns Church Easter Service (Y2-Y6)  
Eco Club—Great British Spring Clean

**18th April 2019:**  
Orthoptics Screening (Reception 1)  
St Johns Church Easter Experience (Yr 5)  
School Closes Easter Bank-Holiday Weekend

**23rd April 2019:**  
School reopens

**23rd-26th April 2019:**  
Life Caravan

**30th April 2019:**  
Orthoptics Screening (Reception 2)

**2nd May 2019:**  
East Lanes Railway trip (Yr 4)  
Girls Football competition at St Edmunds

**6th May 2019:**  
May Day Bank-Holiday

**7th May 2019:**  
Tatton Park trip (Yr 5)

**8th May 2019:**  
Class Assembly (Reception 2)  
St Johns Church Jesus Experience (Yr 1)

**9th May 2019:**  
Parent Forum

**13th-16th May 2019:**  
KS2 SATs Tests

**20th May 2019:**  
Lledr Hall Parent Meeting

**20th - 24th May:**  
Walk to School Week

**21st May 2019:**  
Swimming Gala

**22nd May 2019:**  
Parent Workshop  
Governor Sub Committee meetings

**24th May 2019:**  
Smile Mile  
School Closes for half term

# Nursery



What an exciting half-term we have had in Nursery! We have been super inventive when learning about our Traditional Tales stories. For the Three Little Pigs we had lots of fun designing our own houses using a range of materials such as sticks, bricks and straw. We discussed which materials were the strongest and why. Last week we made our own Pig biscuits too- they tasted yummy!

Making yummy biscuits



We have taken part in lots of taste testing too. When learning about Goldilocks and the Three bears we enjoyed trying chocolate, jam and salty porridge- chocolate was our favourite, of course! In PE we have been practising lots of our balancing skills and using all the equipment in the hall. We are becoming so much more independent now.

# Reception

What a wonderful half-term we have had in Reception. We have been learning about Traditional Tales and practising lots of our Talk for Writing actions in our English lessons. Our favourite story has been the Gingerbread Man! Before Reception 1 did their class assembly, we all made some Ginger Bread men and ate them together in class- they tasted delicious! Last week the baby chicks arrived in school. We have watched them grow each day and completed our very own 'Chick Diary' to observe any changes we have seen. We have drawn pictures and written sentences about what has happened each day. So far we have 8 baby chicks!

Baby Chicks!



# Year 1

Year One have had a very busy half-term! We had lots of fun dressed up as our favourite book characters on World Book Day. We have been enjoying playing different instruments and keeping the beat in our music sessions with Mrs Bradman. We had some amazing project homework returned to school, where the children were very creative in using different materials to make a house for the aliens. We then investigated the properties of different materials. In English we became budding authors by creating our own version of the story 'Dogger'. In Maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide and learning about fractions.



Music Sessions



# Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant but very busy Spring Term.

They've continued their learning around Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in English and have developed their spoken and written language brilliantly. They've explored characters and themes within the text and retold the story both in their drama sessions and in their independent writing.

In Maths, Year 2 have continued to practice their calculations including, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as learning about fractions, shape and telling the time.

Year 2's learning in Geography has focused on comparing Salford and Kenya. They've developed their map reading skills and learned to use a compass as well as exploring how our lives are different to children who live in Kenya. They had a fantastic time on their trip to Knowsley Safari Park.

In Science, Year 2 have been learning about animals and their habitats. They've explored different habitats and discussed why particular animals are suited to their habitat and how they've evolved to live in those conditions.



Trip to Knowsley Safari Park



# Year 3

This half-term Year 3 have enjoyed learning about plants and how they grow. We have grown our own beans- which hopefully will continue growing in the vegetable plots. We have found out about the functions of the different parts of a plant and made a comic book to explain the process of pollination. We have continued learning about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We enjoyed using the laptops to write a postcard about an imaginary visit to Stonehenge.

In our next Science topic, we will be answering the question 'What do rocks tell us about the way the Earth was formed?' this links nicely with our Topic work 'What makes the Earth angry?'



Growing Vegetables

# YEAR 4

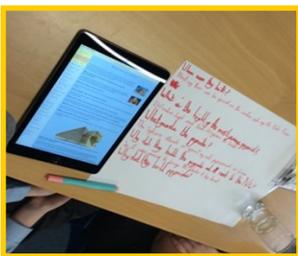
Year 4 have been enjoying learning all about the vicious and victorious Vikings in History! We discovered where they came from and why they chose to settle in Britain. We have been learning all about the digestive system and its functions in Science. In Spanish, we have been describing people and in Music we have covered pitch and notation. We completed story writing in English and have started to read and analyse Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo, even performing some drama to support us to identify the emotions in the text. We loved World Book Day where we dressed up as our favourite character and paraded our costumes in assembly. We watched some scenes from well-known books that had been adapted into films and we read lots of extracts from different authors.



World Book Day

# Year 5

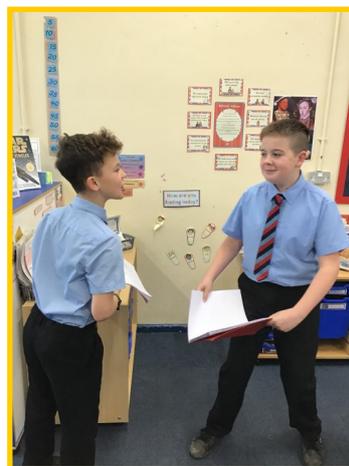
This term Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed reading the text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They have explored the setting of Camp Green Lake and created their own alternative story opener, they drew inspiration from the style of Sachar. They have also empathised with the protagonist Stanley and wrote a diary entry of his first night at the Camp. In Science, Year 5 have looked at the properties of materials and they have carried out a variety of experiments from floating eggs to CSI investigations. Linking to their materials topic, they visited the Manchester Football Museum to explore the materials of footballs. Year 5 have also stepped into the lives of the Egyptians, exploring the role of the Pharaohs, why the Pyramids were built and comparing the differences of Egypt then and now. The Egyptians have inspired Year 5's artwork this term too, where they have been learning how to improve their sketching, shading and use of colour.



Interesting Experiments

# Year 6

This 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 have been exploring the wonderful book - The Arrival by Shaun Tan. Within this, we have developed our descriptive writing to describe a scene from The Arrival and applied this to our topic work with an emotive scene from Romeo and Juliet. Also, linked to our topic, we have researched Shakespearean language and practised generating phrases and conversations using this language. In Science, we have been investigating how we can see around corners using mirrors and how light travels in straight lines.



Science Investigation



**School reopens on Monday 15th April 2019.**