

April Newsletter

Dates for your diary

- From 2nd May—KS1 SATs throughout May
- Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday for the Kings Coronation
- Friday 12th May—Great News Assembly
- Friday 12th May—Bikability sessions for Year 1 and Reception
- Friday 19th May—Federation Family Quiz
- Friday 26th May—Great News Assembly
- Friday 26th May—School closes for half term
- Monday 5th June— School reopens

Dear Families,

The school year is flying by!



We are looking forward to the events planned for the Summer Term, so please read the school and class newsletters as well as keeping an eye on Class Dojo for any updates and further information. We will soon be sharing information regarding transition activities for all the classes.

Reading

There are lots of ways you can help...

Read regularly. We ask that you read with your child at least three times per week. If they are reluctant, take it in turns to read a page each or ask them to find key words in a sentence. They could spot words that contain certain diagraphs.

Comprehension. Talk to your child about what they have read or what you have read to them. Ask questions about the characters and events. Think about the words the author has chosen.

Record everything! Please record the titles of anything your child reads in their 'Reading Record'. It could be their reading book, a magazine, a library book....Don't forget to sign the book each time they read, we love finding out more about what they read for pleasure.

Bookbags! These are available from the school office and are perfect for keeping all of your child's reading things in one place and it fits in your child's drawer! **Bring reading books to school everyday.**

Can you help with reading in school?

We need volunteers to help with:

- Guided Reading groups
- Hearing individual readers
- Support children to change their library books and keep the school library tidy.

Look out for a letter coming home soon.

Valley

Valley class have had a busy start to the half term learning about plants and growing. We have each planted a bean and have learnt what seeds and plants need to grow. We have started a bean diary and the children are looking forward to watching their bean plants grow. We have also been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and wonder whether any of our beans will grow as large as the one in the story. In maths our Reception children have been learning to recognise and represent numbers to 20 whilst our Nursery children have been learning that we can count sounds and actions as well as objects.



River

This half term in River Class we will be focusing our learning on the topic of Transport. We started our learning by finding out what types of transport the children were already aware of. We have shared the story of 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. The children developed their fine motor skills using ink and thick paint brushes to paint a train as we have seen in the story. This week we will be looking at and comparing trains in the past and trains now. The children have really enjoyed pretending to play trains using a cardboard box!



Woodland

Woodland Class have been researching the question "Are all trees the same?" for our Science topic on Plants. We have been out in the garden using our leaf dials to identify leaves and name trees and looking for deciduous and evergreen trees.

We have also completed our Geography/History topic on Hebden Bridge. We have made a valley and started to populate it with human geographical features. We have also really enjoyed researching old photos to find out what Hebden Bridge was like in the past. We have now moved on to learn about the Geography of the UK, and have started by making a playdough representation of the UK, trying to incorporate the highest mountains, the Pennines and the lake District.



Moorland

Moorland Class have started their science learning all about plants. We have investigated what plants look like by creating careful observational drawings, which we then labelled all the parts of. We found out about all the important roles of the parts of plants and how they create their own energy!

In maths, clocks are ticking! We have started our learning all about time, especially o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have started our new English learning from our new book all about a lonely Beast – where will the story take us? Coming up later in the half term in geography, we ask the question: What is Jamaica like?

