



Parkgate Primary School Spring Newsletter



Class Highlights

What have the children at Parkgate Primary been up to this term?

Rhinos

This term in year six has been exceedingly busy from our trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic Schools Concert with year four, to the Sustainability topic in both English and Geography, we have been extremely busy.

Jaguars

I've thoroughly enjoyed my first half-term back with this wonderful class! In Maths, we've been learning about fractions and decimals, and the children have worked together to tackle various challenges. In English, we read *Leon and the Place Between*, a story set in the circus, and the children have produced some fantastic, imaginative stories of their own. In Science, we explored the world of animals and the human body, which led to some funny moments!

We're eagerly looking forward to next term, which will focus on Ancient Egypt. We're also going "times table mad" in preparation for the times table check in June. The children are enjoying practicing and mastering new times tables, so please continue to support them at home.

Lemurs

Year 3 has had another exciting term!

Last half-term, they thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Romans in history and even created their own Roman pottery in art. This half-term, they have produced some fantastic writing in English—informing others about whales and persuading for their protection. In computing, they had lots of fun creating their own animations using Scratch.

Meanwhile, in science, the children explored the world of plants and even grew their own cress—delicious!

Enjoy your Easter break and get ready for a fantastic summer term, including our residential trip!

Meerkats

The time has just flown by this term. The children have really enjoyed the time we spent learning how to play hockey at Chester University. In class we have really enjoyed learning about the development of humans in Science and about different climates and countries in Geography. In Music we have created graphic scores for a silent movie whilst in DT we have looked at the use of wind-turbines and sustainable energy sources. The children have worked really hard this term and we are looking forward to the Summer Term where we will be visiting Plas Caerdeon on our residential trip away. We wish you a lovely, relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing the children next term for the final stretch before they go to Year Six.

Penguins

What an amazing Spring term!

Before we know it, we'll be entering our final full term in Infants! But let's not forget all the learning and fun we've had along the way. The children had a fantastic World Book Day, filled with exciting reading activities. They were highly engaged and enthusiastic about our Great Fire of London topic—learning fascinating facts in history and using them to write informative texts in English.

Our future entrepreneurs also designed and made their own healthy sandwiches after a fun taste-testing session that everyone enjoyed. In maths, the children have worked very hard to develop their understanding of fractions. Meanwhile, in science, they explored habitats, including microhabitats within our own school grounds.

There's so much to look forward to in the final term of Year 2—including our residential trip to Tattenhall!

What a Spring term we have had in Year 1! We have enjoyed lots of amazing learning opportunities. Within English the children have written their own fairy-tales as well as healthy smoothie recipes after creating their own in our DT unit.

In our Geography and History units we have looked at the UK as well as Kings, Queen and Castles. The children particularly enjoyed learning about Queen Victoria and creating a fact file about her life.

The children's favourite day had to be World Book Day! We had so many fantastic costumes and even enjoyed a story around the campfire with marshmallows.

The children are growing so quickly and only have one term left before they move up into Year 2. We have lots of opportunities for some fun with our Sports Day and trip to Ness Gardens.

Phew! What a fun filled, jam packed spring term we have had. From learning about 'Healthy habits' to animals in cold and hot climates, to skating on pretend ice, it is really non-stop in our Reception class.

In the midst of the above, the children celebrated their first Chinese New Year in January, Read Aloud day in February, World Book day in March and Easter in the last week of term. Lots of memorable times and cherished moments to smile at.

Have a restful Easter break and we will see you in their last Summer term as a Lion Cubs



PTA Events

After the success of the Christmas Fair back in December, the PTA continue to raise crucial funds for the school. Over this term, PTA have held Uniform sales in the hall and more recently this week, the infamous 'Springo'. Everyone had an enjoyable time (despite technical hiccups' from the Bingo caller!) We thank the hard work that Cassie (chair) and the team do for the school. Watch this space for the Summer events.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd April – School reopens to pupils

Friday 25th April -Children's Liver Disease Foundation Wear Yellow Day

Monday 5th May – School closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May - Tempest Photography class photos

Monday 12th May – SATS week for year 6

Friday 16th May – Whole school faith day

Thursday 22nd May- School Closes for half term – non uniform day

Friday 23rd May – Inset Day – School close to pupils

Monday 2nd June- School reopens to pupils

Celebration & News

Chinese New Year in Reception

At the end of January, Chinese New Year was celebrated. The Lion Cubs had a very memorable few days of celebrations. It began with a workshop where children made Chinese artefacts with their families, followed by Chinese dragon dancing. Finally, a Chinese banquet was devoured, sampling some of the goodies eaten at this festival.



World Book Day March

On 6th March, Parkgate celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff came dressed in their finest 'book related' outfits. As well as the fun activities the children participated in throughout the day, Mrs Rashid invited 'Bigfoot Arts Education' in for an exciting 'Play in a Day' experience. Each class from year 1 up to year 6, created and impressively performed chapters of the book 'George's Marvelous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. It culminated in a whole school performance, watched by all. Another memorable World Book Day!



Sporting achievements

We have had some brilliant events the children have taken part in over Spring term. Year 6 went to Ellesmere Port Sports Village for a netball event. We have also had tag-rugby for Year 5. Both boys and girls football competitions in years 3 and 4. Throughout all of these competitions the children have represented our school excellently and should be very proud of themselves. We have had lots of children celebrating sporting successes outside of school in many sports such as hockey, swimming plus many more. Keep up the good work everybody!



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