



Englefield CE Primary School | Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays! What a fantastic end of the term we had with our Easter Service at St Marks Church and it has been lovely to hear that our parents found the event 'full of joy!'

Here at Englefield CE Primary School, we have been enjoying the warmer weather that Spring has been bringing us and basking in the beautiful countryside that surrounds us. What a blessing it is to have our school set in such a wonderful environment. It is our aim this term to get out into the school grounds as much as possible and be inspired by nature in our learning, especially with David Attenborough's 100th Birthday coming up! So, if you have any expertise in this area, please do come into school and share them with us, we always love having parents and volunteers deepen our children's learning experiences.



In **FS2** we have started our planting and growing topic by talking about and planting cucumber, courgette and sweet pea seeds. We thought about what the seed needs, in order to allow it to germinate and grow. We have finished learning about the Easter Story through drama (many Equity cards are in the post!). We have been drawing and painting lots of spirals in preparation for the masterpiece that we are going to create in the style of 'The Snail' by Henri Matisse. For our R.E. Learning on stewardship we have started making our own creatures, using junk modelling, to look after. We cant wait to show them!

In Woodland Learning, **Year 1 and 2** have been using the woods to continue our Maths learning. We made seesaws out of fallen tree trunks to explore mass. We also had great fun working out how many children needed to be sitting on each side for the seesaw to be balanced!



'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' **Matthew 13: 31-32**

Dates for the Diary...

April

29th April: Year 1 Assembly (9am)

May

4th May: BANK HOLIDAY

4th May: Choir performing at Bradfield May Fayre

7th May: Governor Visit Day

8th May: David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

8th May: Parents Forum (2.30pm)

8th May: Celebration Assembly (3pm)

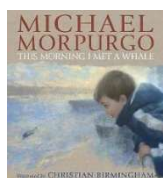
11th-14th May: KS2 SATs

14th May: FS2 Height and Weight Measuring

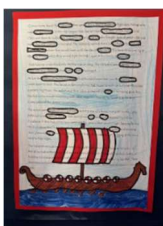
14th May: SEND Chat (3pm)

15th May: School Concert (9am)

20th-22nd May: Year 3/4 Trip to Thirtover



This term **Year 3 and 4** have been reading a book called 'This morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. "It's about a whale who swam into the Thames Rive in London" explained Halima. "The book has beautiful illustrations in it too!" added Seren. The children all wrote an acrostic poem about the river or the whale, using their senses of sight, sound, touch and smell to describe them.



This term, the **Year 6** pupils are getting ready for their upcoming SATs- which are due to take place from the 11th to the 14th of May. To help them relax, the class have been getting creative. These blackout poems were created by using a section of text from our new class book 'Viking Boy'. The pupils circled descriptive words and phrases to create a poem about Valkyries and then drew images on the background.

We have also learnt about Viking Art and patterns and created sketches of Viking knots.



Year 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have been invited to St Andrews School this week, to hear a talk by the author Adam Kay and his illustrator Henry Paker. It was a brilliant event and the duo had the children and adults laughing from start to end. Their creativity and imagination really inspired the children, who all had a go at drawing a scene from the book. Ben was even lucky enough to get his own copy signed by Henry!



This term our **School Council** have been gathering ideas and planning a special day to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on 8th May. They have decided that to honour his contributions to nature, children will all have the option to dress-up as an animal, the great man himself or wear animal themed clothes for the day. There will also be lots of animal/nature themed activities taking part in class and the whole school will come together for a picnic followed by a House Challenge! It sounds like we're going to have a great day!



Our **PTA** have been working hard all year to raise funds so that our whole school can make the most of their learning. They are now busying themselves organising our School Summer Fete, in lieu of the Flower Show. Any support parents can offer to make this event a success would be greatly appreciated, please let Frankie Cheney or your class rep know.

In our Full **Governors** Body Meeting this term, we were excited to welcome Mrs Alison Freebody, who was appointed by Englefield Parish Church Council to be a PCC governor for the school. We know she is going to be a great asset to the team!

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



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