



March Newsletter 2021 Early Years and Key stage 1 News

It's been such a busy 3 weeks since all the children returned to school and I can't believe we are now breaking up for the Easter holiday! I have loved seeing the children again-it really does bring a smile to my face every day to see our whole school back together again. I can't wait to see the entries in the Easter Reading challenge-the prize for the winners will be taken out of a new addition to the school! (That's my cryptic clue!) All will be revealed to the children after the holiday! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and I hope you all enjoy the holiday and fingers crossed for good weather. Mrs Clayton



EYFS

In the first week of March, we had a wonderful celebration of reading for World Book Day and enjoyed our Masked Reader challenge. The videos sent in from home were fantastic, as were the masks! After lockdown ended the children have come back into school bursting with energy and excitement and more than ready to see their friends. They are now settling nicely back into routine and getting down to the serious business of playing and exploring our Superhero topic.

Year 1

March kicked off with 'World Book Day' and the amazing 'Masked Reader' competition. Children, both at home and in class made masks and read an extract from their favourite book.

Following the success of our 'Great 1666 Bake Off', our final day of remote learning has marked with a second live baking session. 'The Great Chorley Bake Off' enabled all the children to take part in a live baking session, making Chorley cakes – which turned out to be a baking first for many of the children and parents!

The following Monday, all the children returned to school and, with all the children back together, the sunshine and magic had returned to the classroom!

The children have all settled back into school life amazingly well and I look forward to what April holds!

Introduction to tablets course – Chorley (Face to face)

This will be held on Tuesdays 13:30-15:30 for 4 weeks starting 13th April 2021 at The Sanctuary, Chorley United Reformed Church, Hollinshead Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1EP for anyone aged 19+ who lives in Lancashire. For people that wish to know how to use a tablet for, connecting with others, shopping, passing the time, and contacting services for support or advice. Call 0333 003 1717 to book your place or enrol online via www.lal.ac.uk.

Covid precautions are in place for this group-based training opportunity. More information will be provided at the time of booking.



Year 2

March has been an incredibly busy month in Year 2. Whilst we were still learning remotely, we made Eccles Cakes via Microsoft Teams, the photographs and videos of the children making them have been amazing! The children have returned to school magnificently and have worked incredibly hard. On returning to school, we created Mother's Day cards and sent lovely messages to our mums via video on seesaw. In English we have been writing an innovated version of Little Red Riding Hood, creating and describing our own terrifying creatures! In maths we have been learning strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers and use our strategies to solve problems! In science we have been learning about how humans survive, we have tested what happens to our hearts during exercise and used glitter to test different ways to remove germs from our hands.

Year 3

What a great finish to the Spring term having all the children back into class. We have continued to learn about Global Warming and the effects of pollution on our planet.

As part of this we had the pleasure of listening to Dr Hilary Pinto talk about the ocean and the effects of plastic pollution. Since climate change has been our focus, we have looked at Greta Thunberg and how in 2018 she started to make people aware of this global issue. No one is too small to make a difference.

Year 4

I want to say a massive well done to all of the children in Year 4. They have settled back into the school routine without a problem and have been working really hard over the past few weeks since returning to school.

In English, we have been looking at 'Greta and the Giants' which is based on the true story about Greta Thunberg and global warming. We have been looking at persuasive writing and we are going to be creating a persuasive text to tell people about the effects which deforestation is having on the world.

As part of our geography, we have been learning about global warming and sustainability and have been really enjoying learning how we can help to reduce it.

This week, the children have been researching different artists and their artwork to gather ideas ready to begin to create their own artwork out of recycled materials.

Year 5

What a whirlwind few week it has been, the children have all settled back into school well (although I'm sure they would all prefer a few extra minutes in bed). We have continued our topic of Global Development and Climate zones which the children continue to enjoy. We have participated in some practical science lessons which the children found fun – if a little messy and we have designed our 'Ironmen' and will be beginning to build those with our recycled products over the next few weeks.

In English we are looking at persuasion and have been gathering information in order for us to partake in a class debate.

Well done everyone for working so hard.

Dates to remember.

26th March 2021- school closes for Easter

12th April 2021- School re-opens

3rd May 2021- Bank Holiday

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Year 6

At last we are back together again! It has been great to see all the smiling faces coming back into class and all of us are ready to learn.

We had an amazing virtual chat with a member of Green Peace, to discuss our topic of Global Warming. We have been using plastic recycling from home to create amazing animal sculptures using Robert Bradford's art as inspiration.

We are thoroughly enjoying our class novel of Skellig and are excited to see what happens to him, Michael, Mina and especially the baby at the end.