



SPRING 2 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredibly busy term with so much to be proud of and celebrate as this newsletter goes on to show! Lots of fantastic learning has taken place both for pupils and staff. As always, please can I thank the entire school community for your continued support. It was great to welcome you into school for our parent consultation evenings this week and to our open classroom events. It is this partnership between home and school that we wish to continue and strengthen. We have, amongst other things, celebrated World Book day; raised money for Comic Relief and 'Grow A Pound' for a Year Six trip; taken part in sporting events and competitions organised by Jonny from the Skipton Sports Partnership; raced our socks off (literally) at two cross country events; every child made a pancake; created an Easter Bunny for the Skipton Easter Bunny Trail (see the advert on page 11) and celebrated Easter at church with Rev Marion.

Clubs will continue after Easter, please see below for further information.

Please take the time to look back over our previous newsletters which are full of information about community events taking place over the Easter Period. All newsletters can be found on our website. Likewise, please see the forthcoming dates for next term at the bottom of this newsletter. It promises to be an action packed term once again!

For those of you who will be marking the holy month - Ramadan Mubarak!

For everyone celebrating Easter, I hope you can take the time to reflect on the most important event in the Christian Calendar.

A reminder that Monday 8th April is a staff training day and school is not open to children until Tuesday 9th April.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 9th.

Mr T Whitehead

Headteacher

Governing Body Update

Please follow the link to read the latest news on the work of the governing body this half term.

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well as we approach the end of another productive half term. It's been a pleasure as always to see the smiles on the children's faces whenever we're in school.

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new office staff members who have joined us this term, we are delighted to have them as part of the team and wish them well as they settle in.

I also wish to express our thanks to Dr Steven Hudson, who has stepped down from his role as a parent governor. His contributions over the last 3 years have been invaluable, and we are grateful for the time, effort, and insight he has provided during his tenure. Details for anyone wishing to apply to be a parent governor will be sent out soon. If you are interested but unsure what's involved, please feel free to reach out for a chat.

We are excited to welcome Katherine Marshall to the board of governors. Katherine will be taking up the important role of curriculum link governor, and we are confident that her expertise as a school leader will greatly benefit our school's educational strategies.

A quick update for you on the appointment of a permanent head teacher. The process is ongoing, and we are committed to finding the best options to lead our school forward. We are working closely with the local authority and the diocese to ensure that we gain the best outcome for Embsay. I hope to have more news to share soon.

School budgets remain challenging, as they do for all schools, the governors are monitoring our situation carefully. We are dedicated to ensuring that our financial resources are managed effectively to support the high-quality education that our children deserve.

Finally a big thank you for your continued support, feedback and enthusiasm in all that we do at the school. With more events and activities coming up for parents and children alike in the next term, we look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter holidays.

Chris Atherton | Chair of Governors

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Reception

We have loved this half term in Reception and have enjoyed learning all about Kenya!

We started the half term by celebrating pancake day. We looked at a recipe for pancakes together and put the method in order to make them in small groups. We loved eating our yummy pancakes and then showing our buddies in Year 6 how to make them with Mr Whitehead.

In literacy, we have loved reading 'Handa's Surprise'. We enjoyed learning about Kenya where the story is set and about the animals and people who live there. We enjoyed reading stories set around the world and comparing the animals who live there and why. We have also loved visiting the library and each taking out our own books from the library. We enjoyed dressing up

for World Book Day too and each sharing our favourite story. We have been working hard on our writing and our phonics. We have worked to listen to the sounds in our words when we are writing them and have been writing simple sentences in small groups.

As part of our learning about Kenya, we talked about the foods that grow there and how they are different to the foods we grow in England. We talked about the different climates and each tasted the fruits from Handa's Surprise.

In maths, we have been practising our numbers up to 10 to develop a deep understanding of them. We have been learning our number bonds to 5 and started to learn our number bonds to 10 too. We have looked at measuring and using different objects to measure length. We have loved doing lots of maths outside this half term.

We have loved learning about and celebrating Mother's Day too. We each made a lovely card for our mummies and thought about why mums are so special and all the lovely things they do for us.

With Mrs Petit, we have enjoyed doing some wintery pictures of the crag and then doing some amazing daffodil pictures!

We have loved learning our African songs for our performance for parents and also performed it for the rest of the school in our Collective Worship.

We have enjoyed learning about the Easter story and why Easter is important to Christians. We enjoyed making some Easter cross decorations for our classroom. We loved walking up to church and having a special celebration of Easter in church with the rest of the school. On the way to church, we took the time to spot some signs of Spring too!

As part of our Easter learning, we have made Easter cards and made our very own bunny ears too. We also enjoyed making hot cross buns! We learnt about why these were special for Easter and worked in groups to make the dough and do the cross on top.

We hope you all have an amazing Easter holiday!

Miss Falkner and Mrs Meeking



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Year One



We began our term with the postponed outdoor afternoon based on 'The Great Fire of London' and all the children got 'stuck in' making houses, playing games, and finally working with a variety of materials to build a new house for Thomas Farrier. This was then tested to ensure it was waterproof. A great fun learning afternoon!



We then moved onto our topic of Space...the final frontier! It is stunning to hear all the facts that Year 1 have read about and talked about concerned with space, it has really ignited some super learning and sharing!

Our English lessons have been themed around 'Beegu' - I highly recommend a read if you haven't read it already. The children wrote their own stories about Beegu who visited different planets but finally returned home to the safety of her family. Latterly, we have moved onto stories about ourselves being space explorers. We have learnt about famous historic space explorers - Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and the NASA scientist Katherine Johnson - who had quite a few barriers to negotiate in her life.



As part of our science work, we have planted some seeds as we hope to improve the look of the planters outside our classroom! We can't believe how much they have grown in a few weeks in our classroom mini greenhouse.



Here are our planters. This is the before picture....! Tune in to the next edition of the newsletter for our progress!

The Beebots have been resident in our classroom as we have learnt simple programming commands (we can usually get them to do what we planned!) and we have done some super rocket artwork with Mrs Petit - you can see this on display during our open classroom afternoon. As I write, we are looking forward seeing you in class, we really hope you enjoyed the experience.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday this year, all the children made pancakes with our head Mr Whitehead. Year One buddied up with Year Five to make these and had a fantastic time choosing toppings and deciding if they should toss their pancake!



Next term, Miss Dougherty will be in Year One, helping with some of the teaching. We know that you will give her a warm welcome. In the meantime, have a lovely (no doubt chocolatey) Easter and do get in touch if we can help at all.

From the Year 1 Team.

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Year Two

A five week term but another busy one. We have enjoyed learning about the life and works of Beatrix Potter, reading stories, learning about her early childhood and where her inspiration came from.

The tiny books of Beatrix Potter were enjoyed by us all: Peter Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny and Jemima Puddleduck being some of our favourites. We wrote character description and then planned and wrote our own stories. To help with our description of the vegetables in Mr McGregor's garden, we did some still life observational work on fruit and vegetables, creating a bank of descriptive adjectives to use in our writing. Also in our Art lessons, we studied Beatrix's sketches and then drew and painted some of the characters using watercolours. Our role play area became an art workshop. The children have enjoyed making mini books, experimenting with paints and showing their work on our gallery wall.

In History we learnt about schooling in the past. We are lucky to still have copies of some of Embsey School's old registers and photographs dating back to the 1900's. We used our research skills to find answers to questions about life at school many years ago,

World Book Day saw us all roll out of bed and come to school dressed in pyjamas. We had a relaxing day sharing our favourite stories with our classmates and with the children in Year 1. Reverend Marion visited our class to read some of her favourite poetry and stories from the bible.

Our Maths work this half term has been based around money and measuring. Some good discussion were held about whether we will become a cashless society anytime soon. It was lovely to hear that children are still saving their money in piggy banks and enjoy counting their savings. We learnt how to measure in centimetres and metres and carried out lots of practical work measuring items inside and outside the classroom.

Our rescheduled open classroom gave us the chance to show off our African call and response drumming skills. Thank you to you all for visiting our class.

In Science, we have been learning about the seven life processes. Mrs Gren has helped us remember the 7 processes—**M**ovement, **R**espiration, **S**ensitivity, **G**rowth, **R**eproduction, **E**xcretion, and **N**utrition.

Outdoor and Adventurous activities in PE saw us making the most of the milder weather. We learnt how to work effectively in teams to solve orienteering trails around the school grounds.

RE this half term started with the pancake extravaganza. Mr Whitehead turned the hall into a pancake house and all the children made their own pancake complete with toppings, even tossing their own pancake. We learnt about the events of Holy Week and Easter and made links with the idea of salvation. We all hope you have a lovely Easter break. Thank you for all your hard work this half term, from Mrs Holmes, Miss Hodgson and Mrs Snelling.



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Year Three



We have had a lovely term filled with lots of learning: from making pancakes, planting seeds and watching them grow, to the adventures of dragons!

This term has had lots of special days which enhance the children's learning greatly. This has included the whole school making pancakes with Mr Whitehead, Neuro-diversity week and World Book Day. For World Book Day, the whole school came in their pyjamas, got cosy and enjoyed books! Year 3 shared

their books and made little books where they wrote stories and drew illustrations. We also had a visit from Reverend Marion who shared some of her favourite stories.

In English the children have enjoyed learning about dragons from the novel "The Boy who Grew Dragons". They have used all their reading skills to retrieve and summarise the information, in order to design their own dragon, and write a non-fiction informational leaflet about how to care for it.

In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions, and exploring mass and capacity by weighing objects around the classroom and comparing their mass. Also, the children have started recording their times tables knowledge in their cards. This allows them to start to take ownership of their learning and pride in their growing knowledge. Thank you for supporting them in this. Times tables really are a cornerstone in your child's Maths learning.



How does your garden grow? This is the question the children have been exploring. They have planted bean seeds and investigated the time it takes for roots and shoot to grow as well as using their mathematical skills to count and accurately measure the length of shoots. Also, they planted peas; learning about the conditions a seed needs to germinate. They will be bringing these home to carry on caring for. The pea shoots are delicious and packed full of nutrients so can be cut and eaten.

In RE, we have been learning about the Easter story and what it means for Christians. We read a book called 'The Easter Story' by Brian Wildsmith. Using this as a stimulus, the children have considered how an onlooker to the events, a donkey, might have felt. This has produced some very thoughtful points and



questions in their work. In PSHE, we have been looking at different emotions, how different people may express their emotions and how we can manage our own big emotions.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home through their times tables, listening to them read and their homework. The children's optional topic homework continues to amaze us in the time and care which has been taken. Enjoy a lovely Easter holiday.



From the Year 3 Team: Mrs Crompton, Mrs Hill and Mr Dee

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Year Four



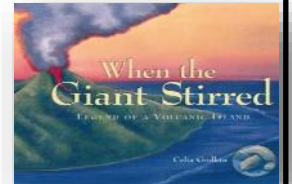
Another short five-week term and another busy few weeks, full of discovering new things and learning new skills. We had the pleasure of sharing it all with our parents and grandparents in our 'Open Classroom' last week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you in to school and we hope you enjoyed the presentation of our Science, Geography & English work, topped off with the singing of our favourite volcano songs. This half term, we have also celebrated World Book Day by spending the day in our pyjamas, wore red for Red Nose day, came in our uniforms for Thinking Day and cooked pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.



Our Geography topic on 'What makes the Earth angry?' led to us finding out what is inside the Earth, how Earthquakes are caused and how volcanoes are formed. We also found out about different types of volcanoes and that there are even volcanoes in space and under the sea! We finished the term by discovering the advantages and disadvantages that volcanoes bring for people and landscapes.



In English, we have been reading 'When the Giant Stirred', a story about a tribe who lived on a volcanic island in the Pacific Ocean, which was destroyed in a volcanic eruption. We have written descriptions of the island, using expanded noun phrases and then a story about a volcanic eruption, using a range of fronted adverbials and conjunctions. We also designed a holiday brochure for the island and wrote persuasively to encourage people to visit.



This half term, in Maths, we tried to recall equivalent measures of length, changing centimetres, metres and kilometres. At the start of each day, we have continued our daily online 'Multiplication Times Tables Check' and 'Flashback 4' work to improve our instant recall of facts. We have learnt how to do short division, including finding remainders, and have been practising placing fractions correctly on number lines and counting in mixed numbers.



In PSHE, we have been discussing 'Needs and Wants' - things we actually need to survive and things we simply just want. We have also looked at how we all save money in different ways and what we save up for (both long term and short term goals). Yorkshire Water invited us to take part in a live presentation, to educate us on how to stay safe near our local Leeds-Liverpool canal, Embsay reservoir and rivers, such as the nearby Wharfe and the Aire.



Our Computing focus has been digital editing, using a photo editing package to change and improve photos in a variety of ways.

In Science, States of Matter has been our focus—finding out about Solids, Liquids and Gases. Through drama, we have acted like particles and investigated how solids, gases and liquids move and act differently. To finish off, we learnt about the water cycle. Did you know that all the water on Earth today is the same water that has covered the Earth since its creation?



In RE, we have been investigating who the 4 gospels were and why we can trust what they say about Jesus (who he was, what he did and what he said). We've also discussed why Good Friday is 'Good'.



Our outside pencil sketches of the Crag in Art, were turned into pastel drawings. These sketches were then developed into a painted version, before turning it into a collage by building the painting up with our own printed paper strips. We are hoping to display some in an art show about Embsay village at the village hall in the summer term.



Alongside our Monday PE athletics sessions with Mr Hardman, we have had fun doing OAA in the school grounds with Kanga. We were fantastic sports leaders for the afternoon when we paired up with Year 1 to take them around an orienteering course. Sandylands Sports Centre hosted us for a sports trilogy afternoon (competing in handball, dodgeball and mini-golf tournaments). Also, well done to Clara and Adam, who took part in the very muddy Cross Country finals at Giggleswick School, making the class extremely proud. You both did well (in spite of losing a shoe in the mud!)



Throughout this half term, some members of our class have been entertaining us on their instruments. We have really enjoyed these relaxing 'Musical Moments' and look forward to many more in the summer term. Have a lovely Easter holiday everyone!



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Year Five

The children have really enjoyed the Anglo-Saxon topic this term, even those who wouldn't count history as one of their favorite subjects have really got stuck in and showed enthusiasm and interest. In just 5 weeks we have learnt who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from and why they came, what their daily lives were like, who Alfred the Great was, about their art and culture and much more. This week learning about their food and about the end of the Saxon era in the Battle of Hastings.

In English we have written a story based on the style of Beowulf. The children have carefully planned their stories and studied other texts to identify what makes a terrifying monster, a great setting and a unique hero. We have further developed our use of metaphor, simile and show-not-tell to help create a strong and engaging narrative.



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In maths this half term we have been working on long division and multiplication and then moved on to multiplying and dividing fractions and then working out fractions of quantities. Once we've finished that, we've seen the last of fractions in year 5! Though we'll revisit them occasionally to make sure we don't forget all we've learnt.

In PE the children have been learning about outdoor adventurous activities with Kanga and tennis with Mr Hardman. We also took part in the re-arranged tag rugby competition and won, though it was very close!

As well as all of the above the children have been learning about the Americas over the past two terms. We began by learning about the states of the USA and exploring the differences in climate across the USA. This half term they picked a country of South America and conducted their own research in order to create informative presentations to the rest of the class.

As you can see, we've managed to fit a lot into another short term. Next term our topic will be coasts and will include our residential trip to Robin Hood's Bay!



Making a banner in art for St Mary's Church

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Year Six



Another 5 weeks, another mountain of achievements undertaken by Year 6. The children have continued to be a credit to you and, although the occasional jog around the playground has been necessary to wake us all up on occasion, they have impressed me yet again with their willingness to listen, learn and grow. I have seen a lot of personal growth of the past term with the children showing greater maturity and in some cases, a clear and determined approach to their learning developing. It is wonderful to see them nearing the time they will clearly be ready for moving on to the next stage of their education.

In English, we have begun exploring characterisation through speech which saw the children become Captain Fitzroy of The Beagle having a rather animated conversation with his crew! We are also investigating setting description and creating tension in a short narrative.



In Maths, we have covered Ratio and Proportion: Year 6 did really well with and seemed to take to the both the abstract and visual representation of this quite well. We finished the topic off with a 'Big Sheet Maths' problem solving session which the children got stuck into—some fantastic Mathematical discussion took place which was great to see. We are now exploring Decimals, Percentages and Fractions and will keep revisiting these topics as part of our revision towards SATs in May as well as continuing to learn personalised Key Instant Recall Facts (SMIRFS) and times tables.

In Computing, we have begun working with variables using Scratch, creating and designing our own games.



In Art, the children have completed their Beatles artwork based on the animation accompanying the famous track, 'Yellow Submarine' - they look fantastic! The children are now working on sculpture, creating their own miniature version of a [Superlambana](#). Mrs Crompton has also been working with the children on creating some artwork surrounding awareness of our new trees she had commissioned for the school which are planted on the school field. As ever, thank you for supporting your children with their learning both in school and at home.

Finally, we had some fantastic representation at the Cross Country Finals with two of our Year 6 pupils finishing in the top 10. Amazing!

Well done year 6, another busy, but incredible half term! Have a wonderful break. **Happy Easter!**



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Year Six



Year 6 have done an incredible job in planning, designing, developing and growing their 'Grow a Pound' businesses. I am so proud of them all.

Thanks also to parents, the wider families, friends and the community of Embsay and the local area in general for being so, so supportive of our children's entrepreneurial ventures. We are so grateful to you all.

Once all of the children's earnings have been added to the final figure (you can deposit this via the Parent Pay link sent out), we will be able to announce a total.

Well done Year 6, from cookies to slime, homemade crafts to hot chocolate, plants to pamper kits and jewellery, not to mention bin bags, you have blown us all away with your commitment and inventive approaches. Thankyou!

Now onwards to your own businesses that I am sure many of you already have grand plans for!

Easter Bunny Trail

Over the last three weeks, groups of children from all classes in our school have been staying on Monday afternoons, to help decorate a larger-than-life Easter Bunny!

Our rabbit was sent by Skipton Town Council, along with a fabulous selection of craft materials to decorate it. It was very plain at the start but look at it now!



The first group chose to name our bunny Bobtail (Bob for short), and over the following weeks, Bob has been transformed! The children have chosen the colours and designs, and all the work has been

theirs. It has been lovely to see them work so well together, helping each other and sharing their ideas.



We understand there will be an Easter Trail in Skipton over the holidays, with all the rabbits decorated by different schools, so look out for Bob if you go!



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Easter Bunny Trail

March 23rd - April 7th 2024

There are 10 Easter Bunnies hidden around Skipton, find them all for the chance to win an Easter Hamper

Collect your trail leaflets from Skipton Town Hall or Craven Court. Once completed, return and post them in the boxes to be entered into the prize draw.

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Walk of Witness on Palm Sunday

Come and join us

The Yr5s, working with Mrs Petit, have been making a banner for St Mary's to carry during the Walk of Witness in Skipton on Palm Sunday. In fact, the children had so many ideas they made two banners but we're only carrying one.

When - Sunday 24th March

Time - Meet at 10.20am towards the bottom of Sheep Street for a 10.30am start.

We will walk, with many others, along the pavement and market sets up the High Street to Holy Trinity Church, carrying the banner and waving palms. It would be wonderful if the banner could be carried by some of the children who made it. We will assemble in the grounds of Holy Trinity for a very short service outside before moving into the church for the remainder of the service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

You are welcome to join us for the procession and the short service outside, or for the whole celebration of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem for the Passover Festival

Liz Roodhouse - Churchwarden at St Mary's.





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Saturday 11th May, 2-8pm
Manby Castle, Embsay

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raising money for Manorlands 



Live Music!

Loud Minority
Samba Band

Kirsty Brannan

Bertie & the Signs

Stiletto

Undercover

The Gatsbys

Bouncy castle

Face painting

Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream Van

Food van

Licensed bar



kids go
free!

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Or on EventBrite.
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Hi.. I'm Charlotte, 4th Dan black belt and Master in Taekwondo, I am a mum of 2 primary aged children and run a Taekwondo club in Skipton. I am an experienced Martial Arts instructor, having being practicing Taekwondo most of my life and teaching for 15 years.



Does your child get bored with the usual PE activities? Do they have lots of energy to burn?

Why not move away from the traditional football, rugby, cricket and try Taekwondo? Appealing for both boys & girls alike.

Taekwondo is excellent for fitness, flexibility, confidence, for stress & anger management

This is a complete beginners course and no experience is necessary to come and have a go!

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Open to KS2 Classes at Embsay Primary

£5 per session, per person.

Bookable by term.

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Summer Term 2024

There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses, please keep an eye on emails, Google Classroom and Newsletters.

Tuesday 9th April—Start of the summer term for children

Tuesday 9th April—Swimming Y4

Wednesday 10th April—Y6 SATs meeting—6-6.45pm

Monday 15th April—Y1 Phonics / Y2 SATs indo evening—Y2—6pm

Tuesday 16th April—Malham Trip—Y2

Wednesday 17th April—Liverpool Trip—Y6

Thursday 18th April—Robin Hoods Bay info event—3.30pm—Y5

Wednesday April 24th—Y4 Craven Museum Trip

Friday April 26th—Y6 / Y4 Tennis event at Sandylands

Friday April 26th—Y5 Cycling training on the playground

Thursday May 2nd—Year 2 Library visit

Friday 3rd May—Y1 / 2 Mini Olympics—Sandylands

W/C 13th May—Y6 SATs week

Tuesday 21st May—Brownlee Foundation Triathlon—Y4

Wednesday 22 May—Class Photos

Friday 24th May—Break up for half term

Friday 28th June – Summer Fayre (PTA event)

