

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

Summer Term 2018

KS1 & EYFS Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first of a termly KS1 and EYFS Newsletter! What a busy term it has been! We have had lots of fun and have learnt a lot—this newsletter will give you a taste of what we have been up to! We hope you enjoy reading about us and we hope you all have a great summer holiday!

Year 2 Seaside trip

Year 2 visited Brighton beach. We created some artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. We also went on the pier and discussed the similarities and differences at the seaside now

and in Victorian times. The sun was shining and we had lots of fun!



Year 2 synagogue trip

As part of our RE topic, Year 2 also visited a synagogue to find out about where Jewish people worship. Two people from the synagogue told us all about all the special things you can see. We compared the Jewish and Christian faiths.



Year 1 'The Church of the Presentation'

To support their learning in RE on the topic 'what places are special and why?' the children visited The Church of the Presentation. The children sensibly walked to the church from school accompanied by some lovely parent helpers (thank you!). The children loved being shown a variety of artefacts and also they were able to ask questions. Exploring the church was especially exciting and the children were able to sketch the artefacts and features of the church into their art books.



Year 1 Wakehurst Place

Year 1 spent a day at Wakehurst Place to support their topic learning. The children were able to take part in a range of activities across the day; including visiting the potting shed to plant their own sunflowers (that regular visitors aren't allowed to go in!) and using the microscopes. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see a variety of seeds up close and ask lots of interesting questions. The children particularly enjoyed exploring the grounds at Wakehurst and taking their own sunflowers home to grow.



Chick this out!

Our chicks have hatched! It has been such a magical time in Reception and we counted down the days until hatch day. We watched them make the first 'pip' inside their egg, and then slowly crack their way out. We watched them dry their feathers inside the incubator. Once their feathers had dried, we carefully moved them to a brooder. A brooder is like a man-made Mummy for our tiny chicks, it keeps them warm and safe. We named our chicks; Harry, Megan, Custard, Spotty, Penguin and Popcorn.



We have learnt how to care for our chicks: handling them carefully, making sure they have food and water at all times and watched them grow. We have learnt a lot about how a chick hatches and grows. We now know that a chick has a tiny little sharp point on the top of their beak to help crack the shell open. We 'candled' the eggs to see if an embryo had formed. We knew if we couldn't see anything, it meant it wasn't fertile and wouldn't grow into a chick.

Our chicks have been very popular, especially while they played outside during playtime.



Butter making!

Did you know you can make butter by shaking double cream really fast? That's right and that's what we did in Reception this term.

We all took turns shaking the jar of cream until we had churned it into butter. Then we practised our knife skills by spreading it on a cracker and eating it—delicious



KS1 /EYFS Gardening club

Gardening club have been working hard to plant, water and look after the flowers, fruits and vegetables. So far we have; tomatoes, strawberries, potatoes, broad beans, runner beans, peas, carrots, lettuce, mint, coriander, courgettes, pumpkin and baby sweetcorn! We have been learning how to prepare the soil, remove the weeds, plant carefully and continue to care for our plants as they grow. We have learnt to recognise which plant is which and when our produce is ripe enough to be picked and eaten. We have to be patient and continue to water and care for the plants and hopefully we will get a good crop this year!

