



## Welcome back to the Summer 2 term!

By Sam Eathorne

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to the final half-term of the academic year. It can't just be me who thinks that the year has whizzed by?

As the weather begins to improve during this summer term, we will allow the children regular access to drinks during the day therefore, it is important that your child brings in a named water bottle into school. It is also essential that the children bring in a summer hat as there is limited shade on the playgrounds.

Personally, the final term is one of my favourites; the children have an opportunity to flourish at the peak of their current year group; they have the opportunity to think forward to new beginnings in new year groups. We look forward to wonderful school events such as Sports Day and open evening at the end of term and welcoming parents and carers in for many of these events.

Kind regards,  
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Principal



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th June - Class Photos

9th June - Year 2 Victorian Day in school  
parents invited to play some Victorian  
games 2pm-3pm

12th June- Year 2 Holdenby House trip

13th June - Year 5 show - A Midsummer  
Night's Dream

15th June - Nursery Stay and Play Sports

29th June - KS1 Sports Day

30th June - Reception + KS2 Sports Day

4th July - Special Provision Sports Day

14th July - Year 6 Takeover Day

19th July - Summer Fete on the school  
field after school

21st July - Last Day of term.

# Year Five



Last term, we threw ourselves into our Space topic where we learnt about the history of the Space race and the moon landings, including some interesting facts like the first meal eaten on the moon was a bacon roll! We took part in a variety of science lessons including some observations that helped us to explore the rotations of the Earth.

We began our swimming lessons last term too, which was really exciting, and we are excited to continue these! Our swimming day is now going to be a Tuesday, so please look out for letters stating if your child is swimming. If your child is not swimming, they'll still need to come in PE kit, as the rest of the year group are playing rounders.

Rehearsals for our show are in the final stages! Our show will be at 2pm in the KS2 hall on Tuesday 13th June and we are so excited to show you our rendition of Midsummer Night Dream.



## Special Provision

Last term the special provision really enjoyed our 'Let's get growing' theme. We have grown our own peas, cress, sunflowers, and beans and then wrote weekly diaries to help us understand and record the process. We had some caterpillars come to visit and the children were amazed seeing them transform into butterflies and taking part in the big butterfly release. We were lucky enough to be invited to the fair, the children were so excited had a fantastic time going on the rides - it was so lovely to see the children flourish!

This term the children are excited to learn about monsters and dinosaurs. We are using our colourful semantics to write some descriptive sentences, our attention autism sessions to build our attention and focus and core boards to support re telling the stories. Our science focus will be on materials, and we will be junk modelling to design and create our own monster.

# Year Two

As part of our Beanfield 50 before year 7, Year 2 are to learn a dance. This half term we had a dance workshop led by Dance Days London. Each class learnt a different routine from a Bollywood routine, a Chinese inspired routine and a Spanish themed routine. The children had a great time and showed a great sense of pride in representing our school to our visitor.

Over the next half term, we will be learning more about how the lives of Victorian children were different to the lives of children now. We will be holding our Victorian Day in school, where we will act in role all day as Victorian children in our classrooms. In Science, we will be learning about how plants disperse their seeds and how this links to the life cycle of a flowering plant. We will also be using this knowledge to help us write our own explanation text in English.



# Reception

This term we have been learning a lot about growing! We have planted vegetable seeds and discussed what they need to help them grow. We have also planted beans to go along with the story we have been using in Big Talk for Writing; Jack and the Beanstalk. We have a very exciting delivery of some Caterpillars this term too. They are currently in their Chrysalises and we are waiting patiently for them to emerge into beautiful butterflies.

Next term we will continue or Big Talk for Writing with the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt. With this book we will also be learning about journeys. Alongside this, we hope to set our butterflies free and learn a little bit more about mini-beasts by investigating our bug hotels.



## Year Three



The first half of Summer term was extremely busy for Year 3. In addition to their usual routines, they enjoyed a D.T. lesson which involved spreading margarine, grating cheese and cutting bread when making cheese sandwiches for their picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation. They also had a fun day of activities which included making a giant piece of red, white and blue art. The term ended in a Careers Week when they were visited by a policeman.

Next term proves to be just as busy when they will be busy learning more about the Ancient Romans, focusing their English work on a new class reader called Krindlekrax by Phillip Ridley and moving on to working with shape and statistics in Maths.

## Year Six

This half-term saw our year 6s take on their SATs tests! After months of hard work and preparation, they did an amazing job at tackling these 6 tests which covered maths, reading and SPaG. The effort and focus on show were outstanding and we could not be more proud of them. Well done year 6!

In science this term, we have been focussing on how the human body works. As part of our learning, we had the opportunity to dissect hearts (of pigs!) to see how the atriums and ventricles come together to create this organ. We were also practical in looking at the different components of blood and making our own blood using food colouring and Cheerios!

There was a very special occasion at Beanfield this half-term as Year 6 celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. There was a big party on the KS2 playground with all of the other year groups, whilst some children within our year group who are a part of glee treated the school to a rendition of the song 'Our King'. We also created crowns and Union Jack flags to help us celebrate the big event.





# Nursery

During this term the Nursery children have spent lots of time thinking about routes, journeys, positional and directional language. In Maths we explored lots of different ways to move around an obstacle course at first following directions and then remembering the words.

In Geography we applied our vocabulary to a journey of the way into Nursery from the school gate and then made a 3D map in our room.



## Year One

This term Year One had a visit from Brian, from Corby Library. He explained all the activities that the library provided and that it is not just about books. He then answered the copious amounts of questions from the children who felt fully inspired to read!

The children have really enjoyed learning about monarchy this term and especially enjoyed the Coronation celebrations. They can all confidently talk about the Royal Family and how people become a monarch.

Next term we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and linking that with science we have done this term in relation to materials. The children will explore questions such as, 'Why did the fire cause so much damage?' and 'What if the houses had been built using a different material?'



## Year Four

A highlight for Year 4 this term was our trip to Woburn Safari Park! We were so excited to travel through the road safari on our coaches seeing all the different animals and watching the monkeys jump on our buses! Once off the coaches, we saw lots more animals and learnt about rainforest habitats and creatures linking into this term's rainforest topic. Back in school, we learnt more about the climate, locations and different layers of the rainforest.

In the next half term, we are going to be continuing with our rainforest topic thinking about why rainforests are important and what they provide, whilst also going back in time to think about the Ancient Mayans. We will also be thinking about Fairtrade food and what makes a healthy diet, designing and making some rainforest friendly food!

