



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wonderful week, with lots of opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom. On Wednesday, Yew Tree class had a great day at Chester Zoo. This was the perfect opportunity for them to develop their skills and knowledge in both Geography and Science.

World book day, as always has offered the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the love of books. This year, we were also invited to a performance, hosted by Frodsham Library. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. My favourite part of the week was enjoying looking at the story spoons, created to represent favourite book characters.

This afternoon, we welcomed Bart Gee to school. Through a lived experience, we were inspired by the way he deals with his disability with such positivity.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this week, in doing so supporting the children in their enjoyment of learning.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Eileen Murtagh

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th March—Science week

Tuesday 12th March—Parents evening

Thursday 14th March—Parents evening

Friday 15th March—Science week dress up day

Friday 15th March—Science week Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 20th March—Mini Vinnies at Chester Catholic High

Thursday 21st March—Year 4 activities day at St Nich's

Friday 22nd March—Cross country

Monday 25th March—Year 5 Violin concert

Wednesday 27th March—Year 5—Easter journey at main Street Community Church

Thursday 28th March—School closes for Easter

Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week.

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church this week during Saturday 6pm mass, where we explore about the Gospel in a child friendly way.

Year 5/6 girls football tournament

Well done to our girls football team for taking part in a tournament today at Helsby Sports Club. They won two of their games and came in 5th place.



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **96.5%**.

Across the school, **10 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 4	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 3 Class 5 Class 6
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Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Cherry Class

In English we have started our new text and we have been using the clues to predict what might happen. We think it might be about a woolly mammoth who comes back from the past...

In Maths year 1 have been learning about numbers up to 50 and different ways we can count larger numbers carefully.

Reception have been exploring more complex patterns and have been creating patterns for their friends to continue.

In History Year 1 have been comparing toys from now and from 100 years ago and talking about similarities and differences. We love exploring the old toys.

Reception have been comparing Frodsham now and long ago. We have been looking at photographs of different places in Frodsham and how they have changed. We can't believe there used to be a high school where the library/doctors is and we were amazed at how old the market was!

In Science reception have been talking about how animal babies grow and whether they look like their adults. We have been matching adult animals with their babies.

Year 1 have been sorting animals into different groups such as animals with feathers, animals that live in water, animals with beaks. There are so many ways we can sort them!

In DT we have started making our moving books. We have explored how to make prototype moving mechanisms and we have started to design our pages.

We enjoyed World Book Day and all of the fantastic costumes. The children explored lots of reading activities, looking at different types of books and looked for inspiration when creating our own books.



Elm Class

Elm Class has had a very busy and exciting week!

In English, we have been discussing everyday heroes and what makes someone a hero, and I am very excited to read their letters to their heroes today!

In science, the children were creating food chains from a set of animals and placing the words consumer, producer, prey and predator on the correct animal.

It was World Book day this week! Elm class wore some amazing costumes and had a great day, including a whole school assembly showing off our character spoons and costumes, writing book reviews and a trip to the school library!



Yew Class

Yew Tree Class have had an extremely busy and exciting week! In Science this week, we started our new topic of 'Sound'. We learned that sound is produced by vibrations. We played a mystery sound game where we had to guess the object that was producing sound. We then observed what happens to rice on a drum when the drum is tapped. We observed the rice jump and listened to the sound it produced.

On Wednesday, we had a wonderful trip to Chester Zoo. We started our day by visiting the elephants and the lions before our rainforest workshop. In our workshop we used our geography and science knowledge to complete lots of different activities. We used our knowledge of teeth to match the skulls of different rainforest animals based on their diets. We explored some different products that are produced by different plants such as medicine, rubber, chocolate and coffee. We also learned about the different layers of the rainforest and how we can find sustainable palm oil products that help reduce deforestation. The children really enjoyed seeing all the animals and took lots of photos on the ipads.

We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, there were lots of amazing costumes and entries to the story spoon competition. We loved our visit to Frodsham library to listen to some amazing storytelling. We also celebrated International Women's Day by using books to write a fact file about an inspirational woman and her achievements.



Cypress Class

What a busy week it has been! On Tuesday, Chris from Cheshire Fire Service visited our class for the afternoon to deliver an incredibly important workshop all about fire safety. He discussed the importance of having an action plan in case of a fire in your home and gave a top tip to 'test it on a Tuesday', highlighting the importance of testing smoke alarms regularly.

On Wednesday afternoon, we were finding out more about the Magna Carta in our history lesson. We explored the reasons for it and found out more about King John and the decisions he made as king. We found it interesting that, although it was written many years ago, the Magna Carta is still relevant today.

It was World Book Day on Thursday and we thoroughly enjoyed the day. After our whole school assembly (to show off our costumes), we then made our way to Frodsham Leisure Centre as we had been invited to take part in Frodsham Library's World Book Day celebrations. They had invited a theatre group to perform/ retell a story for us and we really enjoyed listening to it. The group were also really keen to share all about how they made their props and set and it was great to hear all about how they had used all recycled items to make everything they used in the show. During the day, we also enjoyed time in the library and completed a personal development lesson based on a book called 'Mixed'.

