

YEAR ONE Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

English

In English, we continued reading *The Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. This week, the children have been thinking about the positive and negative aspects of working on the moon. Then they imagined that they blasted off in a rocket to space and wrote a descriptive piece of writing, thinking about what they would be getting up to if they had a day on the moon.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning about arrays. The children have been using counters to make their own arrays, thinking carefully about the difference between columns and rows (for example, 2 rows of 4 would look different to 4 rows of 2). We have also recapped doubling numbers this week, thinking about strategies to help find doubles.



2 x 4 array



4 x 2 array

Religious Education

In RE, we continued learning about Hanukkah. We recapped the story of Hanukkah and found out some of the different ways that Jewish people celebrate this special occasion.



Computing

We continued using the 'Scratch Junior' programme this week to input instructions to get the sprite to move around the screen. This week, we included a start and end position, as well as connecting a sequence of instructions together.

PE

We have been practising some events for Sport's Day on Friday 27th June. This week, we worked on our running skills... and particularly had to focus on running in a straight line between the lines on the tracks! I thought I would remind you of the children's colour teams so they have a coloured T-shirt ready to wear on Sport's Day in their team colours:

St George: Millie W, Eryka, Flo H, Jack, Matei, Berrie, Jessica, Nicholas

St Patrick: Emily, Evelyn, Archer, Lily-May, Frank, Isabelle.

St David: Oakley, Harleigh, Ishaan, Lilly P, Malachi, Millie C, Grace T, Nelly

St Andrew: Evan, Poppy, Florence J, Jaxon, Aaron, Grace M, Chloe

Woodland Learning





Race Across Leybourne

We have our Race Across Leybourne event on Monday 16th June. The children will come to school as usual in their uniform and we will take them out around Leybourne to compete various challenges. The aim is to be the quickest class completing the challenge... wish us luck! Thank you so much for the sponsorship money already raised.

Phonics Screening

The children all took part in the phonics screening checks this week. They read a mix 40 of real and 'alien' words with me and they all tried their best! We do not yet know the score for passing the phonics screening check, as this is usually released at the end of the month. Your child's phonics screening score will be in their end of year report, yet if you wish to have it sooner then please let me know. Also, if your child does not pass the phonics screening, this is nothing to worry about as they can take it again at the end of Year 2.

Next few weeks

I just wanted to let you know that for the next few weeks, I will be out of class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as I will be teaching Reception when Miss Dale goes on her home visits for the new intake. I will still be overseeing the planning in Year 1 and the children will have Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Glennon as usual. There will also occasionally be additional adults to support the class when I am teaching in Reception. I will still be available to talk to either on the phone, in person or via Seesaw.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Glennon and Miss Hutchinson

spellings
haunt
launch
dinosaur
blue
clue
glue

