



Dear Parents,

I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity with the purchases that you have made from our Amazon wish list. These day-to-day items make such a difference to our provision, and ensure that as a school we can manage our budget more effectively. We are also nearly there with the Governors fund that we pay to the diocese which also makes a huge difference to what we have left to buy resources for teaching and learning.

If you are interested in looking at the amazon wish list, please use this link. I will be adding to it as wishes come in from teachers.

<https://amzn.eu/axxWlw5>

As you can see it has been another great half term, with interesting and engaging learning going on around the school.

Mrs Woods

## EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage - Nursery

This term we have focused our learning around Traditional Tales.

The children have been really excited by the Giant in the Jack and the Beanstalk story coming through the ceiling, so we made axes to chop the beanstalk down. They planted their own magic beans in cotton wool and estimated how many sleeps it took until they grew. The children made their own beanstalks out of a range of different resources and measured which was taller and which was shorter.



During our learning on the Little Red Riding Hood story, we made our own giant puppet theatre and acted out the story using costumes and props that we made ourselves.

We always had to be careful of the wolf!

For the Gingerbread man story, children made their very own gingerbread man and ate him all up like the greedy fox. They also took part in a range of physical games shouting loudly "Run, Run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man."

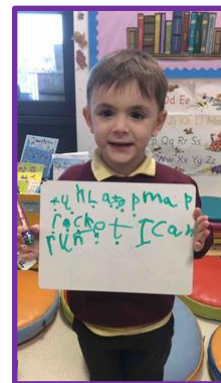


## EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage - Reception

This term we have been learning all about 'Amazing Animals!'. We have enjoyed using this theme to support all of the different areas of our learning. We have been learning about pets, zoo animals, farm animals, under water creatures and fantasy animals. We have been working hard in developing our letter formation and using our phonics to write words and sentences. In maths we have been learning about number

sentences and combining two groups to make a total. We particularly enjoyed learning to tell the time using 'o'clock' and telling Miss Stock when it was 1'oclock and time to stop! In RE

we have been thinking about what makes Jesus special and talking about the different miracles that he performed. Internet safety and friendship have been whole school topics. We have enjoyed exploring these themes further in class to deepen our knowledge.



## Key Stage One – Year One

Year 1 have had a fantastic, Science-themed, half term. We have been learning all about animals and how to group them, finishing the half term with a brilliant trip to the British Wildlife Centre. We saw foxes, deers, badgers, owls, rats plus many more! The children were so excited to be on their first school trip and behaved so well. In other learning, we have enjoyed visiting our local woodland to see what Winter looks like and explored how the environment has changed. Our phonics knowledge and confidence in writing has really increased and Miss Burrage has been so impressed with our positive attitude and independent writing skills!



## Key Stage One – Year Two



In Holly class our half term started with a visit from Burglar Bill and Burglar Betty via the Pied Piper Theatre Company. We then wrote a detailed character description and created maps of the town, programming instructions to help the Bee Bot police catch Burglar Bill.



We have read Handa's Surprise and used this story to compare a story set in Africa with one set in the UK. This has linked nicely with our geography learning comparing Horley to Kenya. We have ended the half term by making a fruit salad using some of the fruits in the story. We used some of the FOTO money that the class was gifted to purchase the fruits for the fruit salad.

## Key Stage Two – Year Three

We have had great fun this half term in Year 3 thinking about our Ancient Egypt theme. The children in Hawthorn class have written their name in a 'cartouche' style, made a newspaper report about the pharaoh's sons, created 'shadufs' (contraptions



for moving water from the Nile onto farmer's fields) and investigated the events which led up to the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922. In Maths we have learnt about sharing amounts into equal groups (and what to do when we have some left over) and in gymnastics we've been practicing our balancing and rolling.



Mr Cotmore used the FOTO money to buy a new chair for our regulation area and resources for our DT project!

## Key Stage Two – Year Four

This term's been busy one in year 4.

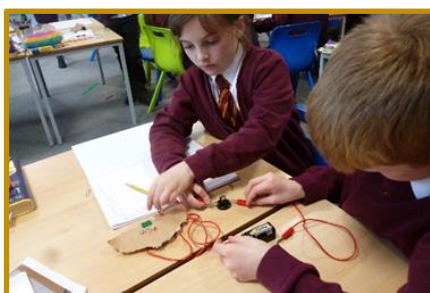
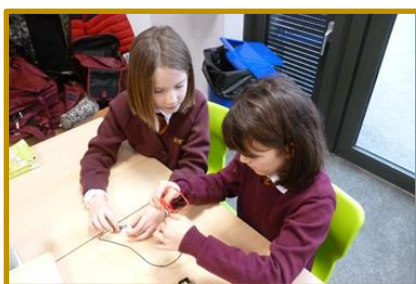
In English, we began writing setting descriptions based around Pompeii, thinking about what the town looked like before and after the eruption. Some amazing descriptive language was used by the children to create some vivid settings. More recently we've been thinking about writing to inform and recalling the facts we've learnt about and explaining it to others.

Our maths work has focussed on multiplication and division. We've practiced using different methods to work out our calculations and examined what our answers mean when linked to a problem.

In science, we've been exploring circuits. We've loved exploring different types of circuit and testing materials. We began with just creating simple circuits before examining conductors and insulators, creating our own switches and exploring multiple items in a circuit.

Finally, our theme work has been looking at Violent Earth. It's been really interesting to find out about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis, especially with the recent news.

All this on top of swimming for 2 weeks!!!



## Key Stage Two – Year Five



Year 5 have had a wonderful half term of learning, all themed around Space! They have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have learned so much! We started the half term with the fantastic Space Dome in the hall to engage the children in the topic.



In English, the children have produced some brilliant and detailed non-chronological reports based on all of their new knowledge about Space.

They have also created some beautiful chalk pastel art of the planets.

We have spent some of our FOTO money on our 'Ancient Greece Day' in December so we could do some exciting food tasting of different Greek foods!

## Key Stage Two – Year Six

This half-term in Year 6, our topic has been 'Survival of the Fittest!' We have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theory regarding evolution and inheritance. As part of this topic, we learnt about the Galapagos Islands and the native species that inhabit the islands. From this, we discussed whether tourism should be permitted on the islands, and we wrote balanced arguments which gave reasons for and against the topic.

This half term we were also lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Junior Citizen event which is organised by the council. We learnt all about how to stay safe in our local area and online.



## Welcome to new staff

We would like to welcome Ms Ball and Mrs Nelson to the Trinity Oaks community. Ms Ball has joined us in Reception and Mrs Nelson has joined us to support booster groups in the afternoon.

If you see them around please do introduce yourselves.

*Sushi's adventures... mainly with Year 6!*



# Trinity Oaks Sports News

## HLP Events

This term, 12 children in Year 2 took part in a Sportshall athletics event with other local Horley schools. Our Year 5 sports crew were leaders on the day explaining and demonstrating the different activities. There were a range of skills demonstrated including jumping, balancing and running. The children worked really well as a team and came first overall! Miss White and Mrs Griffiths were very proud of them and said they represented the school well.

Please see a picture of those who took part.



## Upcoming HLP events

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023** Year 3/4 girls football @ Yattendon

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023** Year 4 boys football @ Yattendon

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023** Year 5 Boys football @ Yattendon

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023** Year 5-6 mixed netball @ Yattendon

## Curriculum PE

This half term across the school, we have been working on the 'Cognitive' cog, using our thinking skills when encouraging ourselves and others. This has been practised through balancing both static and dynamic.

Next term we are moving onto the 'Creative' cog and will be using our imagination and critical thinking when making up rules or challenges within games.



## Year 4 Swimming Special



The children in Year 4 have been swimming every day for the past two weeks. All the teachers and instructors have been so impressed with their determination, perseverance and progression. Their confidence has grown massively and all of the children should be really proud of themselves.



Please see below some snippets from the Year 4 children themselves on what they have enjoyed and advice to the classes going later on in the year!



"I recommend to not worry and to keep trying when it is hard." **Erin G**

"It's quite exciting when you first go and I had lots of fun playing tag in the warm ups." **Nate**



"When I first went swimming I was really worried but after the swimming I felt confident. I really enjoyed swimming, it was really fun!" **Nichola**

"It is exciting because you don't know you're going to learn." **Finn**



"I really enjoyed learning to swim better. Swimming is really fun!" **Kira**

"My favourite stroke is butterfly because it's about arms and dolphin legs. I like it because it really challenges you and it's the hardest one.

I enjoyed spending time with my friends doing one of my favourite sports." **Anton**



"The best part about swimming was that I just kept getting better and better.. My tip is to always believe in yourself because at the end if you can only swim one length, everyone will be proud! So you should.. just keep kicking!" **Frankie**

"I recommend to just believe in yourself, listen and then go for it." **Arthur**



"My favourite stroke is front crawl because I like putting my head in the water." **Phoebe**

"The dolphin is my favourite stroke because it is funny. Watching different people swim is fun too." **Tommy**

"I learnt to take everything slow because I thought it was a race but now I don't. You are more capable than you think." **Jessica**



**DIARY DATES**

<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Teachers Strike day – school arrangements to be confirmed
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FOTO - Spring Disco
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Fantastic Fred – mental health and resilience – Reception – Year 6
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Teachers Strike days – school arrangements to be confirmed
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Residential meeting with Mrs Sutherland – 3.15pm in classroom.
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 5 - Sparkfish Trip - Easter story
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FOTO – Easter Egg hunt
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent – Teacher meetings – sign up on Parent mail from 13 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	End of term – early finish 2pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to school
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May BANK HOLIDAY BANK HOLIDAY – King’s Coronation
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key Stage Two SATs
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dorking Halls - Choir
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Swimming
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 15<sup>h</sup> June</b>	FOTO – Summer Disco !
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Horley Carnival
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	District Sports
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – NEW DATES



<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FOTO – Summer fair !
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of term – finish 2pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	INSET DAY – no children
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Back to School for all children
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term ( Half term 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October)
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term – early finish <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET DAY – no children

### DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

To support you with any holiday plans for next year I thought it would be useful to give you the term dates for next year that I have planned in so far.

You will see that I have still yet to confirm two more INSET days as I would like more time to assess what training needs we have as a school before I commit to any additional INSET dates.

I hope that you find these helpful in your plans for the year.

#### Academic year 2023 to 2024

##### Autumn term 2023

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2023	23 October to 27 October 2023	15 December 2023

##### Spring term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
2 January 2024	12 February to 16 February 2024	28 March 2024

##### Summer term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
15 April 2024	27 May to 31 May 2024	23 July 2024

#### INSET DAYS for 2023 – 24 (preliminary dates)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

X2 to confirm later in the term



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## **HEAD FOR THE DAY!**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

We are running an exciting opportunity for a child to be the Headteacher for the day!

Mrs Woods will be selling raffle tickets on the gate for £1 each all week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

On Thursday afternoon – during singing worship Mrs Woods will draw a ticket and announce the winner!

Their day will be made off of meetings, checking on classes, clerical work, supporting in worship and having a cup of tea (or juice!) in the staffroom!