

## **Love Live & Learn**

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### **Newsletter – 09<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### **This half-term's value is Truthfulness**

##### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been lovely to welcome you all back this week and to welcome the sunshine too! I hope you all had a wonderful half term and are raring to go for the last 7 weeks of the school year.

We have welcomed Miss Thompson into Sparrows and she is already getting to know the children really well. We have also welcomed Maryanne this week, as she met the new worship team for September. Maryanne will be working with the current and future worship team to develop prayer spaces around school. It was also lovely to have a visit from Miss Maaskant this morning who, to bring to life our links to our farming heritage, has kindly made a donation of vegetable plants to add to our All Saints allotment on the playground.

We have now started whole school swimming lessons on Wednesdays which went down a treat in Year 6. Wednesdays will also now have the addition of 'Wellbeing Wednesday' assemblies at the end of the day. On our Wellbeing page on our website, you will see that we use a programme called Zones of Regulation to help support children's emotional literacy and to give them skills to not only talk about their feelings, but manage them too. I am sure you will agree that children need to be in the correct emotional state in which to learn best and this system supports this by giving children a set of 'tools' to help self-regulate. Each week the assembly will link to a feeling, next week will be about the Blue Zone and will link to sad feelings.

We have been busy, this week, planning lots of activities and events that will occur this half term such as class trips, Eagles residential visit, National School Sports Week and Sports day. Please read further on for more details and keep a close eye on Dojo.

The week has ended with a whole school circus skills workshop. The children have really enjoyed it and I am just about to get my crocs on and have a walk down to see them practising their newly acquired skills on our school field. Please look out for photos on Dojo or next week's newsletter.

Finally, I would like to wish Eagles a brilliant residential next week. Thanks goes to Mrs Shale and Miss Chaplain for giving up their evenings to ensure the children get this fantastic experience, you really will be 'living life in all its fullness!'

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Scott





## **Prayer for the Week**

Dear Lord,

You are the way, the truth and the life.

Give me wisdom today so that I can make good decisions.

Help me to know the truth and share the truth with others.

Amen



The children have had the most marvellous time today. The weather was very kind to us meaning we have been able to spend lots of time in the sunshine learning new skills from hoop spinning to stilt walking and beam balancing to making a big top. Great fun clowning around was had by all – including the teaching staff!!







### **School photos**

The school photographer will be with us next week on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that full school uniform is worn and that children are neat and tidy! Thank you.



We want to say a huge thank you one of our past members of staff - Miss Maaskant - who has visited us this morning with a fabulous gift from her new job at Oak Tree Farm Rural Project. She has donated a wonderful selection of vegetables for our planters in the playground – including pumpkins, beans, tomatoes, sweetcorn, onions, cabbage and lettuce. If anyone has any compost we need to top up the planters before putting them in so any donations would be gratefully received.



In a few weeks' time we will be celebrating National Schools Sports Week. We have a timetable planned that will hopefully encourage children (and staff!) to try new sports. We are hoping to get some inspirational visitors in to talk to the children about sport and achievement during our assembly times. We will also be starting the days with either a mile around the playground, a warm up and we even have the Cha Cha slide planned! We will be trialling new sports with the children at playtimes and lunchtimes too.

On the Tuesday, we will be taking the whole school to the Community Centre in Acton Trussell, to enjoy a range of activities in our house teams. I have discovered many hidden talents within our staff team and they are going to be delivering taster sessions on that morning.

On the Wednesday, we will all be going swimming and then enjoying our annual Sports Day in the afternoon. We hope you can all join us for lunch from 12.30pm and then sports day will start at 1.30pm. More details to follow very soon.

Finally, we have a whole school trip to Staffordshire University Forest school. A separate letter for this will be coming out soon.

It promises to be a super week of sport and activity that we know is so important for children's physical and mental health. Please see the below timetable-

Monday	Golden mile Inspirational sports person visit (TBC)
Tuesday	Whole school warm up Whole school trip to Acton community Centre for sports morning- Bollywood dance Circuit training Gymnastics on the field Street/hip hop dance
Wednesday	Swimming Sports afternoon with parents
Thursday	Whole school trip to Staffs University forest school
Friday	School closed- INSET

Please note- The Friday that week (23rd June) is an Inset, where the school will be closed to all pupils.

# TOPICS

Below are the details for the exciting topics that each class will be studying for our final half term.



## **Sparrows**

This half term Sparrows History topic is 'John and his chocolate factory!' The topic starts by following the journey of the cocoa bean from its country of origin, Mexico and learning how it travelled to Europe and finally to England. We will begin by doing a mini study on the world explorer and adventurer, Christopher Columbus. Our topic focuses on a local person in history and who better to study in this topic than John Cadbury! We will be learning how the cocoa bean ended up in Birmingham and how chocolate became what we know and love today! I am very excited about this topic as it perfectly combines the children's previous work on weather and climates in Mexico with local History. We will be completing our topic with a visit to Cadbury World so that children can fully understand the journey the cocoa bean has been on during the last 500 years, (more details to follow) and hopefully we will get to taste some too!

In Science, Sparrows will be learning all about plants and trees and their basic structure, which again links in well with our topic.

In Art the children will be painting portraits and in Music they will be completing the unit, 'Your Imagination.'

Our RE this term is finding out what Sikhs believe. Year 2's will be comparing these beliefs with Christian beliefs. Our RSE, this half term, covers growing and changing and keeping safe. We are in the process of organising a visit from Midlands Air Ambulance, which we are very excited about.

In PE Sparrows will be taking part in sports day activity practise, ready for the big day on Wednesday 21st June. They will be using the school field to develop their skills.

Finally, in Maths the children will be continuing with the White Rose scheme and in English they are focusing their writing using the text- The Queen's Hat. Year 1 will be working towards creating a fact file of the Queen and Year 2 will be creating a non-chronological report.

A very busy but exciting half term, with lots planned. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Miss Thompson or Mrs Scott.



## **Doves**

English: We will start this half term by writing a 5 part narrative linked to 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We will use drama activities to generate our plan and then write the narrative, consolidating the skills we have been learning this year – expanded noun phrases, dialogue and adverbials. Once we have written the narrative, we will be looking at Non Chronological reports and producing a report based around our topic of railways.

We will continue extending our Reading VIPERS skills during our reading lessons based on the story – The Railway Children.

Maths: Both year groups will be covering units on measurement and geometry this half term, learning about time, shape and statistics. The Year 4s will also cover position and direction. Many thanks for helping your children at home with their times tables this year, over the next week the Year 4s will be completing their online Multiplication Tables Check. We're sure that they will all try their best and do as well as they can!

**Science:** Doves will be learning everything they need to know about plants. They will learn the names of different parts of plants, and the jobs they do. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well, and will present their findings to their classmates. Furthermore, they will have chance to predict what will happen in an exciting investigation into the transportation of water within plants. They will work in a hands-on way to identify the parts of a flower, and will explore the different stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

**History:** Our history topic for this half term is – All Aboard! Through the topic, Doves will learn about the Earliest Railways and Locomotives, the Wonder of Steam Locomotives and the Growth of Britain's Railway Lines. They will also think about the Impact of the Railways - debating the positive and negative impact of the first railways on different aspects of society.

**Computing:** We will be learning about events and actions in programmes and this will link to the learning earlier in the year on sequencing. The children will learn to move a sprite in four directions and then explore this within the context of a maze. They will then learn how to programme a sprite to draw lines of different sizes and colours before designing/coding their own maze tracing game.

**RE:** We will be learning about Sikhism and focussing on the temple as a Sikh's place of worship. The children will be considering what a Gurdwara can teach us about their core beliefs and the Sikh religion.

**Music:** Our Charanga unit for this half term is called Reflect, Rewind and Replay. The children will revisit each of the 5 music genres and songs taught this academic year and will consolidate taught musical vocabulary and polish their vocal and percussion performance skills.

**Design & Technology:** This half term, the children will be learning about the importance of eating a balanced diet and the seasonality of produce. They will put everything they have learnt during the half term into practise by planning and making their own vegetarian dish.

For our Monday PE lesson, we will be playing cricket, learning the skills of underarm and overarm throwing, catching, over and underarm bowling, fielding and tracking a ball, batting. Our second PE lesson of the week will be on Wednesdays when we will continue going swimming.

In French, the children will be learning phrases to describe the weather and talk about the temperature. They will also learn to describe the clothes they need to wear in particular weather conditions



### **Eagles**

This term we are reading 'The Buried Crown' by Ally Sherrick as part of our guided reading sessions. In our English lessons we will be writing a balanced argument 'Is Karl the Villian'; recounting the residential and writing our very own newspaper article.

In Maths Year 5 will be working on decimals, converting units, volume and arithmetic practice. Year 6 will be working on Themed projects: bakery; futures. As well as position and direction and converting units. Please keep practicing the timetables on TTRock Stars!

Our whole school theme this half term is The Best of Britain. In History we are learning about World War II. Looking at key events from World War II, why it began, evacuees, rationing and the role of women. For Science, we will be learning about adaptation of plants and animals, fossils and adapting to the environment.

In Art we will be producing war silhouette pictures using lot of different medias and mediums. In our Music lessons, we will be listening and appreciating 'Music and Me' as well as learning to sing lots of songs and playing instruments alongside. We will also continue to have ukulele lessons.

For RSE, we will be continuing our work about what affects mental health and ways to take care of it: managing change, loss and managing time online.

In RE, the children will be learning about the Sikhi religion learning about the 5Ks.

In Computing, the children will be using Scratch to design, make and evaluate our own.

For PE, we will be developing our gymnastics skills in the Community Centre and competing in Sports Day on the school field.

In French, we will continue to speak and write in French - Quel temps fait-il ?

We are really looking forward to another exciting term of learning! Let's hope the sun keeps shining!

**This Week's Thank is .....**



**Is it ever right to bully a bully?**



## Headteacher's Award

Sparrows -

Doves - Jack for his 'can do' attitude towards new tasks this week

Eagles - Zaid for fantastic handwriting in his English



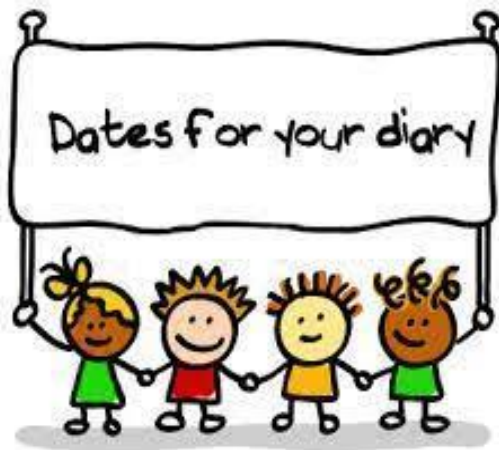


## Dojo Certificates

Sparrows -

Doves - Archie, Areeba, Devon, Farah,  
George, Jack, Seb

Eagles - Gracie and Ollie



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Eagles Residential  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – School Photos  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Whole School Forest School Trip  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Happy Clothes Day  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Game of colours workshop (whole school)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Walton High School Annual Production (Y5/6 only)  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term



To help your messages get to the correct person, please refer to the list below:

School dinners, After School Club, Appointments & Absences - Mrs Stones (Office)

Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

Special Educational Needs – Mrs Shale

Breakfast Club - Mrs Stones

Please feel free to contact us by telephone, email or Dojo



### **Summer Term 2023**

**Term starts:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Inset Day:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 01<sup>st</sup> September