

POULTON LANCELYN PRIMARY



29th March 2019



Spring Term



FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

As we now reach the end of the Spring Term in F2, we wanted to share with you some of the wonderful experiences the children have been encountering over this term to enhance their learning. We have packed a lot into the last term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning activities.

Thank you for your support this term, the staff and I, have really appreciated it.

Miss S Haworth (Assistant Headteacher)

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 15th April 2019.

The F2 team would also like to wish you a lovely 4 day Easter weekend 19th April – 22nd April 2019.



The children had a fantastic time at 'Imagine That' back in January. They made lots of different crafts and watched a science show where the children learnt to make a volcano, large bubbles, and slime and bath bombs!

The children were able to dress up in the role play areas and build in the builder's yard. The children thoroughly enjoyed the science area where they could investigate and explore with lots of awe and wonder.

Thank you to the parents who helped out on the day.

We had lots of fun learning about a special book called the Bible and listening to some bible stories. We were very lucky to have Paul Crowther from Holy Trinity Church come into school to work with us. We got to act out some stories and we helped Paul retell a story using puppets. Thank you Paul

Each half term our learning letter is on the school website.

Some Maths apps and websites for you to access at home as F2 don't have access to the My Maths app which starts in Year 1.



Maths, age 4-6



Teaching number lines



Bee-Bot



Counting Caterpillar



Shiny Circus

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

At the end of Spring 1 we all brought our favourite teddy bear to school for our Teddy Bears Picnic. We made jam sandwiches and had a picnic in the hall as we listened to the song teddy bears picnic and read bear stories. We made biscuits after reading the story 'Biscuit Bear'.



We had a visit from the Merseyside Transport Police to talk to the children about keeping safe on the railways.

We listened to a story with Thomas the Tank and learnt how to keep ourselves safe.

We have shared our favourite books and came to school dressed as a character from our favourite books for World book day. We completed a circuit training activity to raise money for the NSPCC event. The children loved the different activities with Mr Johnson the sports coach.

We had a wonderful Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds day. We learnt about nutrition and different food groups, we designed a healthy and an unhealthy lunchbox. The children completed mindfulness activities to help them practise calming and breathing techniques, they practised yoga and completed an energetic routine with Freddie Fit. We all ran the daily mile around the playground! We finished off the day with an assembly with a guest speaker Ayo Akinwo.



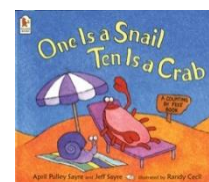
In Literacy, we spent a week learning about the author Jane Hissey and we read and watched lots of different stories about Old Bears and his friends. We also read we're going on a bear hunt and watched Michael Rosen perform his story on the internet. This half term we have been reading different space stories including QPootle5 and Aliens love underpants. When we read the story Whatever Next we did a hot seating activity where one person became the character and sat in the hot seat to answer questions from the other children.

Year 1 came to read their own stories they had written for the F2 children.



In Maths we have been recognising and ordering numbers to 10 and 20. We have been counting forwards and back from any number within 20 and saying 1 more and 1 less. We have also been solving addition and subtraction calculations using objects, our fingers and using the counting on and back method in our heads and along a number line. (This is where you put large number in head and either count on or back with the smaller number on your fingers). Thank you for continue to practise at home too.

We read a book 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' and solved simple maths problems about how many legs different combinations of animals can have and learnt to add them together.



The maths workshop was a real success and enjoyed by the parents and grandparents who came along to play games and learn alongside the children.



The role play areas this term have been linked to our space and Bears topics. The children dressed up as astronauts and flew to the moon in our space rocket! The children also acted stories out in the Three Bears Cottage.

We had a visit from the nurses to talk to us about healthy eating and they brought their puppet Jazz to help us make the best choice.