

# Year 1 Newsletter 29.04.22



## A great start...



The children have come back brilliantly after the holidays and are eager to get stuck in to everything on offer in Year 1 this term. The after school clubs have proved to be very popular and it is lovely to see so many children taking the opportunity to try something new whether it be gardening, yoga, football or summer sports.

## Curriculum

In history this half term we are learning about the history of our local area. We began by finding out about the Spanish City and compared pictures of the area from 100 years ago with more recent ones. It was interesting to see how the area has changed but the children were also surprised at how different the clothes people wore were. We looked at some of the changes that had happened over the years and ordered photos to create our own time line of events. The children were particularly interested to know that their parents and grandparents might have visited the original funfair before it closed. If you have any photographs or memories of the area you would like to share with us please get in touch, we would love to see and hear about them.



Our art this half term focusses on the technique of printing. The children had great fun collecting objects from around the garden and classroom and testing them out to see what sort of effect they could create by printing with them. They decided which objects they liked best for printing with and, next week they will be using those objects to create a print picture or pattern.

The children were very excited to start their very special new English books this week. Each page uses handwriting paper which helps the children learn where each letter should sit and helps to keep the letters the same size. We have been practising carefully in these books this week and the children are rightly very proud of their efforts.

## Chick Project



The children were incredibly excited by the arrival of some chicken eggs in school this week. They had some interesting ideas for how we could keep the eggs warm without a mummy chicken! The children are keen to check on the eggs each day and we are counting down the days on our calendar until they are due to hatch. These eggs have been sourced from a local small-holding who keep chickens as pets. If the eggs are fertile and successfully incubated, they already have a home arranged at another local small-holding where they will have access to a pond and several acres in which to forage. We are very lucky in school to have a member of staff with many years of experience in owning, rearing and looking after domestic fowl who is overseeing this project to ensure the welfare of the newly hatched chicks. We have no doubt the children will keep you

## National Mile a Day

On Thursday the whole school took part in this event. The 'daily mile' initiative encourages children to take part in 15 minutes of self-paced exercise and is beneficial for both their physical and mental health. The children love taking part, either on the field or on the yard depending on the weather, and this activity will be built into our daily routine.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd May—Spring Bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 12th May—Y1 trip to Stephenson Steam Railway Museum

Tuesday 17th May—class photos

Friday 27th May Teacher training day—school closed