

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



9th February 2024

Half way through

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we are halfway through the school year! This year has already seen our calendar look very busy and this continues as we step into the second half. The teachers have some exciting learning opportunities coming up for the children and we are looking forward to more visits, trips and tournaments in the coming terms.

It has been a pleasure to have so many children completing exceptional work in school and being able to send home messages to celebrate in their success. Please do remember, if your child does something wonderful outside of school we would also love to celebrate this.

Next half term, also sees us celebrating British Science Week, which has a theme this year of time. As a school, we will be challenging the children to share their scientific knowledge and take part in a range of investigations.

We are also gearing up for World Book Day, for which Mrs Souadi has been busy putting together a collection of events, to engage the children with their reading. This is to further support our development of a love of reading across the school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Next half term we are focusing on forgiveness linked to kindness.

As we head towards Easter, we will be considering forgiveness and what this means to Christians, and different faiths, across the World.

Dates

19/2	Inset day
19/2-23/2	School Book Fair
22/2	Yr 5/6 Parliament trip
26/2-1/3	Bikeability training
27/2	Bronze Ambassador (Yr 5)
27/2	Messy Church
7/3	World Book Day
8/3-15/3	British Science Week
8/3	Thought full coffee morning
19/3	Messy Church
20/3	Marine STEM session for yr 5/6
25/3 and 26/3	Parents Evening

Uniform

We have noticed a few children coming to school in inappropriate shoes.

Please remember that the children can wear dark shoes or trainers into school.

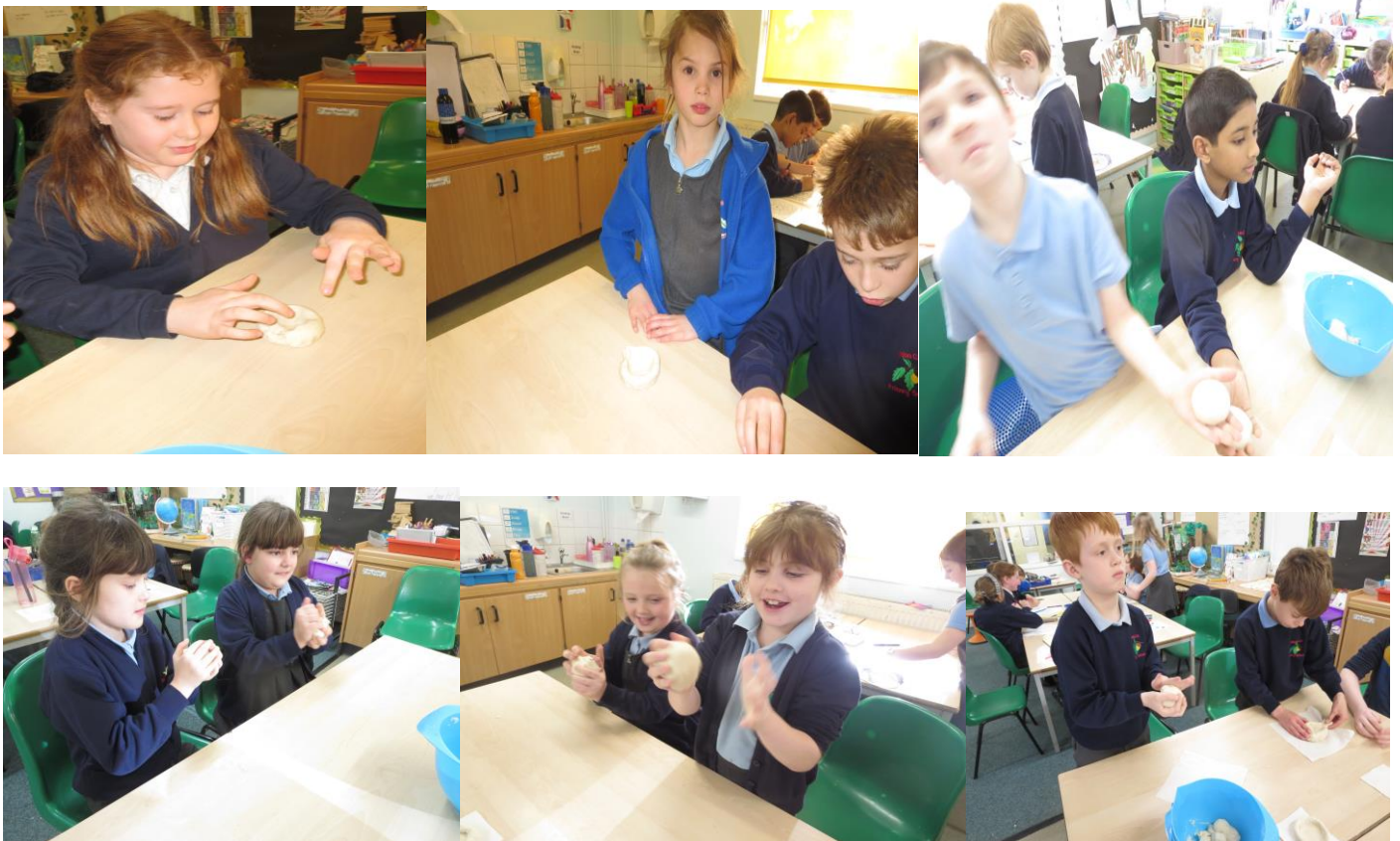
We ask that the children do not wear canvas boots or brightly coloured shoes.

What's happening in school?

Acorn Class – RE

Acorns are completing their unit of work in R.E for this term, with learning around the question, 'How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?'

We have studied the story of Rama and Sita, and considered how 'Dharma' (duty) is followed in different aspects of a Hindu person's life, including the religious celebration Diwali. To support our learning on this, we made 'Diya lamps', out of salt dough. They will be painted and brought home to treasure!



Maths fact

Interesting percentages!

- If 23 people are in the same room, there is a 50% chance that two people will have the same birthday.

English fact!

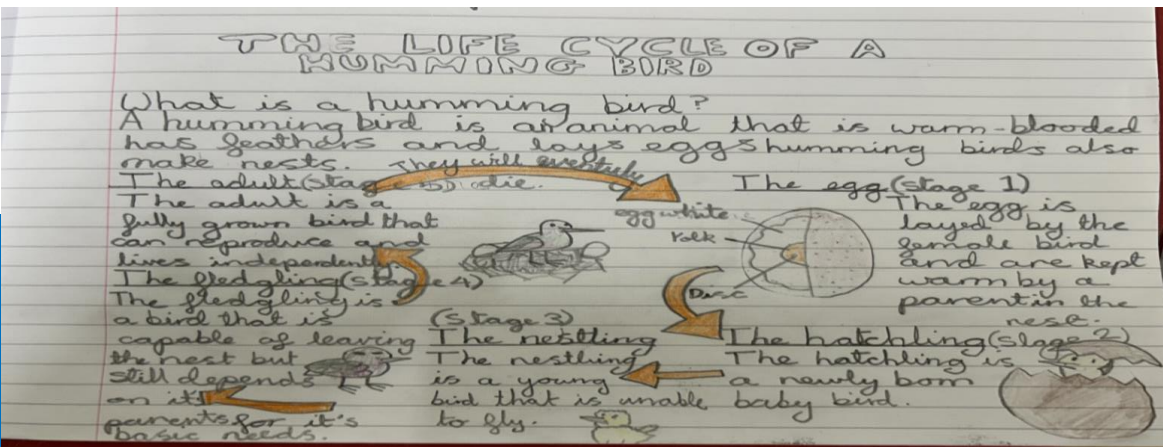
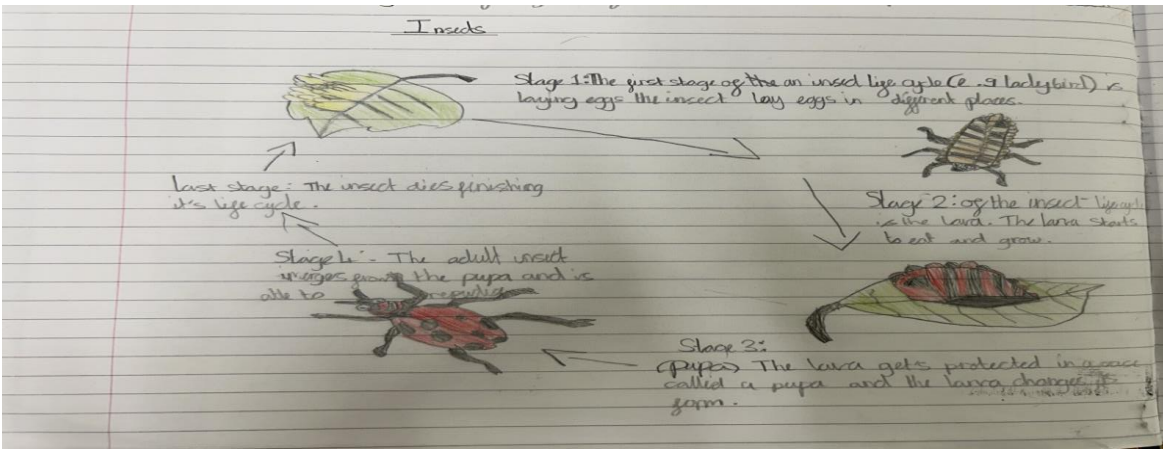
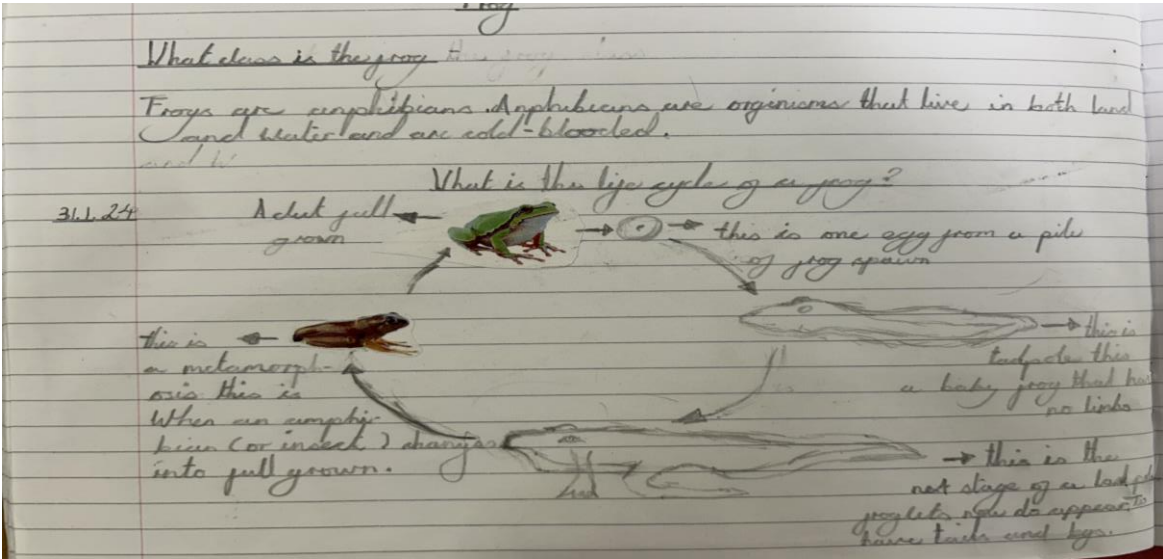
Sentences

- "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Chestnut Class- Science

Chestnut class have been exploring living things and their habitats, as part of their science work. Last week they were challenged to research the life cycle of a bird, reptile, mammal, amphibian or insect.

The children were asked to present their work in a way that was easy to understand, illustrated and containing key scientific vocabulary. Here are some of their life cycles.



Acorn and Catkin Class – Chinese New Year

On Wednesday, 8th February, Catkin and Acorn Class came together to celebrate Chinese New Year. They were visited by Mr Holyroyd Pearce, who helped them to understand some of the traditions around this special time of year.

The children spent the afternoon creating dragons, masks, lanterns and doing some calligraphy, all themed around the dragon. They had a fantastic time and their creations can be found all around their classrooms.



Standard School Year 2023/2024

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024 for West Sussex

The School Year





	2023			
	September	October	November	December
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
	2024			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	May	June	July	August
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
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Bank and Public Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2023	May Day	6th May 2024
Boxing Day	26th December 2023	Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024		
Easter Monday	1st April 2024		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	36 days
		October to December	35 days
Bank holidays and national holidays		January to February half term	29 days
		February to April	29 days
Start of Term		April to May half term	29 days
		June to July	37 days
End of Term		Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2024 will not be determined until the 2024/25 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.

Thought-full Workshops

Further to our letter about the Thought-full workshops for parents, here is a breakdown of each workshop. You do not need to attend them all and there will be opportunities for questions.

Session	Date	Theme
Session 1	23 rd April	The first session starts with understanding anxiety and introduces the biological function of anxiety. We also spend time getting to know each other, parents' experiences with their children and what they would like to gain from the workshops.
Session 2	30 th April	This session is one of two which focuses on supporting children with anxiety and worries. It explores what keeps anxiety going and the strategies that can be used to support children.
Session 3	7 th May	This is the second session on supporting children with anxiety and worries. There will be further discussion of approaches to support an anxious child including use of language and the PACE approach (playfulness, acceptance, curiosity and empathy), including some ideas about how parents can incorporate these areas into their daily life.
Session 4	14 th May	In this session we introduce emotion coaching which is a step-by-step approach in helping children to learn about emotions and how to deal with them.
Session 5	21 st May	In the final session we look at encouraging resilience. We explore how we can support anxious children to build their resilience and grow into adults who can cope with life's ups and downs. We bring the session to a close by reflecting on the workshops and next steps.

Safeguarding at Slindon

What is safeguarding?

Visitors coming on to school premises, including the playground, have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children and adults in the school. This is called safeguarding.

Safeguarding means that:

- children are protected from maltreatment
- a child's health or development is protected
- children grow up with safe and effective care
- action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children in our care to protect them from harm. **We take this responsibility very seriously** and we work in close partnership with parents and professionals to protect all of our children. The school will take any reasonable action to ensure the welfare and safety of its pupils is maintained.

Our staff and governors have been trained on safeguarding in line with the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION document and have taken part in 'PREVENT'.

If you worried about a child's safety you can contact IFD (Integrated Front Door) directly on [01403 229900](tel:01403229900)

Who to contact in our school

If in doubt, talk to someone... Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laura Webb, Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Deputies

Mrs Hazel Flower, School Business Manager

Mrs Karen Cooper, School Secretary

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Katy Horner

Or you can email: dsl@slindonprimary.co.uk


REMEMBER, KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO!

Headlice

Over the last few months, we have seen an increase in the number of headlice cases in the school. Please ensure you are checking your child's hair regularly and treating any lice found.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please remember that we are now strictly a 'no nut' school. Please ensure that the food you send into school for your child has no traces of nut products.



Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005

with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.



01798 873077

only £32 per day

* Bulk booking discounts available

Venues

- 1 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 2 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 3 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 4 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 5 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham

Our Locations



Operating Dates

FEB HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 3, 5
EASTER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
MAY HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 4, 5
SUMMER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
OCTOBER HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 4, 5
CHRISTMAS: n/a

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/ Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games

Active Fun!

Ample free parking at all sites

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day) £32.00

EXTRAS

Early Birds
8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50

Late Leavers
4.45pm - 5.45pm (per day) £4.50

Tuck
£1.00 (per day)

Sickness & Flexibility Insurance
£2.00 (per day)

Whizz Kids

If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

email: mail@whizzkidsclub.co.uk

www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk

For exact dates please visit our website.

We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.

Whizz Kids is registered with Ofsted, see website for details and recent reports.

We are certified




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Adventures with Lego

Tuesday 13th February 2024

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Cost £5 per child

includes squash and biscuits

A parent or guardian must accompany
throughout the Lego session

Booking call 01903 885866 or
office@arundelmuseum.org



CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 13th February

10.30—12.30

This group workshop will focus on drawing, painting and arranging items to create a still life painting. The children will be introduced to Cezanne as well as contemporary artists. Children 7-11 years

Cost £12 to include all materials and refreshment break

To book a space please call in or telephone Arundel Museum
01903 885886 or email office@arundelmuseum.org



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