



Update

Spring Term 2

January 2011

In School

Year 3

Lately, in Yr3, in literacy we learnt about adventure stories, we are learning about the impact of short sentences. We also watched Wallace and Gromit and the wrong trousers ; then we wrote and described freeze frames from the train chase scene!

In Science, we have been learning about how to look after your teeth. We have also been designing our own Toothpaste and Toothbrush with Mrs Shave and Mrs Guyer!! (written by Natasha and Rory)

Year 4

In literacy we have been creating wall charts about animal movements using our knowledge of information texts. We have also been learning about BOS and QUAD (Brainstorm, Organize, Spidergram and QQuestion, Answer, Detail). In Maths we have been learning about negative numbers by looking at temperatures. Our topic is about healthy eating; our homework last week was to make a model of a healthy, balanced meal (written by Dev and Yuqing)

Year 5

Over the last two weeks Year 5 have been learning about India. How the people live, their culture and religions. Did you know that Hindus think of their god as a he or a she? Also, while there are very modern cities in India, two thirds of Indians live in villages.

In numeracy this week we have learned about common multiples e.g. twelve is the first common multiple in the three's and four's timetables.

On Wednesday, we re-enacted a protest, we played the Adivasis. These were people indigenous to Gudalur, India and they wanted their land back. Firstly, in groups we made banners and then we played fanfares.

After, we went out and marched round cheering and waving our banners, to get our land back. This scene was filmed.

All in all, Year 5 have had a GREAT two weeks! (written by Molly and Rachael)

Year 6

This term yr6 have been looking at graffiti and India. For our topic we made a 3d map and looked at what life might be like in a village in India.

In literacy we have been looking at graffiti, and have been writing some persuasive letters to the Daily Echo. This week we also had a debate to see if people who cause graffiti should be punished or not.

In maths we have been looking at rounding, factors and the four operations. Also, we had a couple of presentations from people to share their hobbies and tell

us what goes on in their life. This term in science we have been looking at solids, liquids and gases and have conducted some experiments to examine the properties of each state.(written by Myia and Sophie)

Maple and Ash

In maths the focus has been on ordinal numbers, comparing and ordering numbers using $<$ and $>$.

The geography-centred topic has involved work about an imaginary island of Struay and discovering information about life on the Isle of Coll.

In history the children have been handling artefacts from households from many years ago.

In PE the focus has been on safe balance using different body parts and making a sequence.

Oak and Willow

The children have been learning about different types of home not only in the role play areas but through walking the local area and talking about what they see.

In maths the children have been playing with money as well as learning about 2D/3D shapes.

Parking Vouchers:

A huge thanks to those parents who have helped so far. It is a fantastic help. This is especially important this term as all the vouchers are now out of date so any contributions would be gratefully received.

Friends of Highfield

A letter will be coming to you soon from the new Chair of the 'Friends of Highfield'. The Friends organise parental donations towards school building work. Every £1 you contribute raises £10 from government funds. Past contributions have enabled the school to access money for the Infant rebuilding, the Junior rebuild ,the new roof and ICT so supporting the Friends has a real impact over the long term. Please look out for the letter.

Cancer Research Fund raising

A letter providing details of the dance fund raising events should have come home today.

In addition the scouts are raising money for Leukaemia research. They are asking the public to donate coins to complete a mosaic of a huge parrot on the floor at West Quay. To help them get the mosaic started there will be jars in all the classes for you to put change in. Please send in the pennies lurking in the corners of your wallets.

Day Closures this term:

- Thursday 27th January
- Monday 21st March 2011

School prayer dates for this term are

- 3rd Feb
- 3rd March
- 7th April.