



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 7



As the Spring Term draws to an end I would like to thank everyone for their amazing support.

The children have been wonderful and are happy learning in their classrooms with their friends.

Nevertheless, this has been yet another challenging term as we, like all schools up and down the country, have faced significant staff shortages due to Covid-19. I sincerely hope that the Summer term will bring some much needed respite and that the staffing situation will ease.

As always, staff have worked tirelessly throughout this term to ensure the children can access face-to-face teaching.

I wish everybody a well-deserved rest and time to recharge their batteries.

Book Week was a great success and the children looked amazing in all their costumes!

Instilling a love of reading early gives a child a head start on expanding their vocabulary and building independence and self-confidence. It helps children learn to make sense not only of the world around them but also people, building social-emotional skills and of course, imagination.

Thank you for supporting our Book Week.

“No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting”



Supporting Pupils With Medical Needs

In accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) Guidance for Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions, please ensure that you notify the School Office immediately if your child has a medical condition which you have not already told us about or if your child's medical needs have changed.

All children with a Medical Condition need to have a Health Care Plan in place.

For further information please see our “Medical Conditions’ Policy on the school’s website.

Furthermore, if your child needs to have medicine during the school day, this must be brought to the School Office in the original container or bottle.



Please note that in line with our Managing Medicines Policy we are not able to administer non-prescribed medicines.

SOUTHAMPTON Children's Hospital Art Competition



Southampton Children’s Hospital ran a competition for schools in Southampton called ‘Bringing the Outside In’ for children to create Art Work to display and brighten up the hospital. The 3 x winners for 0-5 years category have all come from Fairisle Infant & Nursery School!

The winners have received a certificate and an amazing selection of art materials as a prize!

Their Art Work is now on display in the Child Health corridor on ‘G’ Level at Southampton General Hospital and is open to a public vote where an overall winner will be chosen.

Well Done and Good Luck to Freddie, Gracyn and Amelia!

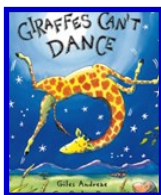




Year 1 During Science we have been looking at classifying animals into different categories. We sorted animals into reptiles, birds, fish, mammals and amphibians and can give reasons for our choices. We were so impressed with the wonderful research and facts the children shared during their homework tasks and added this to some school displays. We have been exploring different feelings through the text 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by discussing how the main character Gerald might be feeling.



During Book Week we met the Author Timothy Knapman who worked with all of us. We read his book 'What's Next?' and learnt some more about badgers in the process. As always there is a huge focus around



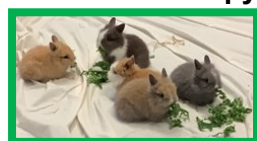
our children's emotional well-being with daily mindfulness and extra Wednesday Wellbeing Sessions. As part of our fun Maths Day the children enjoyed practically exploring measures by comparing and measuring lengths, capacity and weight. We recorded our own heights and were amazed at how much taller we now are.



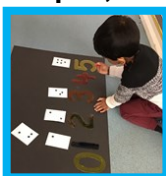
We had great fun solving some interesting problems and could apply our Maths skills to find solutions.



Sunshine Nursery is excited that Spring is here! We have loved going for walks in the school grounds and in the Quad and noticing new buds, flowers blooming and lots of creepy crawly insects! We learned that lots of animals have babies in the Spring and were lucky enough to have a visit with bunnies! Maths Day was a huge success! We enjoyed playing dice games, exploring the weigh scales, length, reading and writing numbers, painting and cutting shapes, making sets and number blocks. We even played physical number games during our PE time! Story-time continues to be one of our favourite times of the day. This term we have enjoyed non-fiction books, fictional tales and poetry. We have fun joining in with stories and re-telling them in our heuristic area and outdoors. We created homes for 'The Three Little Pigs', a bridge for the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and a rock pool from the story 'Sharing a Shell'. We love seeing the Home Learning that children are accessing at home.



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Year R has enjoyed the topic 'In a Land Far Far Away.' We have explored a range of traditional tales and had access to a variety of activities related with each tale. We have baked a Gingerbread Man Biscuit and decorated it using icing and chocolate buttons but we have also enjoyed writing recipes and labelling the characters. For 'Little Red Riding Hood' we role-played the story and had fun at creating disguises for the wolf.



With 'Jack and the Beanstalk' we went on a journey to the clouds and made some castles using shaving foam. Did you know the Giant also left some beans in our classroom? First, we observed the beans (baked beans jelly beans and broad beans) and then investigated what would happen if we planted them. We made predictions and now we continue to check on our experiment and make daily observations on the changes we notice. Finally, for each tale we have also learnt about story mountains and enjoyed creating our own. Story mountains helped us structuring the story using pictures and words. Soon we will be learning about 'Spring' and we can't wait to discover more about the changes in the environment.



Rainbow Nursery

In Rainbow we have been going on lots of nature walks. We have noticed new life as we walk around such as trees budding, daffodils, tulips and blossom.



We like to collect things along the way. We had some special visitors too— Baby Bunnies!



We enjoyed watching, touching and holding them. We have celebrated Book Week and have had lots of stories written by Rod Campbell.

We even had a story whilst having a picnic in the Quad too.

We are now enjoying making Easter Crafts and doing Easter activities and starting to enjoy the Spring Sunshine.





Dates For your Diary

11– 22 April Easter Holiday



- 8 April : Non-Uniform Day Bring Your Easter Bonnet
- 2 May : May Day Bank Holiday
- 27 May : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY

30 May—3 June Half-Term Holiday

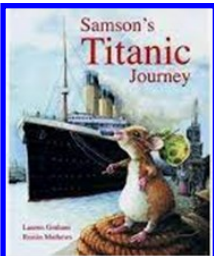
- 6 June : Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 1 July : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY
- W/C 4 July : Healthy Fun Week
- 22 July : End of Academic Year



Year 2

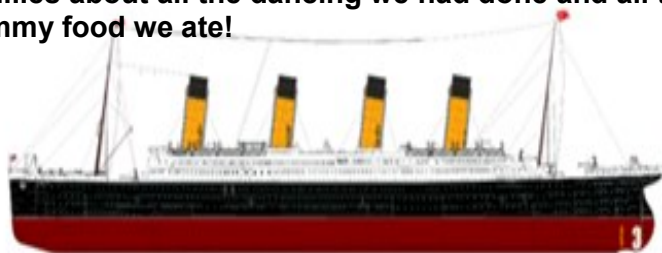
Year 2 have enjoyed learning about The Titanic this half-term. We have learnt all about what life was like on board, how the ship sunk and the route the Titanic took on its journey. We had 'Open Box' Theatre Company come into school and we completed some amazing drama with them.

We were able to pretend we were on the ship!



We have also been very lucky as we had our trip to the Sea City Museum and learnt even more facts about The Titanic. We had a great day and were very tired after a day full of fun and new experiences! Thank you to the adult helpers that came with us.

In writing, we were pretending to be a mouse called 'Samson' who was on The Titanic—we even wrote postcards home to our mouse families about all the dancing we had done and all the yummy food we ate!



Wishing You All a Verv Happy Easter

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