



Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - Easter 2021

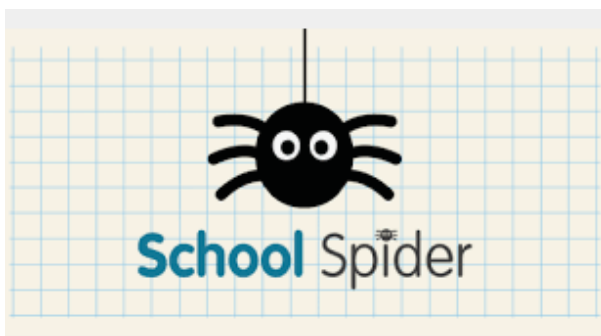


Spring Term newsletter

Thank you for another term of support in these challenging times. The children have been remarkable in their enthusiasm and commitment to learning. They have truly shown that there really is no one else quite like them.

Spider News

Spider will be launching Version 2 of School Spider over the Easter holiday. When you login to the new version of School Spider things will look a little different - however everything works in exactly the same way so just go about using the app / software as you usually would.



Focus on Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding page houses lots of valuable information about the safety and wellbeing of our children. If you haven't taken a look before, you can find it at

<http://www.vernonprimaryschool.com/page/safeguarding/44174>

There are some great resources including the Reading Well scheme that could help your children support their own mental health through reading

<https://reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/children>

Stop Drop and Read

Our Stop, Drop and Read event launches on Monday 26th April. Children are invited to gather sponsors and read as much as possible throughout the week. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Osborne organiser, Pip Langdon and the money raised will go to brand new books for your child to keep and for our school.

Half of the money each child raises will go towards Osborne books of their choice to keep. The other half will go towards books for our brand new 'Reading Hub' in school, an immersive literacy space to be used by children throughout the school. In addition to the sponsorship money raised, Osborne will donate up to 60% of the total in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school.

So... for every £10 raised, we hope to receive an extra £6 worth of Usborne books, all of which will go into our new school reading Hub!

For more information, see the letter and sponsorship forms sent home through spider on Monday 29th March.



Story writing competition

This term, Mrs McNeil launched a whole school story-writing competition through Google Classroom. She was overwhelmed with the quality of the story entries - what a talented group of children we have at Vernon! The winners were rewarded with a £15 book token as well as certificates and a bespoke bookmark created by former pupil Louise Bedford who runs a design business (<https://www.ahellaloadofquirky.com/>). Runners up also received a certificate, bookmark and a special treat! Well done everyone!

Winners

Key Stage One WINNER: Hannah Solaiman (Year 2)
for 'The Kind Leopard'

Key Stage Two WINNER: Spencer Hooper (Year 5)
for 'Nosy Twist'



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Runners up

Jessica Webster, Annabelle Carter, Romaya Edisbury, Holly Dowd, Lily Christie, Martha Heinitz, Olive Williams, Rosa Dempsey, Tom Condron, Megan Owen, Sofia Ashwell, Grace Salisbury, Amelie Cunningham

World Maths Day

On 12th March, we celebrated World Maths Day in school. The theme was Geometry across the school and we linked it to art work, Using Geometry objectives and the work of famous artists such as Picasso, the children created their own art work - a selection of these will be displayed in the corridor.



Cheshire East Eco Competition

As part of Cheshire East's attempt to become carbon neutral, they are converting two of their Cheshire bin trucks to run on hydrogen fuel - meaning they are not as harmful to our planet. They are calling on primary school children to submit a name for one of the two trucks. Children must include an 'H' for hydrogen anywhere in their suggestion. The winning names will be displayed on the trucks and the winners will receive a £50 Love2Shop voucher and a goodie bag. Entries are to be submitted by email to carbonneutral@cheshireeast.gov.uk. Closing date is 30 April 2021 at 12 pm. Good luck!

sunshine thinking about the signs of Spring. Well done Year 1 for a super Spring Term.

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic few weeks back in school. On the first day we received a very 'hot' egg that Mrs Parker had to deliver with her oven gloves on! After monitoring the egg for a few days in our observation lab we noticed some cracks appearing. After much anticipation, the eggs finally hatched, and they were baby dragons. Mr Gurney warned us about scorch marks on the carpets and not setting off the fire alarms in school. We read 'Dragon Post' and 'The crocodile who couldn't swim' all linked into the theme of dragons. The children made observational records, experiments about things that get hot, and we designed our own dragons and made homes for the dragons. You'll be pleased to know that they dragons have now flown the nest... Mrs Brammar and Mrs Wilson took them to Poynton Pool late one night and released them into the air.



Year 1

It was been lovely to have the children back in the classroom again. The first day back was exciting and the children enjoyed seeing their friends and catching up. We continued our Monarchy Mayhem topic by looking at The Great Fire of London; thinking back what it would have been like living during that time in 1666. In English, the children wrote a poem about the Great Fire of London focusing on their senses. In Design Technology, the children planned, created and evaluated their own moving London bus. They enjoyed testing their buses to see if they could move. We finished of our term in the lovely



Year 2

For National Science Week Year Two became weather reporters. They learnt the symbols for the forecast, investigated the difference in climate between Africa and the UK and learnt about the length of days and how this varies through the seasons. They then created weather reports and practiced these ready to perform to the class. We had some fantastic weather reporters!



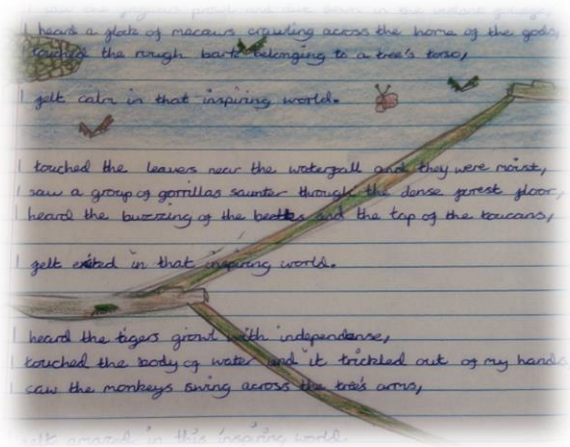
Year 3

Year 3 have been making our own exploding volcanoes using washing up liquid, baking soda, water, food colouring, vinegar and water. The children loved seeing their volcanoes erupt all over the playground!



Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying their Rainforest topic, discovering where they are located, what they are like and who lives in rainforests. They have been using their knowledge to write Rainforest poetry.



Year 5

Year 5 will be putting on a production of the Lion King in the Summer term. They are busy honing their acting and singing skills and hope to make it a roaring success!

Year 6

Year 6 successfully completed the Bikeability event, with all children having the opportunity to complete Level 2 cycle training on our return to school. This was a great opportunity to learn about road safety on foot and bike and included an understanding of the need to maintain their bikes safely, checking tyres and brakes.

The children practised cycling on local roads, approaching junctions and making both left and right turns and they agreed that the training had been really worthwhile.



Music

Year 5 have had the opportunity to learn to play the Ukulele care of the Love Music Trust. Teachers are joining in the sessions - we look forward to hearing their newfound skills!

This Easter holidays, children in years 4-6 can take part in a free music video workshop which Love Music Trust have put on in conjunction with Conductive Music. The exciting programme is called 'Kaki_Hatchi' and involves storytelling, coding and music. You can sign up at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kaki-hatchi-stories-music-and-code-tickets-144003742069?aff=LMT>

using the code TheLoveMusicTrust to claim your free place.

Returns and goodbyes

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Hough and Miss Swan after their maternity leave.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Warhurst who is leaving us after 16 years. We wish her all the best for the future.

PTA appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA who have been working so hard behind the scenes with their creative ideas for fundraising in really difficult times. Thank you lovely PTA!

