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£8 club affiliated
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THE PARK 10K RUN

26th June 2015

Registration from 4.30pm - Race start 6pm

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Prizes for overall male and female race winners.
Also prizes for winner of following age groups
16-24 24-39 and 40+

Winter in Outdoor Learning

The whole school have been very busy over terms 3 and 4. We have been taking part in some Forest School activities and have practised lighting fires using strikers and whittling sticks for toasting our marshmallows.



Our science focus was Air Resistance so we took to the air with planes, parachutes, kites, bubbles and rocket launchers. We tested out the theories of Sir Isaac Newton for ourselves and decided which size parachute we would prefer to use if we were to jump out of a plane!



The horticultural season has begun and we have seeds all germinating in the garage getting ready to go into the greenhouse. Our new recycled bottle greenhouse is up and ready for the seedlings over the holidays, you can watch our film about how it was made on the school website under home/children/outdoor learning or www.wildurban.org.uk.



The Year Six were outside for the Eclipse using pinhole projectors and their photo was in the paper and on TV! See more at <http://theweekin.co.uk/uncategorized/people-gather-in-kingswood-park-to-watch-the-eclipse/> and find out more about what is happening in The Kingswood Park at <https://www.facebook.com/ourkingswoodpark>



Park Press

Spring 2015

Pictures from the Easter Fair



Can you find the bumblebee on each page?

Red Nose Day Pictures Inside!

Easter games and activities inside!

Park School Sports Teams Update!





MEET THE TEACHER



What is your name ?

Hi. My name is Miss Maddalena

Why did you become a teacher ?

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I used to be a swimming teacher and it inspired me to teach children in the classroom too.



What is your favourite food?

I absolutely love Chilli Con Carne or spaghetti bolognaise

What sort of music do you like?

I like most music that you can sing and dance too! Although I do need to practice my dancing skills.



What is your favourite film and why?

Step Up because I love Channing Tatum

What do you like to do at the weekend?

I like to spend time with my family and friends

Where do you like to go on holiday

I would love to go back to Fiji and sunbathe on the beautiful beaches.

Finally give 5 words that sum you up

Kind, Enthusiastic, Loyal, Outgoing and Adventurous

Thanks Miss Maddalena



RECEPTION

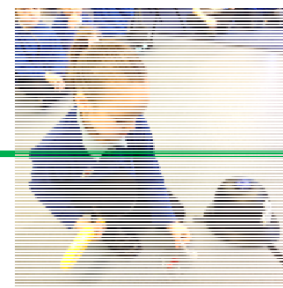
ROLL UP ROLL UP!

All the children really enjoyed reading a great book called Biscuit Bear written by Mini Grey in class together. Biscuit Bear comes alive in the night to create his very own biscuit circus in the kitchen! We learnt about measures through baking our own biscuit bears and opened a Golden Bun bakery in our role play area (the only place a Biscuit Bear can really be safe!) The children learnt about the circus and we had a visit from a real life circus performer who taught us how to balance feathers, spin plates and use diablos. The children showed super star learner qualities such a great 'stickability' when learning these skills as they were very tricky!



The Gingerbread Man

We have been detectives this term as the cheeky Gingerbread Man has escaped from the Little Old Lady's oven and into our school! We have been examining clues, looking at evidence and making maps of our school to see if we can find him and will even be going on a real gingerbread man hunt! The children have been really engaged with this topic as there have been lots of opportunities for them to use their imaginations! This has led to some great quality writing especially when we made our lost posters! Wish us luck in catching him!



Chinese New Year

During the last few weeks of Term 3 the children explored Celebrations. We discovered that people from different cultures and backgrounds celebrate festivals in lots of exciting ways. We focused on Chinese New Year and built up to showcasing our work in our assembly for parents and the rest of the school. We had a go at writing some Chinese characters in red powder and glitter and made our own lanterns and dragons. We learnt the story of the zodiac and the animal race, we were surprised to find out that the rat was the first animal to cross the finish line! It was a lovely topic with children doing lots of lovely talking around how they celebrate at home and comparing and contrasting what we and others do!



SECTION

Gymnastics Level 1 and 2 Competition

In February we took part in a Level 1 and 2 Gymnastics competition at Majestics Gym Club, Longwell Green. We entered a team for each level at year 3/4 and year 5 and 6. The children choose had to practice both a floor routine and vault routine. In the build up to the competition children had extra training to perfect their routines. The day of the competition was split into two sections with year 3/ 4 level 1 and 2 competition taking part in the morning. We knew before hand that the winning team from each level would make it through the next stage at Bath University in the summer. Both groups did really well and impressed throughout. Unfortunately, our efforts could only get use 3rd and 4th. However, Josh Tovey picked up a gold medal for his excellent vault routine! WELL DONE JOSH!

In the Year 5/ 6 competition we faired a little bit better , managing to win both level 1 and 2 competitions sending us to Bath University! We also managed to score record team points score and picked up many individual awards. Jasmine Reeson won gold for her Level 1 combined floor and vault and Individual floor. Keira Gay won silver for her combined floor and vault and Charlene Leys-Marsh won gold for her individual floor. Ellie Britton took the top prizes in the level 2 competition winning gold for her combined floor and vault and Individual floor routine.

Level 1 Overall Team Score - 76.3

Level 2 Overall Team Score—83.4



Year 4 Dodgeball Tournament

In February, two teams of boys and girls from year 4 took part in a dodgeball tournament between two other local primary schools. The tournament took place between our two teams, St Barnabas and Barrs Court. Our teams were split in to team A and team B. Team A and B won both of their opening two games beating Barrs Court and St Barnabas comfortable over three games. The last match of the tournament came down to our two teams for with the winning team taking first place in the competition. It was team A that came up victorious with Cameron Phelps showing an excellent display of throwing and catching! Well done to both teams taking part in the event.

Also this term children have taken part in Inclusive multi-skills festival, sports leadership day all at The Grange school, Dodgeball and Hockey intra house competitions and year 3 / 4 have taken part in infant agility.

SPORT

Park Press March Edition — Another jam packed last two terms of sporting activity, With competitions taking place in Hockey, Netball, Rugby, gymnastics, dodgeball and Football matches for both boys and girls.

Tag Rugby

The third round of the Tag Rugby league resumed in February with the team in a strong league position. The team this time managed to draw two games against Pucklechurch and Beacon Rise and lose one game against Cadbury Heath. Excellent tries from Kareem Shouman, Freddie Maggs, Archie Neill, Briony Lane and David Simms in the games played.

PARK PRIMARY 5-5 PUCKLECHURCH

PARK PRIMARY 3-6
CADBURY HEATH

PARK PRIMARY 4-4
BEACON RISE



Boys Football Team

The boys football team have now finished all of their games for the season. The boys have had a very strong season this year competing at the very top of the table but unfortunately just fell short at the last. We started off the term with two excellent results. First away to Cadbury Heath winning 2-1, 2-2 drew away at top of the table St Annes and then 6-1 win against Christchurch primary. With two games to go we were in contention of a top 3 position but with two disappointing results against Hanham Abbots losing 4-1 and a shock 7-2 defeat to The Meadows it condemned us to a 4th place finish. Would like to thank all the boys that took part this season, well done!

Quickstick Hockey League

In term 3, we took part in two week a Quickstick hockey league at Mangotsfield High school. It was the first time for our children taking part in Hockey matches and understanding the rules of the game. The league was split into three group stages with us having two teams taking part. Both teams excelled in week 1 impressing coaches and referees from local hockey clubs. Team 1 won their first game 4-1 against Barrs Court, and then drew 1-1 and lost 1-0 to strong St Barnabas and Emerson green teams. Team 2 won 3-0 and 5-0 against Barrs Court but then drew 1-1 and lost 1-0. Going into the last week of games, Team 1 produced some excellent performances winning 3 of their 4 games. Team 2 were unfortunately placed in a tricky group and could only manage to win 1 game from 4. Team 1 eventually finished in 4th place only to finish behind three strong teams so well done to all children involved.

Girls Football

The girls this year started off very well winning three out of the first four games and were fighting for a top two finish. Unfortunately, this month the girls have had a few problems losing a few year 6 players to SATS booster groups. The girls still showed excellent effort but unfortunately were beaten twice by two strong Downend schools. The girls firstly lost 6-2 against St Augustines with goals from Georgia Steer and then losing 8-0 to a very strong Christchurch primary.

Netball

The Netball team continued in their monthly league meetings taking place at The Grange School. The Netball team have shown huge improvements lately thanks to the help of Miss Maddalena and Miss Cue. In week one of games the team played well winning one game 2-0. In the next four games the team were really unlucky losing all games only to one goal. Week 2 showed an huge improvement with the team this time managing to win 2 out of the 4 games, beating Wick Primary and Beacon Rise. Well done to Lewis Williams, David Simms, Ellie Britton, Livvy Britton, Ria Hickman, Elysha French and Ellie-rose Crook for taking part.



YEAR 2

Year 2 discover all about Recycling

Recycling

As you may be aware, this term Year 2 have been learning all about recycling. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different ways to recycle and we hope they have been practising it at home. We have read a brilliant book called Scrapman which has been very popular. To link in with this book the children have made their own Scrapman character out of the junk modelling you kindly donated. This week the children have planned and are now writing their very own version of the Scrapman story, which I'm sure they will want to share with you. We have also used the junk modelling materials to create our own bird feeders this term, you may have seen some of them hanging up in and around the garden area. The children have learnt about different materials and what type of things each material can be turned into when it is reused.



Recycling Fashion Show

As a recycling project the children created outfits and accessories out of scrap materials. We had a fashion show in class where the children got to show off what they had made to the rest of the children, this was lots of fun.



China Day

Our parents came in to school to see some of our work during Term 3. We performed tai-chi for them to see and also a lovely Chinese dragon dance. Parents were challenged to see how many cubes they could put in to a pot in 30 seconds, some of them were very good at it. Thank you to all the parents who came in that afternoon, we really enjoyed sharing our work with you.



We have also had 2 really exciting days with comic Relief and World Book Day. Both days were packed with different activities for the children to enjoy, whilst learning about the importance of both days. World book day saw the children dress as witches and wizards, there were quite a lot of Harry Potter's!!!!

Chinese Food

We had lots of fun cooking up some traditional Chinese dishes last term. After we had cooked them we got to practice chopstick skills by trying to eat the delicious food. The chop sticks were tricky but the food was yummy!

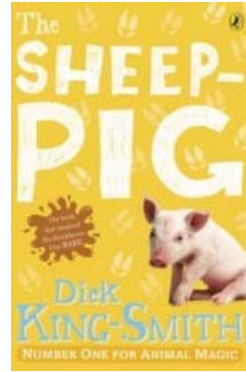


YEAR 3

English

In term 3, we learned all about endangered animals. We created our own informative blogs and produced persuasive letters for our parents, encouraging them to help donate money. We have raised enough money to adopt an elephant for a whole year. We are looking forward to hearing all about them and receiving our first pictures.

This term we have been learning about The Sheep Pig by Dick King Smith. We have loved reading and watching the story. We have also written our own stories which we look forward to sharing with you. We are very proud of our work!



Well done to 3W on your amazing assembly about Endangered animals. It was very emotional. You were fantastic at singing and particularly talented at dancing. 3W appears to have some very passionate dancers too. We think Cole Willmott might just end up on stage one day! Well done!

Maths

We have been doing lots of exciting maths in year 3. We have been learning; how to tell the time, fractions, addition and subtraction methods, different methods for multiplication and division, money problems, all about measure, shapes and symmetry. We have used lots of resources in our lessons and enjoyed hands on practical lessons. Here are some pictures of us learning!



Year 3 enjoyed their trips to Grimsbury Farm

Although, it was very muddy!!

GAMES

How to make Easter Biscuits



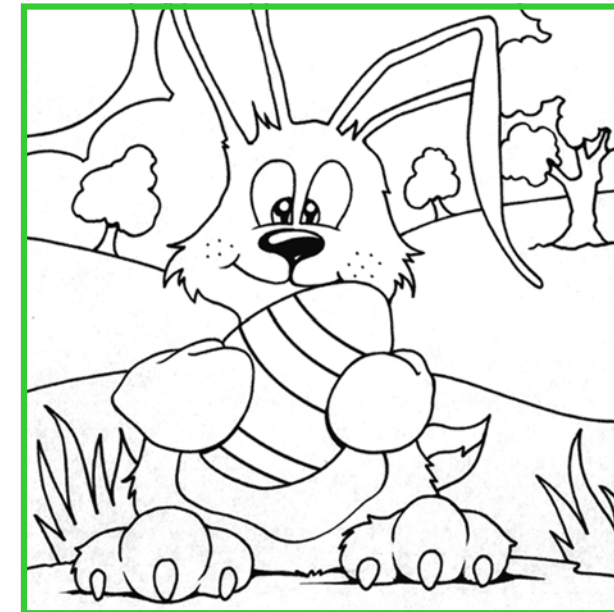
Ingredients

- 250g caster sugar
- 150g butter, room temperature
- 2 eggs
- 450g plain flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 1/2 teaspoons orange zest
- 1 tablespoon orange juice

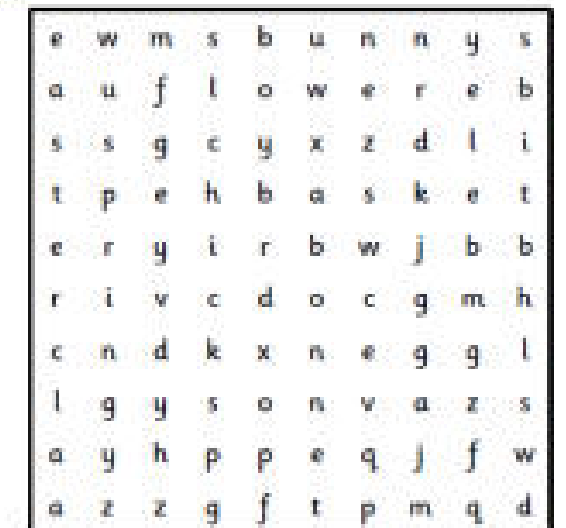
Preparation method

Prep: 30 mins | Cook: 10 mins

1. Preheat the oven to 190 C / Gas mark 5.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter. Add eggs and beat until smooth. Stir in the flour, baking powder and salt until well blended. Mix in the orange juice and orange zest.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a 6mm thickness. Cut out rabbit shapes with a biscuit cutter. Place rabbits onto an unprepared baking tray. Bake in the preheated oven for 8 to 10 minutes. Ice and decorate as desired.



Easter Word Search



Can you complete the word search?

basket bonnet bunny chicks

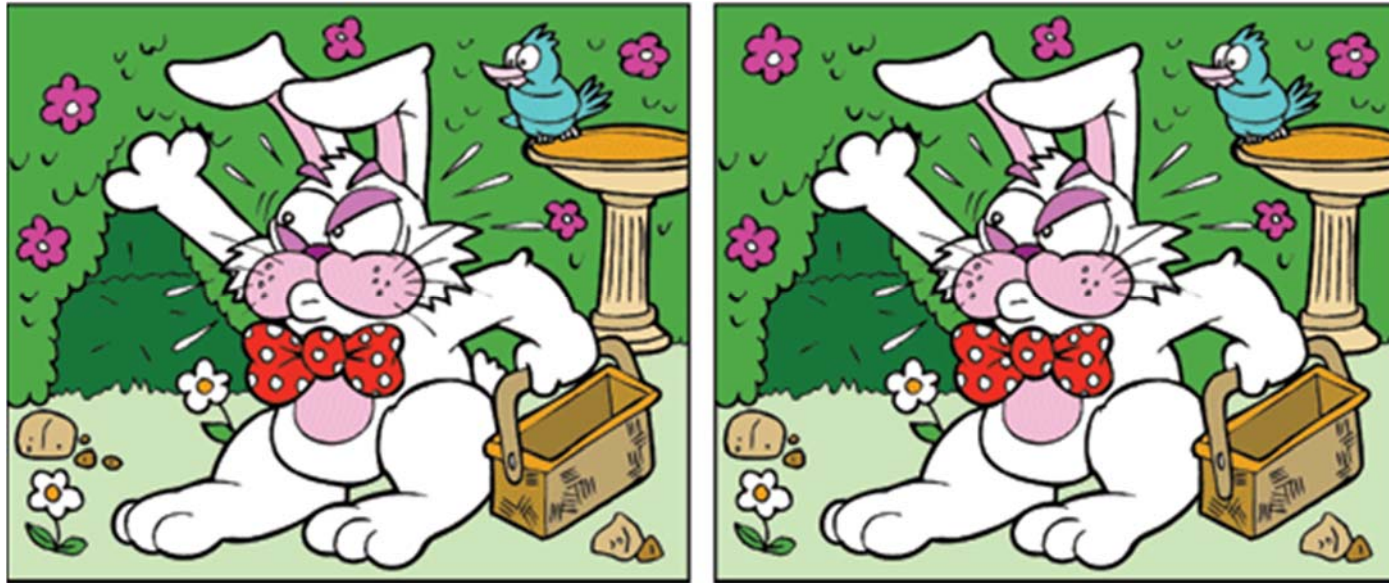
easter egg flower spring



EASTER

Spot the difference

Can you find the 10 differences?



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Decorate your own Easter egg

You could then try and put your design onto a real egg. Make sure you blow all the yolk out first!

YEAR 4

Thank you for helping us save the rainforest on one line.

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our Rainforest Workshop and helped us to raise enough money to safe guard the future of half an acre of Peruvian rainforest as well as two trees through the charity Cool Earth. We had a fantastic time and it was great to see you there. Every hour, day and night, an area the size of 1200 football pitches of rainforest is destroyed. Animals lose their homes and many lose their lives. Not only is the rainforest home to many amazing animals, it also helps prevent global warming. Remember by purchasing products with the FSC symbol on you can guarantee the wood, paper, card you use has come from a sustainable forest, so look out for the logo!



Working with the library

Last term we were lucky enough to be invited to work with Kingswood Library. The children were asked to write a story involving a journey to the library. There were some very imaginative ideas involving James Bond, Zomie footballers and Ancient Egyptians! Each classes ideas were put onto a Mao by a graphic designer. If you'd like to see them why not make a visit to the library...



Well done 4P!

Congratulations to 4P for their fabulous rainforest assembly. From the moving story of The Great Kapok Tree to the catchy tropical rhythms of your rainforest song we really enjoyed watching and learned a lot.



Rainforest Experience at

Bristol Zoo

The rainforest can be found near the equator and between the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, which means the climate is hot and wet all year round. The Rainforest is home to many fascinating animals and plants, some of which we met on our exciting trip to Bristol Zoo. Some of us were brave enough to hold a cockroach and stroke a snake!



YEAR 5

On 21 January 2015, Year 5 had a free trip to the SS Great Britain. This is the second year that this year group have been given tickets to visit one of Bristol's favourite tourist attractions to learn more about life at sea in the age of steamships. In Year 5 we often enjoy school trips, and this one was definitely one to remember!



The Park School at Downing Street

In November, Year 6 pupils performed Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Tobacco Factory as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. After their outstanding performance, six pupils were delighted to find out that they had been chosen (out of 1200 schools nationwide) to perform a scene from the play at 11 Downing Street.

Eleanor, Bailey, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Cerys and Bethany were the six pupils who took part in the performance. They performed for important people including MPs, Lords, Company Directors and the guest of honour Nick Hytner (Director of London's National Theatre).

"We arrived at number 11 (the house of the Prime Minister) and began rehearsing with four other talented schools. We were the only primary school so it was a little bit scary. In the early evening, we had time to get to know the pupils from the other schools as we ate dinner in a grand room. Before we knew it, the big moment had arrived. We performed two scenes from our play and were lucky enough to open and close the evening. The night was a great success and we received a lot of positive comments and clapping. We felt extremely proud of ourselves but also a bit disappointed it was all over."

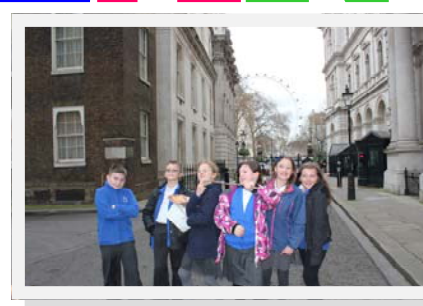
"This great experience has been an inspirational wonder and has made us more confident in class." said Bailey.



Red Noses on show



YEAR 6

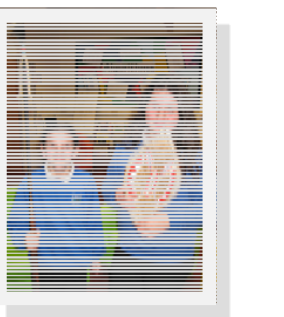


AFRICA

To introduce our new topic we had an Africa Day. The Kenyan doughnuts tasted amazing



Did you know?
A male giraffe can weigh as much as a pick-up truck.



Did you know?
Giraffes were historically honoured by Africans as they are depicted in cave paintings.

An interesting fact
Giraffes are a mix between a camel and a leopard!

More interesting facts
Leopards hunt gorilla, Nile crocodiles and jackals. Leopards can jump over 6metres and run over 36miles per hour. The scientific name for a leopard is Panthreapardus

