

Park Press

Easter Craft Fair was
a huge success!
You helped the school
raise a staggering
£422.08

We found Wally as
Where's Wally craze
takes over the
school!!

The Park Rugby
Team finish 1st in
the group standings
and qualify for the
finals!

The children enjoy
dressing up in
sports clothes and
taking part in fun
activities in aid of
Sports Relief!!



OFFICE DATES

Dates for the Year 2013-14 Issue 3

April 2014	
04.04.14	END OF TERM 4
22.04.14	START OF TERM 5
24.04.14	Mill on the Brue Information Eve
30.04.14	Tempest – Group Photos

May 2014	
05.05.13	BANK HOLIDAY
12-16.05.14	SATS WEEK
21.05.14	KS1 Sports Day (PM)
22.05.14	Years 3/4 Sports Day (PM)
23.05.14	Years 5/6 Sports Day (PM)
23.05.14	END OF TERM 5

June 2014	
02.06.14	START OF TERM 6
09.06.14	Yr 6 Camp/Activity Week
16.06.14	INSET
18.06.14	New Reception Open Eve

July 2014	
08.07.14	Year 6 Concert (Evening)
09.07.14	Year 6 Concert (Evening)
18.07.14	Leavers Assembly
18.07.14	END OF TERM 6
21.07.14	INSET DAY
22.07.14	INSET DAY

September 2014	
01.09.14	START OF TERM 1

October 2014	
24.10.14	END OF TERM 1

November 2014	
03.11.14	START OF TERM 2

December 2014	
19.12.14	END OF TERM 2

Your office staff



Mrs Phillips



Mrs Wilmer



Miss Davies



Miss Clack

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RECEPTION



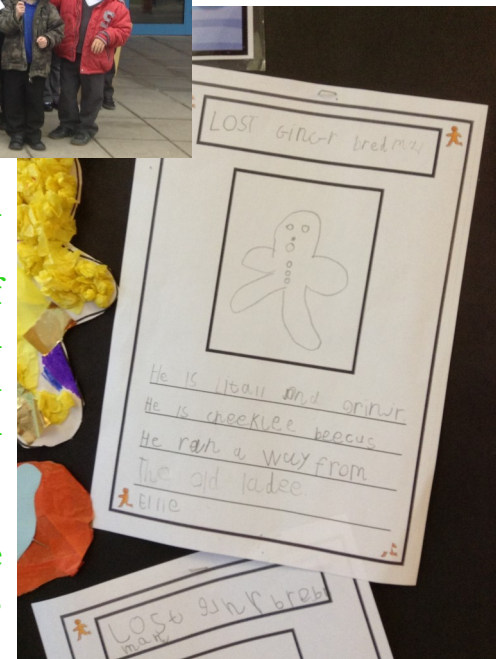
We enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year and performing our assembly to our grown-ups was fantastic. It was interesting learning about the different traditions and how they celebrate a New Year. It was tricky to write our name with Chinese symbols but we all had a go. We enjoyed learning the story of the animal race and acted it out using props.



We found it very interesting learning all about how paramedics can help us. We learnt all about the equipment that is carried in the ambulance and how the paramedics can check our heart rate. We even got the chance to try on some of the paramedics uniform and have a look around an ambulance. Some of us would even like to become paramedics when we grow up.



We have been detectives this term! Retelling the story of the gingerbread man using puppets and even going on a real gingerbread man hunt!! We caught him, yay!! Look how good we are at writing in sentences now!



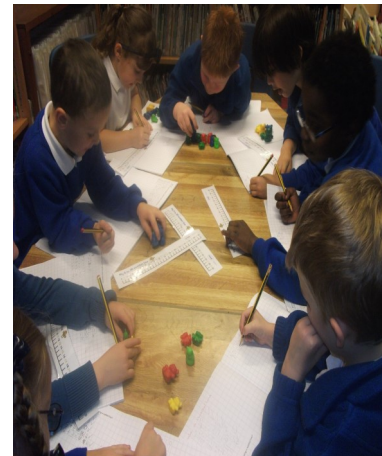
YEAR ONE

During Terms 3 and 4 Year 1 have been learning about Space and Fairytales.



Numeracy

We have worked on our adding and taking away skills so far, as well as learning about money and tens and units. We even learnt about odd and even numbers. We had great fun learning how to measure using cm and how to weigh different objects using weighing scales.



Sport Relief

For sports relief day year one had to complete a challenge. We had to do a series of different exercises. All ninety of us went into the hall and did them all together. We found it really tricky but we exceeded our challenges—good job !



Topic

- ★ As part of our space topic we went on a trip to @Bristol. We had such a great day and got to go inside the planetarium and learn all about our fantastic solar system.
- ★ During our Art lessons we made rockets and moonscapes out of junk modelling .
- ★ As part of our fairytales topic we all dressed up for the day and made lots of yummy porridge.

Where's Wally day

To celebrate world book day we all dressed up as Where's Wally!

We role-played our favourite stories and we went to our partner classes to share our favourite books with one another.



Extra curricular Activities.

This term we had a visit from the firemen From Kingswood fire station. They taught us about fire safety as well as what to do in case of a fire. We also had a visit from the road safety officers who took us out around our local area and taught us how to stay safe when we are pedestrians.

YEAR TWO

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 practicing 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. Did you know a recycled plastic bottle might come back as a jumper?



Fundraising

We have also had 2 really exciting days with Sport Relief and World Book Day. Both days were packed with different activities for the children to enjoy whilst learning about the importance of both issues. World book day saw approximately 90 Year 2 Where's Wally's take over the school and Sport Relief had the children working up a sweat participating in The Park School Com-mando Challenge as well as watching the teachers play netball against each other at lunchtime. Good fun was had by all.



Singing Workshop

This term Year 2 have been lucky enough to have a musical workshop for 5 weeks. This has been 1 hour each week where the children have been able to learn songs, actions and develop their musical side. The children have loved this experience.

Science days

Our science this term has fitted in well with the recycling topic as we have been learning about materials. The children have looked at the properties of materials and tested different materials.



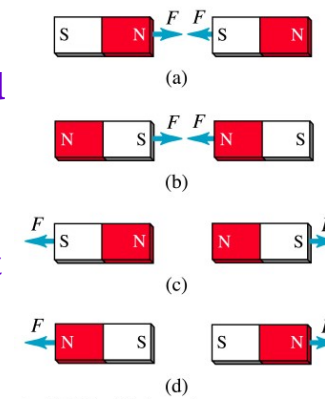
Cross Country

This term the children ran a cross country race where they had to complete 4 laps of the top playground. Well done to you all!

YEAR THREE

Magnets

At The Park Primary School on Tuesday 25th March, year 3 children learnt all about magnets. They learnt that, if you tried to place north to north or south to south poles together the magnets will repel. Next, they tried placing north to south poles together and found out that the magnets were attracted to each other. The next stage of the experiment was to find out which materials were magnetic. Various materials were used including wood, metals, plastic and rubber. The children discovered that not all metals are magnetic. After that 3N wanted to find out which magnet was the strongest. To do this different magnets were used. Each time one paperclip was placed on the end of the magnet and further paperclips added to form a chain. The strongest was the Bar magnet as it held 3 paperclips. The children also learnt that roller coasters, doors, cranes, T.v's and anything with a motor used magnets. The strangest thing they discovered was that even some cows have magnets in their stomachs. All the children did their best and had lots of fun. Reporter - Lukara Robinson. 3N



Grimsbury Farm Treat for Year Three



On Wednesday 26th February, 3J, 3W and 3N went to Grimsbury Farm in Kingswood. They decided to go that afternoon as it was a lovely sunny day and they are learning about Dick King Smith and farms as part of their topic work this term. Mr Jones and Mrs Smith took us after our lunch. We walked there and it took us about 15 minutes to get there. As soon as we got there we went to see the cows. They were eating their lunch from a metal cage. They were eating hay and it looked like they were enjoying it! After that we went to see the horses. The children really loved them but the horses seemed a bit frightened. Next we went to pets corner to see the rabbits and guinea pigs. "The guinea pigs are very cute." Amy Franckom(8 Kingswood) stated. Reporter Emma-Louise Bennett 3J

On Wednesday 26th February had a trip to Grimsbury Farm in Kingswood. Year 3 are learning about farms and reading the book Babe as part of their topic work. We walked to the farm with Mrs Smith and Mr Jones. When we got there we saw some horses and cows but they were in a very muddy field! Later on we saw some guinea pigs in pets corner and even saw a cockerel that had escaped!

My favourite animal was the Gloucester Old Spot pigs. They were eating and snorting. Reporter Thomas Blammon 3J



YEAR FOUR

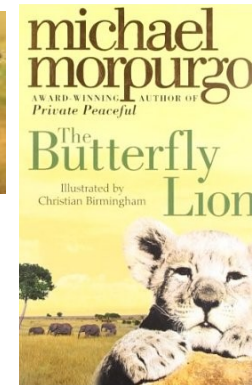
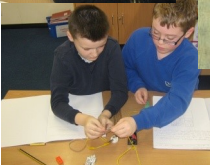
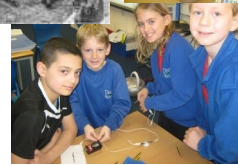
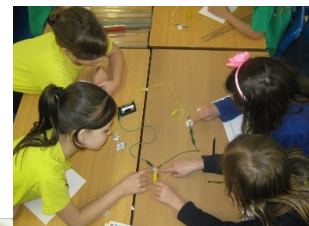
**I wander'd lonely through the cloud, That floated
as fog o'er Warmley.
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of 4C writing poetry.**

William Wordsworth himself would have been proud of the poetry produced by 4C when they took part in a poetry writing work shop this term. The eerie mists hanging over Warmley cycle path, certainly helped inspire the imagination.



Fairtrade, a fairer way of doing business.

Last term we enjoyed learning about Fairtrade. Fairtrade is a fairer way of doing business. It ensures that the people who produce your food receive a fair wage. We researched Fairtrade products, found out about where our food comes from and discovered more about the lives of people who produce our food. We also produced, directed and starred in our own Fairtrade adverts, which we wrote to persuade KS2 to buy fairtrade products. Next time you go to a supermarket, see how many Fairtrade products you can find.



Why did the gardener plant a light bulb?

He thought he would get a power plant! We have been experiencing lots of light blub moments in Science this term, as we explore the fascinating world of electricity. Did you know the graphite in your pencils can conduct electricity and that lightening is a discharge of electricity in the atmosphere that can travel at 130,00 mph and reach temperatures of 30,000 °c ? From learning about keeping safe around electricity, to making series and parallel circuits, it certainly has been an electrifying and enlightening Science topic.

And they're off!

Almost as fast as the speed of light, Year 4 have been demonstrating their sporting prowess this term during both the Cross Country Charge and the Sports Relief Commando Challenge.



Where's Wally?

There he is and there and there! No you are not seeing double. Year 4, along with the rest of the school, donned Wally's attire to enjoy a good book as part of World Book Day.



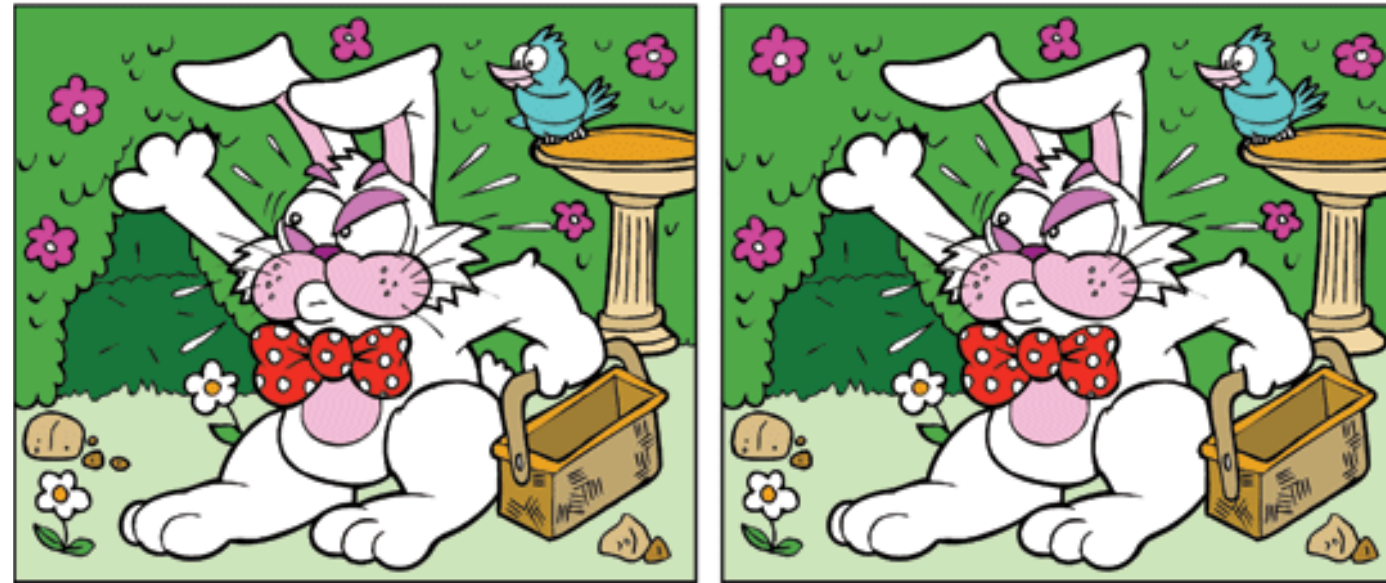
The Butterfly Lion

This term our topic has been based around The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. Throughout adversity the friendship between Bertie, a WWI soldier, and the White Lion, whom he rescued as an abandoned cub in South Africa, endured. This thought provoking book has lead us to explore what life was like as a soldier during WWI and discuss the issues surrounding keeping animals in captivity. We wrote detailed, descriptive diary entries from the trenches and debated whether white lions should be kept in captivity to help protect them. What do you think? Should wild animals remain in the wild?

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!



GAMES

How to make Easter Biscuits



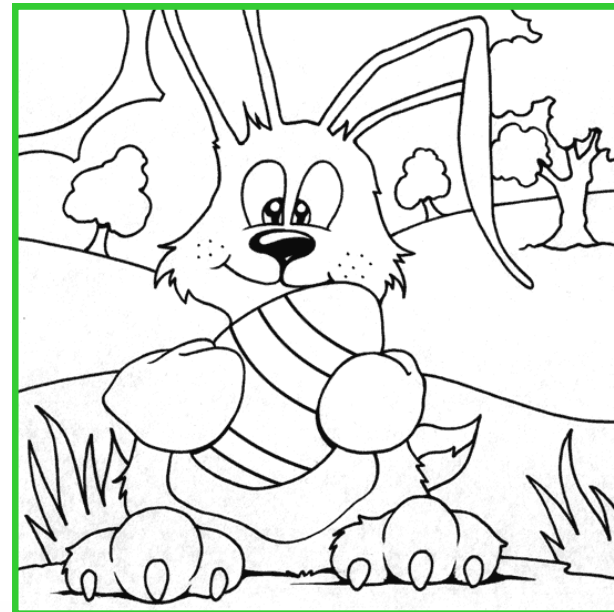
Ingredients

- 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



YEAR FIVE



Year 5 have had a great time this term learning about Shakespeare and taking part in the Philip Pullman Challenge 2014. We had 3 days to take part in the challenge and email our entries to the website. Take a look—we're on this page... <http://www.ssf.uk.com/calibans-cave>

We were also fortunate enough to have a half day workshop with some genuine Shakespearian actors from the Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bedminster. You can see some of those pictures here...



YEAR SIX



The tall emerald green grass sways calmly as a deadly predator lurks inside. Slowly he prowls around searching for his prey. With his black and yellow fur shining in the bright midday sun as he licks his lips as he spots a Thompson Gazelle eating calmly. Steadily he leans down waiting for the perfect moment to pounce and capture a delicious meal.

By Tim Williams.



As the sun rises the flamingos gather together into a beautiful pattern. The elegant flamingos paddle out further, further and further into the crystal clear waters.

By Viktoria Banczak



AFRICA



A young gorilla. All alone. Its fur blacker than black. Its bulbous eyes not moving at all. Just sitting there doing nothing, nothing, nothing at all. Then you see a movement. It reaches out and pulls down a branch. Nibbling at the lime green leaves his mind wandered afar.

By Libby Carter



Soaring through the sky with his talons at the ready the young juvenile listens for any sign of its prey. In the corner of his eye he spots a bird. SWOOSH! Dramatically the desperately hungry eagle catches his prey. He knows that tonight he won't starve.

By Reagan Stenner



Its towering neck reaching out to touch the clouds. As the rising sun devours the night he still walks through the plains. The giraffe wanders through the plains looking for his mate. His long legs stretching as he walks, will he ever find his mate? His beautiful patches fading as he walks in the blazing sun.

By Sophie Jones

Roaming around the empty lands the tall giraffe walks for miles into the emptiness. Its swishing tail blows in the wind. Apart from the howling of the wind no other sound could be heard. Silence, silence, silence.

By Ciara Lambert.

Galloping on the lush green grass, moving as quick as a flash, brave like a leopard the young zebra zooms off. His nostrils are opening and closing as he tries to get away from his predators. His nose is as black as space.

By Georgia Loveridge.



The cautious meerkat stands majestically upon the wood. His nose twitching at the sight or smell of anything. Eyes scanning for a juicy scorpion or even just a bug.. The nothingness around him doesn't make a sound and the ocean of sand below him echoes across the blue sky above him.

By Isabella Neill.

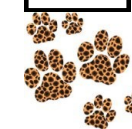


Always on the lookout. The meerkat stands tall, powerful and strong. They stand on top of firm rigid rocks. The meerkat scatters along the dusty ground for food. Slimy slithery worms is what they are after. When danger comes they bark like dogs.

By Joe Defreitas.



By
6T and
6W



SPORT

Mr Jelf and Mr Nicholls are happy to report that the sporting teams at the school have continued their fantastic start to Terms 1 and 2. This year has seen more pupils than ever becoming involved in new sports and representing the school teams. It is a massive honour to represent the school and we would like to thank each and every person that has contributed to a school team this year. Keep up the amazing work and we hope to see more new faces before the year is over.

Tag Rugby

The rugby team have continued to improve and are getting better with every session. The third round at The Grange saw our team continue their unbeaten run in the competition beating some serious opposition. This has seen us finish 1st in the group standings and as a result qualify for the finals which are taking place on Wednesday 2nd April. Good luck to all of the children participating in that.



Football

The football team have had a quiet term. Due to the weather we have had several postponements which have led to games being re-arranged or in some cases the other team conceding the result. This has meant that the last couple of weeks have seen a rush of matches in order to get them all played and results in by the April deadline. The team played have had 3 matches so far against the league winners Longwell Green where a brilliant performance saw us narrowly lose 2-1. We have also beaten The Meadows 1-0 and Cherry Garden 3-0. On Friday we are playing Cadbury Heath which will leave just Beacon Rise to play against.

Netball

The netball team is continuing to improve and have had a very busy term, playing in many tournaments. Our team competed in a tournament against many other local schools, over 3 Tuesdays in March. With some impressive attacking play and shooting, we finished 9th out of 18 teams, a brilliant result. This meant our team qualified for the level 2 tournament against the top 12 teams. After a wet, cold evening of difficult matches, we finished 7th overall. The netball league has now started with our team winning our first match against Mangotsfield 14-5. A fantastic start to league! Well done everyone who has represented the school so far!

Cricket

On Wednesday 26th March a team of Year 3 and 4 children went down to compete in a cricket competition against 2 other local schools. Our team competed well in all areas of the game but in particular our fielding was outstanding. The commitment and teamwork shown by the players was tremendous. A special mention to 2 of the bowlers who bowled fantastically well must go to Charlie Perkins of 3W and Jack Woodland of 4W. It actually turned out that both of the other schools teams were predominantly made up of Year 6 children. So this made the event even more of a success. The team won 1 game and narrowly lost the second. This cricket team is most definitely one to look out for in the future.

Sports-hall Athletics

As you may remember from the last edition we mentioned our Sportshall Athletics team had done fantastically well to win the level 2 games at The Grange. This meant that we qualified for the level 3 event which was held in January at UWE. This time 12 winning schools from across the county met to see who would win the South West of England event. It was a great event and both myself and Mr Nicholls were very proud of the effort and the performance from all members of the team. There were some very special athletes on show and our children matched them and in some cases beat them. A massive well done to all 18 children involved, the whole event was a huge success. As for the final standings we finished 5th overall which was a magnificent achievement and one we are looking to build on for next year. WELL DONE TEAM!



SECTION

Tag Rugby

The Tag Rugby Team are currently second in the league out of 9 teams, and have qualified for the finals which will be held at the Grange on Wednesday 2 April.

Won - 9

Drawn - 1

Lost - 2

Cross Country

The Cross Country event was a real success again and has helped us identify the future stars of our running team.



Boys

Girls

Year 6

1st—Tyler Lane
2nd—Sam Baker
3rd—Joe DeFreiatas

1st—Macy Snailham
2nd—Louisa Robbins
3rd—Alisha Walker

Year 5

1st—Kareem Shouman
2nd—Cyrus
3rd—Alex Hibbard

1st—Alisha French
2nd—Ellie Britton
3rd—Molly Rutter

Year 4

1st—Josh Hemmings
2nd—Jamie Kiddle
3rd—Archie Neill

1st—Briony Lane
2nd—Ellie Crook
3rd—Holly Stevens

Year 3

1st—Conor Lucas
2nd—Charlie Perkins
3rd—Cameron Phelps

1st—Lauren Hill
2nd—Mia Shaw
3rd—Isabella Hooper

Year 2

1st—Riley Sanok
2nd—Callum Ball
3rd—Cole Wilmott

1st—Erin Slade
2nd—Eloise Rambridge
3rd—Jennifer Smith

Netball

The netball competed in a tournament over 3 evenings, finishing 9th out of 18 teams overall. The netball team played their first league match against Mangotsfield and won 14-5.

Won- 6

Lost- 4

Drawn- 3



Tri-School Competition

The competition moves in to round 2 on Friday where all 3 schools will meet in a netball round robin. The Park are looking to regain the trophy after a successful first round in the TAG Rugby. Good luck to the netball team representing us this week.

Target Festival

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 Target festival team. A great day was had by all practicing archery, kurling and Frisbee.

Boccia and New Age Kurling

Our bust sporting term continues with some brilliantly behaved Year 1 children who had lots of fun and took part in a boccia and kurling festival at The Grange. Well done to all of you.

Cross Country

We have had an in school cross country competition involving Years 2 - 6. From this we will be looking to invite some children to join the cross country team which practice on a Wednesday lunch time.

Dodgeball

We also took 2 teams made up from Years 3, 4 and 5 to the dodgeball tournament in which all children played well and showed great teamwork. Well done team.



MEET THE TEACHER



What is your name ?

Hi. My name is Miss Cue.

Why did you become a teacher ?

I wanted to be a teacher from a young age. I always knew I wanted to work with children.

What is your favourite food?

Pasta - I eat it most evenings! I also love mayonnaise with everything!

What sort of music do you like?

Any music I can sing along to - my class will tell you about my terrible singing! I absolutely love Disney too!

What is your favourite film and why?

Beauty and the Beast - I always dreamed of being Belle when I was little. I still enjoy watching it now!

What do you like to do at the weekend?

I play netball most weekends and spend time at the gym. When I am not exercising, I try to spend lots of time with my friends and family.

Where do you like to go on holiday

Every year I go skiing with my family and friends in the French Alps. In the summer I like to go somewhere hot to relax in the sun.

Finally give 5 words that sum you up

Sporty, cheerful, enthusiastic, competitive and tidy.
and Adventurous

Thanks Miss Winter

SPORT RELIEF



The children had to take part in sporting activities which included squat thrusts, press ups, planking, star jumps and balancing on one leg! It was very tricky!

The teachers even took part in a staff Netball match at lunchtime!

WHERE'S WALLY?



Congratulations...



to Mrs Best for the safe arrival
of gorgeous Noah Best. Born at
3am on the 6th March
weighing 7lb 6oz



to Mrs Turner who will be
leaving this week for
Maternity leave. Baby
Turner is due on the 14th
May

