

Park Press

Spring 2016



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from the
Easter
Fair**



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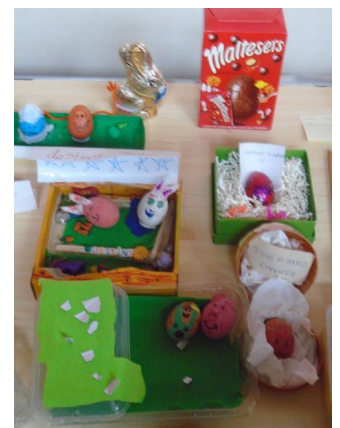
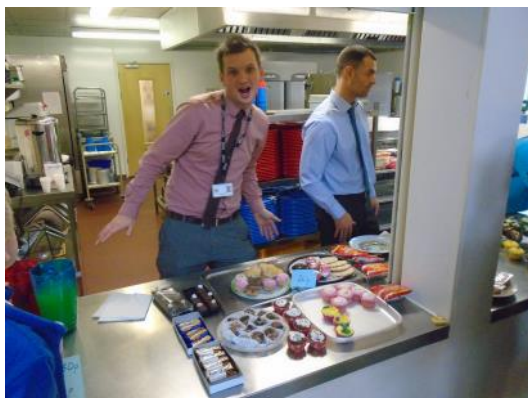
**Easter games
and activities
inside!**

**Park School
Sports Teams
Update!**



EASTER FAIR

Thank you for all your support at the Easter Fair. It was a brilliant success and the children had a lovely time. Thank you to Mrs Wilce for organising it!



RECEPTION



Forest Schools

We have now started Forest school on a Tuesday afternoon with Miss Whitney. We have had great fun wrapping up warm and going outside to explore in the school grounds and the Park. We have made dens, collected sticks and things that smell and our favourite thing to do is splash in puddles.

Circus Topic

We had great fun reading The Biscuit Bear story and learning about the Circus. We enjoyed our workshop with the man from the circus who taught us how to be a Clown - he even taught us how to run into a wall safely!



People who help us

We found it very interesting learning all about how Police Officers can help us. We learnt all about the equipment that they carry, the different vehicles that they use and how they keep us safe. We even got the chance to try on some of the Police Officers uniform. Some of us would even like to become Police Officers when we grow up.

Traditional Tales

We have been learning all about traditional tales this term. We have learnt how to re-tell these stories using just actions and story maps. One of our favourite stories we learnt was 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been working really hard on our Year group assembly and loved our Bakery role play in our classrooms!



We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day. Look at our brilliant costumes!

YEAR 1

During Terms 3 and 4 Year
One have been
Exploring and Going Wild!

Lets explore !

We have travelled and explored different climates in this fun topic. We learnt about the different continents of the world and learnt about a Polar and an African climate.

English

In English we have been writing detailed descriptions of animals to see if we can guess which animal we are. We have been learning to extend our writing using 'and' and 'because' as well as using lots of adjectives to make our writing more interesting.

World Book

To celebrate world book day we all dressed up as our favourite book characters.



Maths

In Maths we have been using equipment to help us understand how to partition numbers and learn our number bonds to 10 and 20.



Go Wild!

To launch our topic we all dressed up as our favourite animal.

Can you guess what we are?



We have been busy learning facts and writing fact files. Did you know a barn owl screeches and doesn't hoot? Did you know baby squirrels are called kittens?

Class assemblies

This term has seen a fantastic class assembly from 1H. They sang, they danced, they read poetry all linked with animals.

We cannot wait to see IG's assembly soon!!!

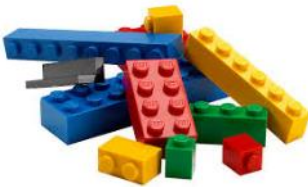
YEAR 2

This term in year two we have been learning all about Lego!

Writing

We have had great fun this term describing different Lego characters and creating our own Lego Land theme parks. We have learnt how to write explanation texts and write persuasively while using expanded noun phrases! Our

teachers have been very impressed with our creative writing.



Maths

This term we have been learning new and tricky concepts in Maths such as Division, Multiplication and recognising different fractions and equivalent fractions. We have also been practising telling the time as much as possible as well as our 3, 5 and 10 times tables.



World Book Day

This term we all dressed up for world book day. Did anybody see Miss Wilmer's green face?



2A's class assembly

2A did fantastically in our Chinese class assembly! If you came you would have learnt all about the zodiac story— we acted this out brilliantly, showing off our drama skills! We also demonstrated Tai Chi and some super Chinese poetry we have written this Spring term. Well done 2A!



A little thank you

We just want to thank you again for your continuous support, Year 2 are working so hard and we wish you all a lovely break over the Easter holidays.

YEAR 3

Endangered Animals

Last term year 3 had a very enjoyable trip to Bristol Zoo as part of their endangered animals topic. Everyone was very brave when Dan the zoo keeper brought along a friend, a real life snake, and some of the children even stroked her!

Back in class, we also used atlases to explore where in the world different endangered animals lived and were shocked to realise there were many reasons why so many creatures are at risk of extinction. The children decided they had to help these animals and wrote some fantastic persuasive letters to try and raise enough money to adopt an elephant!



Farming

Year 3 have really enjoyed learning all about British farming linked to their English topic 'The Sheep Pig'. They made some brilliant projects at home!



Maths

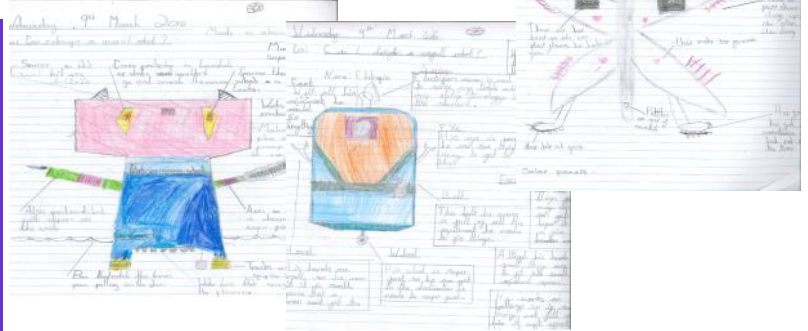
The children have enjoyed learning through a hands on approach in maths! We have noticed that division is linked to fractions which has helped us with our learning. All the children having been using a fraction wall to find compare fractions and to find equivalents.



YEAR 4

Amazon Adventurers

In term 3, our topic was Amazon Adventurers. We learned all about the rainforests of the world and wrote some brilliant letters persuading our parents to donate money towards saving them. We'd like to thank all the parents who chose to attend our Rainforest Workshop who helped us to raise enough money to safeguard the future of half an acre of Peruvian rainforest. 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!



Robots

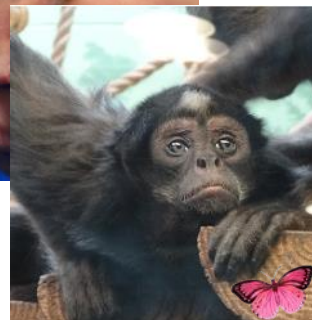
In term 4, we learned all about robots! We started the topic by reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We wrote our own versions of the story which were really successful. Mr Dee told us that he needed Year 4 to design robots that could perform tasks in school and save him money! We came up with lots of interesting and helpful designs. Some of us designed robots that could carry out cleaning

tasks, while others could cook and some could help teachers with marking!

We also spent a day working in groups designing and building robots to end the topic. Everyone had a lot of fun and worked well together in their teams. Thanks to everyone who contributed junk modelling materials.

Bristol Zoo Trip

As part of our Amazon Adventurers topic, we visited Bristol Zoo. We had an absolutely fantastic day looking at all the animals. We also took part in Rainforest Experience talks, where we were able to hold cockroaches, stroke a snake and learned about the Madagascan Tenrec! It looked like a hedgehog, but we were told it was more closely related to an elephant!



4P's Class Assembly

Well done to 4P for performing a really informative class assembly related to our Amazon Adventurers topic! We all learned a lot about which animals live in the rainforest and how we can help preserve it. The costumes, singing and acting were fantastic!

YEAR 5

Sport Relief



**Fundraising for
Sport Relief**

On 18th March all of Year 5 worked really hard to raise as much money as possible for Sport Relief. The whole school dressed in sports clothes and wore bands with pride but Year 5 took it to the next level. From 8.50am until 3pm they went sports crazy competing in as many sports as possible. They covered at least 15 different sports throughout the day ranging from yoga to football to kabbadi. It was a great day and raised a huge sum of money for a good cause.

CLASS ASSEMBLY



Every class has the opportunity to present an assembly to the school each year, and on Friday 19th February it was 5J's turn. We had been learning all about space and so we wanted to share all the things we had found out.



Children dressed up to show the planets in our solar system, as well as the sun, the moon and colliding comets. Neil Armstrong even came along as the first man to walk on the moon! We recited a poem to help us remember the order of the planets and all sang David Bowie's song 'Space Oddity'. It was great fun.



THE TRAGEDY OF **macbeth**

In year 5, we have really enjoyed working on Shakespeare and particularly Macbeth. We have read the gruesome story and watched the animated tales.



One of Shakespeare most well known story is based upon the character Macbeth who, encouraged by his wife, attempts to remove the obstacles preventing him from being king. These obstacles happen to be other characters in the play. He accepts the prophecy of witches as a guide for what will be, and misjudges what they tell him. In the end his overconfidence leads to his own death, believing that he cannot be harmed when he really is just a mortal like everyone else.



As well as reading the story, we acted out some of the famous parts from the book. One of the most interesting parts is when the 3 witches meet on the heath to make their potions and plans. We then wrote our own versions of the Macbeth story which meant we could bring out our gruesome side !!!!!



YEAR 6

AMAZING, A DAY TO REMEMBER, WE SAW SO MUCH.

Our first topic was Landmarks. We looked at the famous landmarks in London. Our day in the Capital was a great success. Our cruise along the River Thames from St Katherine's Dock to Westminster Bridge was an experience we will never forget.



Waving at everyone as we went under the bridges was fun



We stopped in Horse Guards Parade for a photo.

The Queen was home but we weren't invited in for tea.

We walked up Whitehall and stopped to take a look at the Prime Minister's residence in Downing St. The policemen at the gate looked scary but they were actually very friendly.



Lunch in St James's Park.



We walked past the Cenotaph. It was built to remember those who have died in wars.



For our second topic we have been learning about WW2. We have looked at the lives of children during the Blitz. We have tried to imagine how we would have felt leaving our homes and parents behind to be evacuated to the countryside.

On the 11th November we walked to Holy Trinity Church. We stood for a minutes silence with members of the British Legion.



I'm glad I'm alive in 2016. I would have hated going to live with a stranger in the countryside.

EASTER

Easter Word Search Puzzle

Y S E R U T C I P M I G X I T
D B D Y A S P R I N G N M M A
N Y R R P S O D O O G I I Y E
A E H E A P G W J R L R Y T S
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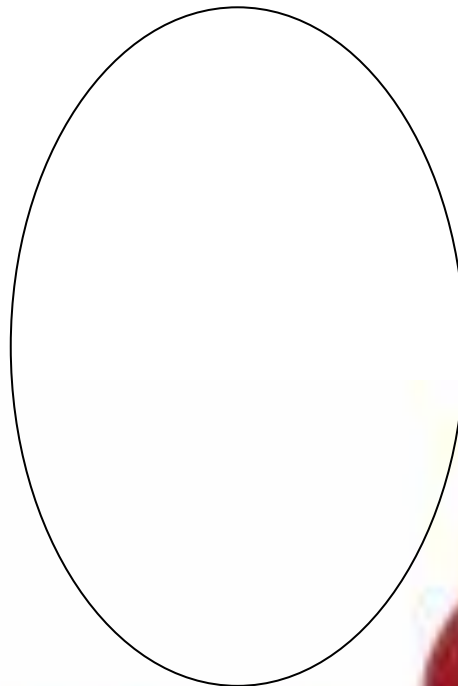
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GOOD
HAPPY
JESUS
PICTURES
PINK
RABBIT
RELIGIOUS
RISEN
SPRING
SUNDAY
YELLOW

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



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!



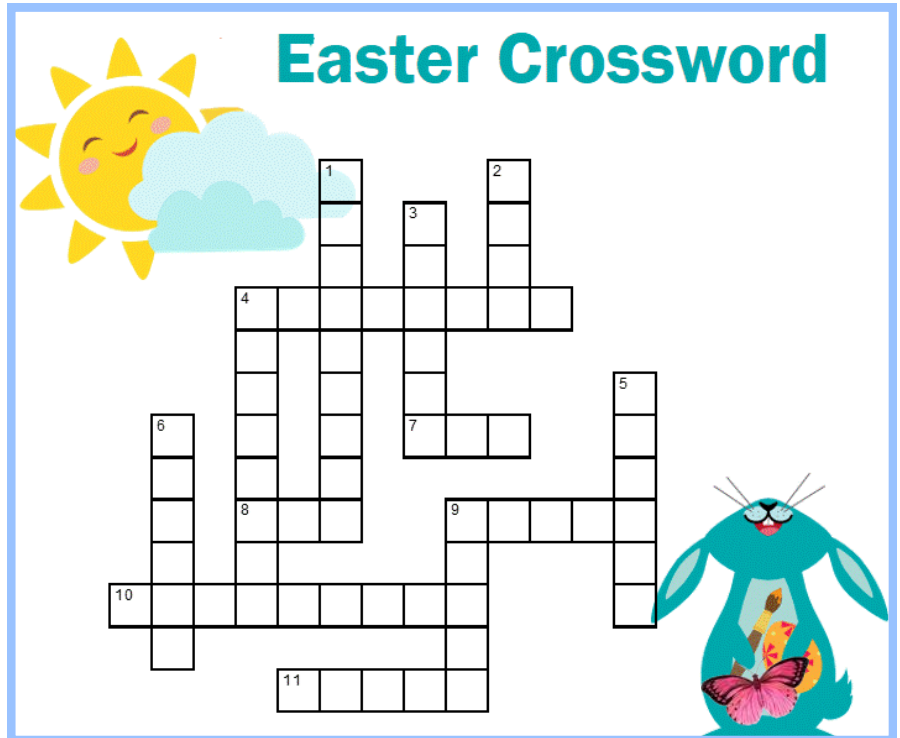
GAMES

ACROSS

4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
7. A hen makes this
8. Used to color eggs
9. The hen's baby
10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
11. Peter Cottontail is one

DOWN

1. Eggs might be made from this
2. Look for eggs
3. Easter Day event
4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
5. What the Easter Bunny brings
6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache



METHOD

Heat oven to 140C/120C fan/gas 1. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and put a medium-sized plain nozzle on a piping bag.

In a clean bowl, whisk the egg whites until they are very stiff. Add half the sugar and continue to whisk until the mixture is becoming firm and shiny.

Stir the cornflour into the remaining sugar and add to the meringue, along with the lemon zest and juice, and a smidge of yellow food colouring paste. Whisk again until you have a very thick, firm and glossy pale yellow meringue.

Carefully spoon the meringue into the piping bag. Push any air out of the top and tightly twist the opening to seal. Pipe about 25 thumb-sized dollops onto your baking sheet – if possible, try to make them wider at the base than the top, resembling a chick's body and head. Leave a gap between each chick to allow for expanding when cooking.

Cook in the oven for 30 mins until they are crisp, firm and come off the baking parchment easily. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

To decorate, use the orange icing pen to make a V-shaped beak, and a black icing pen for eyes and feet. The yellow icing pen can be used to decorate fluffy hair on the chick's head and/or wings. Will keep for up to 1 week in an airtight container



Ingredients

- 2 medium egg whites
- 100g golden caster sugar
- ½ tsp cornflour
- grated zest ½ [lemon](#), plus 1 tsp juice
- yellow food colouring paste



SPORT

Mr Jelf and Mr Wintle are pleased to announce the March edition of the Park Press Sports Bulletin. Park Primary have again had a jam packed sporting schedule having already taken part in a number of events such as Boys / Girls Football league matches, Gymnastics competitions, Quick-sticks Hockey league, Year 4 dodgeball competition and multi-sports festivals.

Boys Football Team

The boys football team have now completed their season, having played their last 4 games in the months of January, February and March. The team started off with an away trip to Cadbury Heath in which we performed extremely well and comfortably won 8-2. Goals from Josh H x 2, Archie x 2, Leo x 2, Lewis and David. Christchurch was our next fixture and what a game it was! After being 2-0 down within 5 minutes we managed to get the score to 2-2 by half time. The second half started in the same fashion and we found ourselves 4-2 down by some quick counter attacking, however we didn't give up and the team showed great togetherness and somehow we drew the game 4-4 with two late goals from Leo Ferrante. The last two fixtures saw us up against Cherry Gardens and Beacon Rise. The game against Cherry Gardens was a close fought scrappy game with the pitch not helping both teams and resulting in the game finishing 0-0. In our final game of the season the boys signed off in style with a resounding 7-0 win over Beacon Rise. Excellent goals from Kai x 2, Josh H x2, Lewis W x2 and Leo. I would like to thank all the boys that took part in the football team this season for all their hard work and passion on the pitch you made myself and the school very proud!

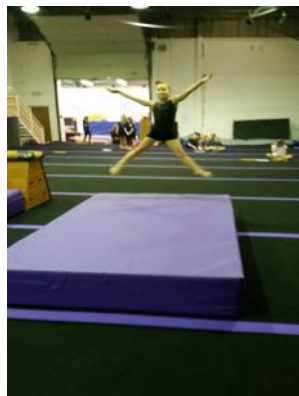
Girls Football

The girls team came back after Christmas with a difficult test facing Hanham Abbots in the league. Hanham Abbots put out a strong team with all players having club experience outside of school and this showed in the way that they played as a team. However the girls remained positive despite a heavy loss and they came back stronger in their next game against Christchurch with a convincing 3-1 win. Jennifer and Giorgia were the stand out performers, they both dominated the game and scored great goals to seal the win! The number of girls turning up to weekly training sessions has remained high and it's great to see so many of the girls enjoying playing football and learning new skills. The girls B team took part in their first ever match against Barrs Court and despite losing 4-1 they all enjoyed the game and a great goal was scored by Emma-Louise Bennett!

Gymnastics

Both boys and girls represented our school in last months Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Gymnastics competition at Majestics gym in Longwell Green. The day was split in half with the Year 3 / 4 Competition taking place in the morning. The girls had to compete in a floor and vault routine. All of our girls performed to the highest quality but only finished in 6th place due to having one gymnast short. Maddie Lee Williams picked up a gold medal for her individual floor routine and a silver medal for her overall performance, well done Maddie!

The Year 5/6 competition took place in the afternoon and the children performed brilliantly. The level 2 team were the winners of the overall competition which sends them through to the level 3 competition at the summer games held at Bath University! A special mention to Isabelle Hooper who won Gold medal as best overall gymnast and Elli-Rose Crook who earned Bronze for overall gymnast. Well done to all children that took part in this competition.



SECTION

Tag Rugby Tournament 1/2/2016

Park 4—4 Longwell Green
Park 7—2 Mangotsfield
Park 5—4 Barrs Court

Final

Park 3—2 Beacon Rise



School Football Team Results & Scorers

League matches

Cadbury Heath 2—8 Park
Christchurch 4 —4 Park
Cherry Gardens 0—0 Park
Beacon Rise 0—7 Park

Cadbury Heath Y3/4 2 —2 Park Y3/4



Freddie Maggs on the ball in our final game against Beacon Rise.



Year 4 Dodgeball Tournament—20/1/16

Children in Year 4 took part in The Grange school annual dodgeball competition. The Park team won 4 out of their 5 games to be crowned the winners of the competition. Well done to the six children that took part and played so well as a team: Cole Wilmott, Mackenzie Sealy, Giorgia Steer, Gary McMurray, Spencer Majduch and Vince Parker.

Quicksticks Hockey League—2/3/2016

Park 2 —2 St Barnabas
Park 1—0 Blackhorse
Park 4—1 Stanbridge
Park 2 —2 Barrs Court



Netball League Tournament—16/2/16

Park 0 —6 Marshfield A
Park 0—2 Beacon Rise A
Park 3 —0 Marshfield B
Park 2-0 Staple Hill

For a full list of other results and scorers please head over to our website.

SPORT

Year 5 did an excellent job helping to run KS2 athletics sessions.

All the children participated in a range of different agility activities and lots of fun was had by all!



Netball League.

We are currently in the middle of the netball league having had a successful start!

We held St. Stephen's (who we lost to 6-0 in September) to a 0-0 draw until the last second of the game to concede a goal. The same happened against Beacon rise A but we then went on to win the next three matches confidently! The year 6 players have improved dramatically since the start of the season and work incredibly hard as a team. I'm sure the spectators would agree, they are a fantastic team to watch and are a huge credit to the school! May the success continue throughout the remaining tournaments and games we have to come.



On Thursday 10th March Park held their first Netball friendly tournament. I would like to say a big thank you to our year 6 boys Ben, Cameron, Jude and Ronny for all giving up their time to help support, score and time keep for all the teams. This was the first time a lot of the children had ever competed on a netball court, yet they all did an excellent job. Park A won all of their games and Park B won 2 out of three. These great results were down to the children's hard work and perseverance at training, which has seen their performance improve every week!





THE PARK 5K RUN

16+ years old
£8 club affiliated
£10 un-affiliated



Prizes for overall male and female race winners.

Also prizes for winner of following age groups – 16-24,
24-39
40+

24th June 2016

Registration from 4pm - Race start 5pm

To apply please visit website and complete the application process.

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TEL : 01454 866536

Commemorative medal for all finishers.

Registration from 3pm – Race start 4pm

THE PARK RAINBOW RUN



4 - 15 years old
£2 race entry
1k fun run



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RELIEF



The whole school went sports crazy on the 18th March for Sports Relief. All of the children got dressed up into their sporting attire and completed their 1 mile by either walking, running, hopping, jumping, tying legs together and even giving piggy backs. Year 5 completed a whole day of sporting activities and raised a huge sum of money to go towards the total. In the end the school has raised over £2000 but there is still money coming in! Well done everyone!!



OUTDOOR

We have all been practising our use of tools when making the wind chimes. Firstly we had to measure the bamboo canes into six different lengths. We clamped the cane in the workbench to make it safe and then drilled the holes along its length. Next we had to saw the pieces carefully wearing a glove on the free hand.



Lastly we used our clove hitch to attach the canes to a bar and hung it up.



The community group have been starting our seeds off early in the greenhouse. Hopefully they will all germinate ready for Spring planting.

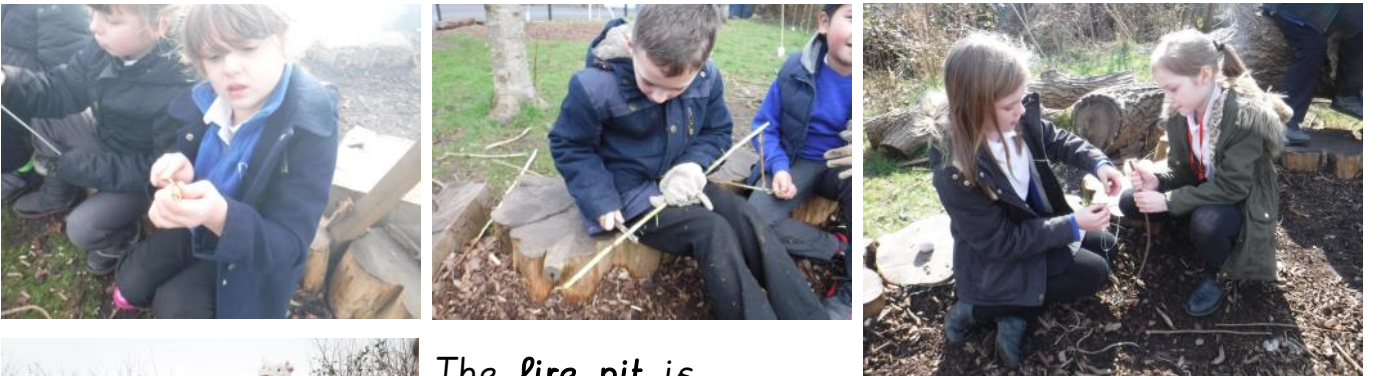


Everyone knows how to do a 'clove hitch' knot and make a bow and arrow now!

LEARNING



Reception have been at the park hugging and measuring the trees, splashing in puddles and making Eeyore a new stick house.



The fire pit is everyone's favourite. We have been whittling, fire lighting and making Elder beads



TESCO

Fingers crossed for the Tesco Bags of Help grant - we want chickens! Thank you for voting.





MEET THE TEACHER



What is your name ?

Hello, my name is Miss Aitken.

Why did you become a teacher ?

I became a teacher because I love spending time with children and I love to see a face light up when they learn something new.



What is your favourite food?

I absolutely love Thai food or my mum's spaghetti bolognese.

What sort of music do you like?

I love everything! Especially Cold Play!



What is your favourite film and why?

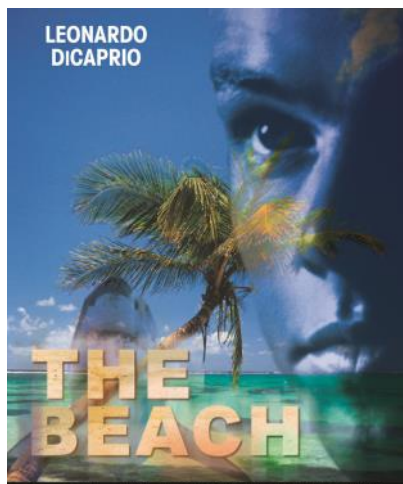
My favourite film is 'The Beach' with Leonardo Di Caprio as it really reminds me of my holidays!

What do you like to do at the weekend?

I love going out for dinner with my friends, going shopping and going running. Last year I completed a 10k and this year I will be doing a colour run with my best friend.

Where do you like to go on holiday

Anywhere with loads of sun and a beach. My family have an apartment in Majorca where I like to go and sunbathe.



Finally give 5 words that sum you up

Funny, Kind, Happy, Chilled and Organised.

Thanks Miss Aitken

