



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome to our final curriculum newsletter of the year! As well as sharing some photos, information and events, this newsletter shares some of the learning and highlights from each class. I hope you enjoy reading about what your children have been up to this term in this wonderful school.

Mrs Dowling says...

I can't believe we have come to our final half term, and what a busy one it has been! The children have, once again, exceeded expectations and we have had so much fun! My favourite memory of this half term has certainly been our cycling week. The children were all super stars and gave it their all. We have also enjoyed lots of celebrating the end of the year by visiting the Pop-up Cafe for a drink and a snack which we ordered by ourselves. We have had the best year with Ladybirds. Happy Summer!

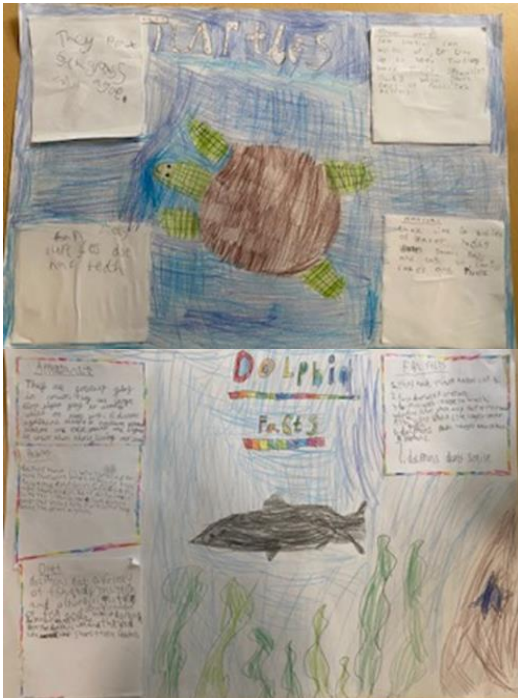


Mrs Mitchell says...

WOW, I cannot believe we are in the final few weeks of Year 1. We have had such a great year and have so much we can celebrate. Over this term we planted our own plants and learnt about the best conditions for them to grow. We have been looking after our vegetable patch at forest school and have enjoyed watching everything grow. In our writing we have been looking at the lighthouse keepers' lunch and we have created our own lighthouse pictures. Next week we are making our own pizzas following the instructions that we have written!



In our Geography we have learnt about human and physical features of our local area and compared these to Shanghai. We started this topic with a local walk to explore different physical and human features. We had a great day at Wellington Country Park where we enjoyed being with Ladybirds and Year 2. Thank you to all the adults who came with us!



Miss Dobson says...

This last half term has gone so quickly already, and I can't believe it's the end of the year! This half term, what has stood out the most, has been how much effort they have put in to create some fantastic posters!

First, they made some posters individually all to do with our RE topic based around how water is precious in different religions.

Second, they then worked collaboratively to make posters in pairs about a sea creature of their choosing after researching lots of different facts on the laptops, grouping them together and putting this down on their posters. They did excellently and have become pros! It has been a busy half term with many other exciting events going on in school and we have had lots of fun. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach this class and I will miss them! I hope you have the best summer holiday and see you soon! 😊



Miss Ouazzani and Mrs Webb say...

Year 3 have been travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx and beginning to write their own stories. They have built their vocabulary brilliantly and practised extending their sentences with detail. We are incredibly proud of the effort the children have continued to put into their handwriting and have seen some great achievements. Last week, the children



loved making their 'papyrus' paper and this week enjoyed decorating their scrolls. We are all looking forward to celebrating this topic on Tuesday 16th with Ancient Egyptian Day!

Mrs Hammill and Mrs Rolfe say...

This term, year 4 have been learning about ... They have really impressed us with their stories they wrote following studying 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' and have even made connections and broadened this to include our very own 'Animals of Silchester Forest'! The stories have various plots including our animals, but they all respond in their associated learning behaviour ways of resilience, independence, resourcefulness, reflection, collaboration and communication. Some budding authors we think!



The children have also been busy designing their own biscuit recipes to make. They have enjoyed making the packaging and can not wait to bake and eat them next week!

Mrs Pulford says...

Just when we thought this year couldn't get any busier, we experienced an incredibly hectic final term! Our half term began with an exciting WOW week focused on nature, which included the Year 5s undertaking community work at the Church. During our history lessons, we delved into the local census to learn more about the history of the families who have lived in our village, imagining what life would have been like a century ago. In Maths, we have been diligently preparing for Year 6, ensuring our maths skills are solid for the challenges that await us. We have been learning about reproductive cycles of plants and animals in science and finally in English, we have been inspired by the book 'The Explorer'. We have written a number of pieces explaining how to survive in the rainforest. The Year 5s can also be exceptionally proud of their behaviour, polite manners, and eagerness to try new things during our trip to Ufton Court. The Ufton Court Staff members complimented us on our good manners, resilience, and positive attitudes. Finally, the Year 5s worked hard to learn the songs for our production of 'Jungle Book' supporting the Year 6s by being bees, wolves, the jungle and an elephant. I wish all the Year 5s the very best of luck next year and I am confident that they will excel in all they do.



Mrs Forrester says...

Year 6's final half term at Silchester has been jam packed! We have been studying Wonder by R.J. Palacio in English and thinking about how everyone is different. We have spent time with our Year 2 buddies doing lots of creative activities.

Our trip to Winchester Cathedral for the church schools' leavers service was a great day out, we definitely showed off our skills during the singing workshop!

As a final treat we spent the day at Paulton's Park - to start the day we did a computer workshop where we programmed theme park rides and then we got to head off into the park and experience the real things.

The Jungle Book

Year 5 and 6 wowed audiences this week with their performances of their end of year production, The Jungle Book. The children showed huge confidence and dramatic talent! Their set design and costumes were incredible. We were incredibly proud of them all. Huge thanks to all of the staff for their hard work behind the scenes – costume and make-up was a military operation!









PTA Fun Day

Huge thanks to Karolina Hartwell, our brilliant parent volunteers and our whole PTA community for putting on this experience for our children. It was so lovely that the reason for this was simply 'for children to have fun!' And they certainly did! P.S. So did the teachers!



Sometimes the pictures just speak for themselves!



Upcoming Key Dates

Final week of term	End of Year Reports to go home
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day
Wednesday 17 th July	Helpers Cream Tea – 2:15pm
Thursday 18 th July	Charles Dickens Day! Travelling Theatre Company Production of Oliver Twist for the whole school sponsored by the PTA
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Service for Year 6 – 9:10am
Friday 19 th July	Last Day of School before the Summer Holidays
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd September	First Day of Autumn Term

I really hope that you and your families have a wonderful weekend together and I look forward to welcoming you at the gate on Monday for our last week at school before the holidays!

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