

Early Years

Over Spring 2 we have been looking forward to the arrival of Spring. Before the February holidays we had planted some beans and we were so excited to see the beanstalks when we came back to school. As the days have got warmer we have now planted these beans into our new planters in the playground. We filled them our pots with fresh compost from our compost bin. Each day we place any leftover fruit peel back into the compost bin, along with any worms we find in the garden, and we are hoping for more fresh compost soon. We have also been preparing potatoes for planting and these will be growing outside over the Easter holidays. Reception have been thinking about the birds this half term and we have made our own bird feeders using plastic bottles and bird seed. We have noticed a lot of hungry pigeons pecking away at the fallen seed on the floor. In the Autumn term Nursery planted lots of spring bulbs, and we have been sketching some flowers for our spring display.



Class 2

In Re class 2 have been learning about Christianity and Islam. We have looed at special places and talked about what you might see inside a church or Mosque. We were lucky enough to visit a Mosque where we could look for all the things we had learnt about at school. The Imam showed us a prayer call and explained that men and women pray slightly differently. It was interesting to learn about how the Qur'an is read and that Arabic is read from right left. We loved looking around the different rooms in the Mosque and hearing about how Muslim's prepare to pray by performing Wudu which a special way to wash themselves.

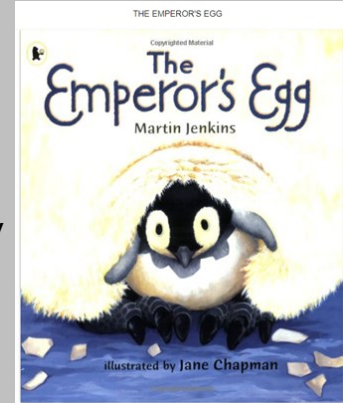


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Class 3

In Class 3 we have been doing lots of learning about the Emperor's Egg story book and using this wonderful story to develop our reading, writing and vocabulary.

On our school website we have a page all about reading with lots of great book recommendations for the school holidays. One tip Mrs Ward always loves to tell us about is that when you watch TV at home pop the subtitles on the TV as this really encourages all children to practice reading even when they are watching TV. Read lots of books this holiday!



Class 4

The children have had a fantastic term and they have shown high level of engagement in all lessons. They have shown great teamwork and resilience! In Science, they have completed many investigations all about light and shadow. The children have enjoyed making shadows and recognising their size can change. In History, the children have been learning about the Romans and they did lots of research about significant people and events. In DT, the children have been planning, designing, making and evaluating their own Truss bridge. The children have had a brilliant term!



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Class 5

Class 5 this half term have been learning lots in DT about mechanisms and joints. They have some wonderful Easter cards which have moving parts and are great fun.

We also had the privilege to work with other local schools on the **Rewind to Easter** Christian celebrations. We experienced going to a church in Heckmondwike and taking part in a variety of spring and rebirth related activities focusing on the Festival of Easter and its significance to Christians.

We learnt that though Easter Eggs and bunnies are great fun Easter and this time of year is very important to Christians across the world.



Class 6

This half term, Class 6 have delved into the world of the Elizabethans. They've studied some of the key events in history and thought carefully about life throughout this period. The class particularly enjoyed our most recent lesson where we looked at the life of Mary Queen of Scots. We have been keen historians using excellent historical language and using our chronology skills to plot key events on a timeline!



PTFA

The PTFA is now up and running with the children enjoying a number of activities so far this year. Further events are planned in for the year and will be shared via the PTFA newsletter.

Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and share that Littletown JIN has been recognised as being one of the top 25% of schools nationally with the best attendance. Your child's attendance not only helps them to learn new skills but also has many social benefits.

Dates for your Diary

Further school term dates

Gentle reminder - Holidays should not be taken during term time and taking these may result in a fine being issued.

2022/23

	First day at school	Last day at school	Holiday Dates
Autumn Term	Tues 6 th September 2022	Thurs 20 th October 2022	Mon 24 th October 2022 to Fri 28 th October 2022
Autumn Term	Mon 31 st October 2022	Fri 16 th December 2022	Mon 19 th December 2022 to Mon 2 nd January 2023
Spring Term	Tues 3 rd January 2023	Fri 10 th February 2023	Mon 13 th February 2023 to Fri 17 th February 2023
Spring Term	Tues 21 st February 2023	Thursday 30 th March 2023	Mon 3 rd April 2023 To Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer Term	Mon 17 th April 2023	Fri 26 th May 2023	Mon 29 th May 2023 to Fri 2 nd June 2023
Summer Term	Tues 6 th June 2023	Tues 25 th July 2023	

2023/24

	First day at school	Last day at school	Holiday Dates
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Thursday 26 th October 2023	Monday 30 th October 2023 - Friday 3 rd November 2023
Autumn Term	Monday 6 th November 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 25 th December 2023 - Friday 5 th January 2024
Spring Term	Monday 8 th January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 12 th February 2024 - Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring Term	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Friday 22 nd March 2024	Monday 25 th March 2024 - Friday 5 th April 2024
Summer Term	Monday 8 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer Term	Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 -

Wellbeing and Health

Kindees Wellness Service

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Wellness starts with you

Our service aim is for people living healthier, happier lives and feeling more able to look after themselves. We support adults 18 years+ on a one-to-one basis to develop personally tailored health and wellbeing goals. Wellness Coaches work with people using motivational interviewing and health coaching techniques to refine goals and plan change.

- Move More** [Learn More](#)
- My Wellbeing Course (6 week programme)** [Learn More](#)
- Healthy Weight** [Learn More](#)
- Carers Support Sessions** [Learn More](#)
- Mental Health** [Learn More](#)
- Stop Smoking** [Learn More](#)

Other information

Safeguarding

We are here to help if you need. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns

Mrs F Ward—Designated Safeguard Lead

Mrs S Wensley—Deputy Safeguarding lead

Mrs H Lombard—Deputy Safeguarding Lead

We are an encompass school

Cost-of-living support

Find out what support is available to help you and your family get through the cost-of-living crisis.

Let us know if you're in financial difficulty

We know that many families are going through a tough time and as a school we want to do everything we can to help you and your child. If you're struggling with your finances, please get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help.

Check if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for FSM you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school and, as a school, we'll get extra funding (known as the pupil premium) to support your child's learning.

Go to [this government website](#) to check if your child is eligible. If they are, or if you're not sure,

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.