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## Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week weather-wise, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the playground and making use of the trim trail again now that it is drier.

Please remember to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle, as the weather is beginning to get warmer.

### Homework

Spellings have been sent home, and children should know which times tables they are currently working on. Please continue to practise these regularly—on the way to school or to clubs is a great opportunity to sneak some practice in. We are aiming for quick recall and accuracy.

Optional maths homework has been uploaded to Tapestry. This aligns with the learning taking place in school each week and is a great way to reinforce the children's understanding.

Reading records must be returned weekly with at least three signatures. Reading with your child is extremely important. Discussing the text, asking simple questions, and talking about characters all help to develop their comprehension skills.

**Reminder : Healthy eating homework task** - this half term, pupils have been asked to prepare and make a healthy meal as part of our DT topic on health and nutrition. We would like them to share their work via Tapestry but the format is up to the children. It might be just a series of pictures of them making the meal and the final product, or they could write a recipe and share this, or they could even make a short cookery instruction video!

We would like all children to take part but the meal itself can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. Any measuring, weighing and using scales is definitely recommended though as this will support our Maths learning too! The pupils can submit this work at any point during the next two weeks; we will share them as and when they arrive. Thank you to those who have already shared their varied and scrummy recipes. The deadline for this task is the last Wednesday of this term – 1<sup>st</sup> April.



## Highlights

This week, D-Side Dave visited to talk to the children about cigarettes and the associated dangers. The children were very engaged and were shocked to learn about the harmful chemicals found in cigarettes. They were also amazed to discover how much money could be saved—enough for something like an Xbox or even a trip to Disneyland Paris!

In Science, we have been exploring tooth decay. We carried out an experiment using boiled eggs placed in orange juice, cola, milk, and water. The children were fascinated by the results—photos can be found on Tapestry. Next week, we will be learning about the process of digestion, which I'm sure the children will find both exciting and a little disgusting!

In English, we have begun diary writing based on *Bill's New Frock*. The children are writing in role as Bill, describing a day at school and exploring themes of stereotyping. We have already seen some fantastic opening paragraphs, and I am looking forward to reading the completed pieces.

In Maths, we are making great progress and have now completed our unit on mass and capacity. Next, we will be returning to fractions.

In RE, it has been a wonderful couple of weeks learning about the Sikh religion. The children have asked thoughtful questions and taken part in meaningful discussions about Guru Nanak and his teachings of equality, honesty, compassion, and peace. We all agreed these are important values to live by. This morning, we had a visit from Mrs Sagoo. She spoke to us about her faith and some interesting facts about Sikhism. The children loved listening to her and asked some great questions. A big thank you to Mrs Sagoo for taking the time to come and speak to the class. Some photos on Tapestry.

## Certificates

**Brilliant Behaviour:** Florence H

**Wonderful Work:** Isla M

We would like to wish our Muslim families a Happy Eid. We hope you have a lovely day celebrating. Eid Mubarak!

Wishing you all a sunny & dry weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller.

