



8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow - the World Book Day costumes looked amazing! We could clearly see how much effort some children (and parents!) and gone to with their costumes. We all had time to show off our costumes and talk about the characters who had inspired them. The children also had an opportunity to read with the Year 6 children and it was lovely to see them sharing their books with older children.

The children had a great time in forest school this week where they all had a chance to have a go at whittling. This task was to inspire the children in our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age history topic. After a clear lesson on how to safely use the knives the children all successfully managed to all remove most of the bark of their mini spear and to whittle the wood to create a pointed end. Some pictures of this activity will be put on the website. They also learned about how the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age housing changed from basic cave dwellings to complex hill forts.

In science this week, the children continued learning about plants, they looked at the different parts of a flowering plant and had an opportunity to investigate how a plant reproduces. Using a magnifying glass, the children carefully drew and labelled the inside of a tulip. **If your child is interested in science, then Cambridge Science Festival has a free family weekend on 23rd & 24th March:** https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-festivals-family-weekend?utm_campaign=newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_source=1638569_Cambridge%20Festival%20subscribers%20-%20family%20events&dm_i=6DCF,Z4BT,1NWNNI,4DPOK,1

Home Learning: Reading Please try to read with your child as often as you can, we are having a big push on reading skills and extra reading at home will support the hard work your child has been doing in school. All the children have been given a log in to **Collins Big Cat** and books to read will be set on there. There will also be a sheet of activities on **Teams** to complete if your children would like to add to their learning and their work can be uploaded back onto Teams to share with the class. Activities will also be set on **Mathletics**.

In Maths, the children will be telling the time. We will be exploring:

- Telling the time to the nearest hour, and half past the hour.
- Telling the time to quarter to, and quarter past the hour.
- Exploring the months of the year.
- Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

In English, we will continuing with our work on Stone Age Boy and learning how to punctuate our writing with apostrophes. We will also be learning about paragraphs and when these are needed.

In spelling, we will be focusing on when the base word ends in 'ic', we can usually add '-ally' straight on the end.

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earth

eight

eighth

enough

exercise

experience

experiment

extreme

famous

tragically

historically

logically

magically

dramatically

specifically

frantically

automatically

basically



Year 3/4 Spelling List – for reference

Year A	earth	length	regular
accident	eight	library	reign
accidentally	eighth	material	remember
actually	enough	medicine	sentence
address	exercise	mention	separate
answer	experience	minute	special
appear	experiment	natural	straight
arrive	extreme	naughty	strange
believe	famous	notice	strength
bicycle	favourite	occasion	suppose
breath	February	occasionally	surprise
breathe	forwards	often	therefore
build	fruit	opposite	though
busy	grammar	ordinary	although
business	group	particular	thought
calendar	guard	peculiar	through
caught	guide	perhaps	various
centre	heard	popular	weight
century	heart	position	woman
certain	height	possess	women
circle	history	possession	
complete	imagine	possible	
consider	increase	potatoes	
continue	important	pressure	
decide	interest	probably	
describe	island	promise	
different	knowledge	purpose	
difficult		quarter	
disappear	Year B	question	
early	learn	recent	