



Seagrave News

March 2024



We have had a busy term at Seagrave. Although it was not a long half term the children were as industrious as ever!



On January the 25th some of our Key stage 2 children attended the "Young voices" event at the NEC. It was an amazing day and the children sang their hearts out. They exhibited impeccable behaviour throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



As a school we marked Safer internet day in all of the classes. Technology is such a big part of the children's lives; it is important that we stay safe online.

This year Seagrave are working towards the Gold standard of the 'Beyond Bullying Award'. Mrs Chafer and the school council are leading the work and have already done assemblies and updated the child friendly anti-bullying policy. Although behaviour across the school is very good we have recruited 3 anti-bullying ambassadors who are there to support any children who may feel they have witnessed or are being bullied. After a letter from one of the pupils, the school council have also introduced "non-uniform day" on your birthday; which the children are very excited about!



This term we have introduced 'Happy Lunch Times' which has had a positive impact on the children's well being. The children have a rotation of different activities prepared by the lunchtime staff and can receive pompoms for being a great friend, helper etc. At the end of each half term 7 children are chosen to sit at the Captain's table with an adult of their choice – this has been very well received by all the pupils and they are excitedly waiting to see who will be chosen next week.



In the week beginning 11th March, we celebrated British Science Week. The children had special science assemblies in their Key stages and then took part in lots of science investigations in their classes. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and hear their scientific discussions and hypotheses.



On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day and the children all came dressed as book characters. The teachers swapped classes and enjoyed books and stories with different classes.



Over the past two weeks the whole school has been involved in planting bulbs and flowers both in the school grounds and in the village. We are looking forward to seeing them bloom in the late Spring.



Coming up next half term...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Extra Curricular Club</u>	<u>Year groups</u>
Every Monday 3.15-4.15 (last session 1.7.24)	Creation Station – £7.25p/w portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/6074	All
Every Monday 3.15-4.15	Super Star Sports – Lego Construction - £4.75 p/w https://super-star-sport-midlands.classforkids.io/term/337	Year 1 – Year 6
Every Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Super Star Sports – Archery - £4.75 p/w https://super-star-sport-midlands.classforkids.io/term/337	Year 1 – Year 6
Tuesday Lunchtimes	Choir – no charge	Year 3 – Year 6
Every Thursday 3.15-5.00	Drama Kids! - £7p/w Call 01664 569 738 or email nleics@dramakids.co.uk	Year 2-6
Friday Lunchtimes	LCFC – EYFS/KS1 multi-sports – no charge Sign up via Arbor App – Clubs Places are limited	
Every Friday 3.15-4.00	LCFC – KS2 Football club – no charge Sign up via Arbor App – Clubs Places are limited	Year 3 - 6
Daily 7.30-8.45 And 3.15-6.00	Super Star Wrap Around Care Breakfast Club - £7 per session Afterschool Club Super Short Session £7 Short Session - £11.50 Full Session £14.00 Contact Jon on 07896 796363 Full Information here: Superstars Activity Club – Superstars Seagrave (super-stars.co.uk)	EYFS – Year 6
8.4.24	School Opens for the Summer Term	Whole School
9.4.24	School Nursing Team here to do any heights and weights that were missed last term	EYFS and Year 6
15.4.24 – 19.4.24	Caythorpe PGL residential	Year 5 and 6
3.5.24	Colour Dash Charity event The children will need and old t-shirt and sunglasses/goggles	Whole School
May 2024	Year 2 Optional tests will be completed throughout May.	Year 2
6.5.24	May Day – School is closed	
13.5.24 – 16.5.24	Year 6 SATs Test week	Year 6
16.5.24	PTA Movie Night	Whole school
22.5.24	Leicestershire County Cricket Taster Day	Year 3 - 6
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half term – School is closed	
TBC	End of year production Watch out on Dojo Events for date confirmation	Class 3
3.7.24	Year 6 CPR Training We are trying to rearrange the date around the secondary induction days – Watch out on Dojo Events for date confirmation	Year 6
5.7.24	Leavers Disco	Class 3
5.7.24	PTA Summer disco/activities	EYFS – Year 4
15.7.24 – 28.8.24	Summer Break School closed	Whole School
29.8.24	School Opens for the new academic year	Whole School

Additional dates will be added to Class Dojo Events as they are confirmed

Goodbye and Hello!

It was with sadness this term that we all said a final farewell to Mrs Bint who was our Office Manager and has worked at Seagrave for the past 28 years. She was very sad to be leaving but was also looking forward to her well-deserved retirement. We all hope she relaxes and enjoys time with her family but will miss her a lot.

Mrs Claire Tolton Has been appointed as our new Office Manager and will start after the Easter break. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience and we hope she will be very happy here at Seagrave.

Mrs Woodward has now decided to work part time and so works on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday teaching our class 3 children. She has been joined by Miss Stockbridge who is an experienced Year 5/6 teacher and is very excited to be joining the Seagrave team.

We were sad at the end of the Autumn term to say farewell to Mrs Lee who has been teaching the Class 1 children with Mrs Saleh for the past year. We wish her well as she moves on to her new school.

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Crabb back to Class 1 after her maternity leave. She quickly settled back in and is already doing a great job teaching our younger children.



PTA News

We can't believe the second term of this year has come and gone!

This term the children enjoyed a movie night which made an amazing £250 profit!

We have also most recently held our Easter Eggstravaganza where the children amazed us all with their craft and bakes!



Our winners were;
EYFS Craft - Ronnie, Class 1 Craft - Nancy-Anne,
Class 2 Craft - Scarlett, Class 3 Craft - Jessica.

Bakes: Best tasting - Max, Best Effort - Elodie
and Showstopper - Joseph.



A huge well done not only to the winners but to everyone who took part, it was so hard to choose a winner as all of the entries were fantastic! This event raised around £150 profit.

Next term we have another movie night scheduled for the 19th of May and then our final event of the academic year will be the End of Year Disco & Leavers Event which takes place on the 5th of July.

Please keep a look out on our Facebook page for any updates as we will also be holding 'Freeze up Fridays' when we eventually get some sun! ☀️

Thank you for your support and we hope you all have a well-deserved Easter Break!

EYFS News

This term has been a short one but we have still managed to pack in a lot of fun and learning. Here are some of the different activities the EYFS children have been engaged in.



We started the term with the topic “Winter Wonderland”. The children learnt about winter and we explored freezing and melting in our tuff tray. We excitedly waited for the snow but were disappointed that we only got a small flurry so we learnt about the Polar regions that get snow all year round. The children built igloos out of sugar cubes and painted penguins. We made a life size emperor penguin which was almost the same size as Scarlett!



At the beginning of February, we celebrated the Chinese New Year. The children joined together to make a large dragon and we danced round the school. We also enjoyed playing in our Chinese restaurant

role play. Using the chopsticks was tricky!



On February 13th it was Shrove Tuesday. We read a story called “Mr Wolf’s pancakes” and then followed a recipe to make our own pancakes. The children enjoyed covering them in syrup and sugar and eating them – yummy. Mrs Hull proved she was a professional pancake flipper!!



After half term our topic has been “Here come the bears”. We started off exploring the story “Goldilocks and the 3 bears”. The children acted out the story and made porridge. We were shocked to find someone had eaten our porridge whilst we were out on our walk!



Last week, the children brought their teddy bears to school. They all made passports for their bears and the teddies had a super time joining in with the learning. We finished the week with a teddy bear’s picnic. We all sang, danced and ate sandwiches we had prepared earlier that day.

We are now enjoying Easter activities and looking forward to the Easter holidays. Well done to all of EYFS for working so hard this term and we hope you all have a fun and restful break.



Class 1 News

The spring term has been a very busy for Class 1. The children came back from their Christmas holiday ready and raring to go!

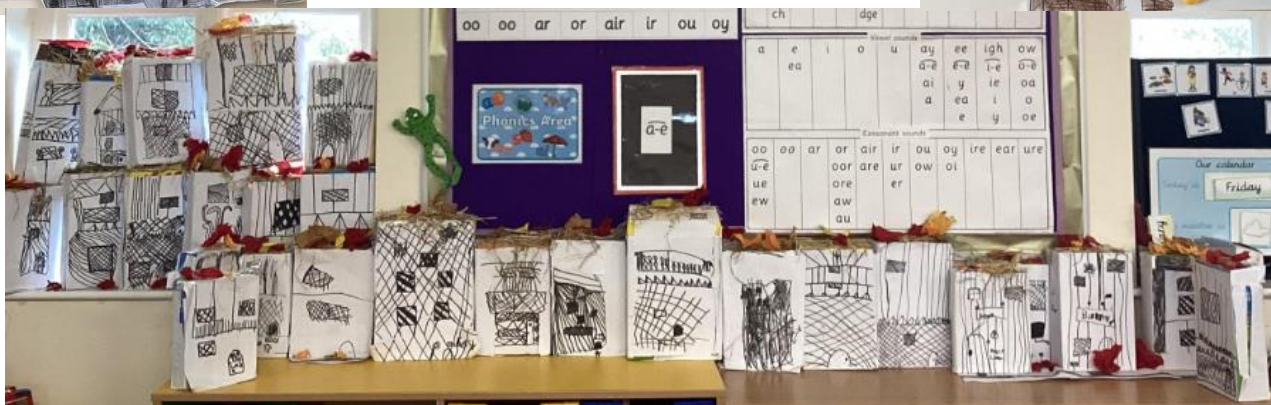


The children immersed themselves in traditional tales for the first half of the term, producing some fabulous pieces of writing. They were then turned into books and the class were taken over by the children's hand puppet creations; which covered all manner of traditional tale characters sparking impromptu puppet shows within COOL time.

We also created Little Red Riding Hood's basket, the wolf's house and programmed Bee Bots to get safely to Grandma's house.



The Great Fire of London always proves to be a very popular topic. The children have once again got stuck into Great Fire of London activities. Learning about how fires were put out back in 1666 and the food people ate. In art they have produced and making their own 3D Tudor houses out of cereal boxes; it has been a fully immersive topic enjoyed by all.



We would like to say thank you to parents supporting their children at home to carry on their learning and interests. They have produced some fantastic pieces of homework this term. The children love to share with their peers and we, the teachers, love to see it too!

Class 2 News

What a busy spring term we have had! Class 2 continue to work hard and impress me with their resilience and love for learning. The children have immersed themselves in our class topics: 'Inventors' and 'Greek myths and legends'.



The term started with a trip to Pizza Express. The children loved learning all about where pizza comes from, the ingredients used and even got to take their own pizza home- yummy!



In Computing, Class 2 have used Scratch for programming. They experimented different ways to control their sprite and debugged algorithms.



During Spring 1, the children took part in a 4-week TAG rugby programme hosted by The Leicester Tigers Foundation. This helped to promote sportsmanship and teamwork. We are hoping to apply the skills learnt by taking part in a tournament during the summer term.

Some children within the class also had the opportunity to take part in an Inter Schools Archery competition.



In Design and Technology, Class 2 learnt about mechanical systems. We discussed techniques which we could use if we were to become inventors ourselves. The children then made gears and levers.



Class 2's science topic for this term is 'Plants'. The children have learnt the name of the different parts of a flowering plant and can explain the jobs that each part does. They also set up an investigation to find out how water is transported.



We celebrated Chinese New Year, World Book Day, British Science Week and Comic relief!



Class 2 have enjoyed swimming on a Wednesday afternoon at the local pool. It has been amazing to witness the children's progression and increase in confidence.

Wishing you a restful Easter break!

Class 3 News

As we come to the end of the Spring Term class 3 have been very busy and have produced some amazing pieces of work which have taken various forms.

Our **English lessons** initially focused on the children writing a quest. Developing their writing skills and deepening their understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling. We moved on to looking at classical poetry that was developed through story. We focused on The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. The children were able to broaden their vocabulary and engaged in writing a report about the death of Bess and the Highwayman.



In **Mathematics** the children daily work on their arithmetic, this daily consistency helps to embed the four basic operations in mathematics to help them problem solve other concepts they are learning. We have focused on multiplication and division in decimals, fractions and we have been looking at angles.

The Year 6 children are now well under way with their booster classes which take place after school on a Tuesday.

In **Geography and History** our topic is Russia. We have identified countries in Europe using maps and atlases. We have looked at Eastern Europe, images of landscapes developing our skills on lines of latitude.



We have identified some of the worlds dictators and discussed and researched what a democracy is and what the differences are. Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini took control of their countries. As you can imagine this topic brought up some very interesting discussions.



Art was light relief as we have focused on Kandinsky's work. A Russian artist who developed his colourful work through squares and concentric circles. The children enjoyed creating their own.

Music during the first half of the spring term developed our understanding of melody, tempo and dynamics. We listened to various pieces of music from different genres and then moved on to develop our composition skills using percussion instruments.



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We recently looked at the composer Sergi Prokofiev. A Russian composer who developed his music by teaching children about the instruments of the orchestra through story. Class 3 enjoyed listening to his story of 'Peter and the Wolf', listening out for the characters played by the various instruments from the orchestra.



In **Science** the Spring term began with identifying inherited characteristics in living things. The children followed this up by extracting DNA from a strawberry. We have enjoyed many science investigations this term with Science week also encouraging us to develop our scientific skills. The activities included - Biome in a bag, making a balloon rocket, can paper clips float, electrical circuits.



RE/PSHE- these subjects play a very important role in nurturing young minds, through daily mindfulness session we generate good discussion.

In RE looking at all religions is incredibly important in an ever changing and diverse world. Our thoughts have been directed at feelings about special places that mean something to us, we have focused on the Muslim community and their creativity.

This is a small window into our daily busy activities in class 3 and now it is time to recharge ready for a fun filled Summer term ahead.

On behalf of all the staff in Class 3 I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

Mrs J Woodward ☺



