



# Seagrave News

## May 2024



As we approach the end of the first half of the Summer term we would like to share with you some of the fun and learning that has taken place over the past 7 weeks.

The children returned after their Easter break eager to learn, and as usual Seagrave was filled with an industrious buzz! The children in Year 6 sat their end of Key stage assessment tests in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. They all rose to the occasion and remained calm throughout the process. The highlight of the week was the bacon and sausage butties that Mrs Litchfield cooked each morning and also the extra few minutes of outdoor play after the tests. Mrs Woodward said that she felt the tests were fair and that the children really did themselves proud.



The year 2 children completed their SATs tests in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. They showed a positive attitude and a resilience to stick at it, even when the questions were challenging. Mrs Saleh and Mrs Crabb and were delighted with their hard work.



The weather has been really mixed this half term, but this hasn't stopped the children learning outside. Class 1 have enjoyed sessions at Forest school and have been enjoying swimming sessions. On the 15<sup>th</sup> April, Class 3 enjoyed their residential to PGL at Caythorpe court, Lincoln. They took part in activities such as canoeing, high ropes and rifle shooting to name but a few. They all had a great time. Mrs Woodward, Miss Stockbridge, Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Ingleton all agreed that the children's behaviour was exemplary.



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, the weather was glorious and we all headed over to the field to take part in the "Colour Dash". This event raises money for Leicester children's holidays, which is a charity that provides vacations and days out for children who would not usually have access to these special times. The children had a great time running, walking and getting covered in paint and glitter from top to toe! We thank you for your generosity as we raised over £1300 in sponsorship. The prizes will be arriving after half term.



This half term to support the smooth running of our lunchtimes we fitted a new serving hatch in our kitchen and re designed the area. "Happy Lunchtimes" is now well established and the children are always eager to find out who has won the class treat for the most pompoms in the jar. Lunch time teachers have provided some lovely new and engaging activities for the children to enjoy.

As you know, our school building is over 100 years old, and so needs constant updating. Mrs Litchfield has organised for all of the windows throughout the school to be replaced. This work will be starting over half term and will be completed in stages. All of the windows will be replaced by summer 2025.

## Our new Head Teacher!

It will be with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Litchfield at the end of this term. However, we are also excited to welcome our new Head Teacher Mrs Culling to Seagrave from the beginning of next academic year.

Interviews for our new Head Teacher took place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. They were invited in to school to have breakfast and meet with the staff before embarking on some rigorous tasks. Interviews by both our Directors of Education, staff and children took place in the afternoon.

The staff were all delighted when Mrs Culling was appointed. She is currently working at Shelton Junior School in Derbyshire and is excited to join our Seagrave family. She will be visiting our school for a few days over the next half term and we hope you will all make her feel very welcome.



## Coming up next half term...

We hope that the event reminders on Dojo have been useful to you.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School opens for pupils

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Library Van Visit

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photographs

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Delisle teacher visiting year 6

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 visit The Warning Zone

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Self Portrait Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – New starters parent information evening – 5pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Water Safety Assembly

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Leicester County Cricket taster day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – CO2 assembly and workshops in year 2,3, 5 and 6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – class 2 visiting New Walk Museum

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 sports at Wreake Valley Academy

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - New starters visiting for the afternoon

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Humphrey Perkins induction days

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Art exhibition, parents invited in – 3.15 – 3.45pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Rotary Stars Assembly

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Library Van Visit

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Massed Choir event in Leicester

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 CPR training

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – New starters visiting in the morning

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - All children spending the morning in their new classes

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – PTA discos and Year 6 Leavers event

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Class 3 end of year production

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers assembly at 2.30 & school closes for Summer



## EYFS News

This term our learning has focused on growing and changing.

The children started off the topic by thinking about babies. They all brought baby photos in and we played "guess the baby". We talked about how we have grown and changed and the things we can do now that we couldn't do as a baby. The children had a lot of fun playing in our Baby clinic.



We then moved on to thinking about growing up. The children all told us what job they would like to do when they grow up – these included a rock star, a palaeontologist, a teacher, a zoo keeper and lots more!



In week 3 we began to think about plants and how they grow and change. The children enjoyed the story of Jack and the beanstalk and planted their own beans. It wasn't long before our beanstalks were heading for the ceiling!

We also planted some grass seed and when it had grown the children cut it with their scissors. We did some super observational drawing of flowers and plants.



In the final three weeks of the term we have been looking at life cycles and have explored the life cycle of both a frog and a butterfly. Ronnie brought in some tadpoles from her Grandma's pond and we all enjoyed watching them swim about and grow. We created our own pond in our outdoor tuff tray. We are now looking after 5 tiny baby caterpillars. We are keeping a diary each day to document how the caterpillars are changing. We can't wait until they change into butterflies!



Last Friday, the children became artists and created paintings in the style of Claude Monet. We copied the painting "Water lilies" which fitted very well with our froggy theme! The children worked hard and we were very impressed with the finished pieces of art.

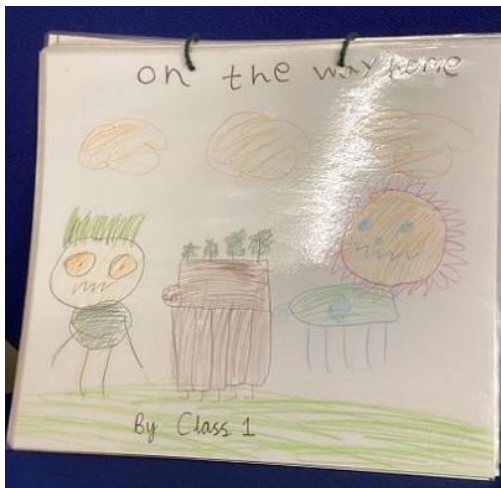


I have been very proud of EYFS this term. Not only have they done lots of learning within our topic but also they have worked extremely hard in their maths, reading, writing and phonics sessions. They are all making good progress and are developing confidence in their own abilities.

Next half term we will be learning through our topic "Life on the ocean wave". We will also be using the final 6 weeks to get the children ready to make the transition into Year 1. We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Class 1 News

This term seems to have flown by! The children have been working really hard and have engaged with their topic 'Our Bodies' really well. They have produced some excellent homework to showcase their learning. Well done to you all!



The entire class have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves into our author study of Jill Murphy. They have loved listening to her stories and watching the television versions. The children became authors themselves and created their own version of 'On the Way Home'. Their writing has been engaging and a delight to read.

We have also had a very busy term with Forest School and Swimming. The children have loved their afternoons exploring the outdoors during Forest School. Over the weeks our children have built their resilience and confidence during the swimming lessons, we are very proud of them. We would also like to thank Mrs Cumming for walking with us every week.



Finally, a huge well done to the Year 2 children for their hard work and enthusiasm whilst sitting their SATs papers! We are very proud of them all!



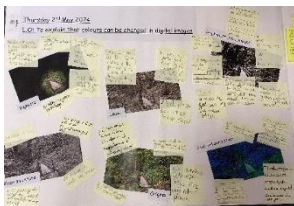
## Class 2 News

What a fantastic start to the first half of the summer term! Class 2 have blown me away with their eagerness to learn and positive attitude.

Our topic for this term is a 'Local study'. Class 2 have applied their map reading skills to locate the nearest services within our local area. The children are able to define what physical and human features are and we discussed positive and negative changes which may occur within our environment.



For our Science topic this term, Class 2 have learnt about 'living things' and their habitats. The children spent an afternoon exploring our local field and went on the hunt for invertebrates! They then produced some outstanding writing. They wrote a non-chronological report to inform readers about the invertebrate they found.



In Computing, Class 2 have learnt how images can be changed and adapted through editing. The children explored changing the effect on an image and discussed how this change made their perspective of the image change. Class 2 learnt a range of techniques such as being able to copy, crop, rotate and zoom in on an image.



Sonia Delaunay is the artist we have studied during Art this term. She focussed on abstract art and explored the use of colour. Class 2 were inspired by her work and produced their own abstract portraits using oil pastels and water colours.



Mrs Morgan came in to give Class 2 a Bee talk. The children learnt all about Honey Bees and were excited to try on the protective clothing. They thought the local honey was sweet and delicious.



The term ended with a trip to our local church. Class 2 explored the features of the church and linked the beliefs of Christians to their own beliefs and experiences. This tied in with our RE focus where the children have learnt about some of the different faiths in the UK today.

Wishing you all a restful half term break!



## **Class 3 News**

What a fun term we have had!

Class 3 began with their residential trip to PGL Caythorpe Court which was a fabulous week for us all. The children were well-behaved, worked brilliantly in their groups and conquered many fears.



This half term the children have been learning about the early civilisation of the Indus Valley. They have discovered where in the world the Ancient Indus Valley civilisation existed and investigated the physical features of the landscape. In addition to this they have learnt about some of the key people who led the discovery of the Indus Valley civilisation.



The children have had a very creative few weeks in their Art and DT lessons. Some excellent portraits were created in the style of Andy Warhol who was the artist we have studied. Followed by creating 3D Indus Valley Civilisations over the last few days of term. Class 3 worked together brilliantly and produced some fantastic models.



In RE the children have been thinking about places of worship and reflecting on places that are special to them.

In Science we have been learning about rivers. This has included locating the rivers of the UK and the world, the features of a river, erosion and deposition, and researching why dams are built.

Music lessons have involved Class 3 listening to a variety of music from around the world and trying to replicate this using their knowledge of melody and the pentatonic scale.

Well done to the Year 6 children who completed their SATs this term. All of the children showed fantastic resilience throughout the week and took it all in their stride. The bacon and sausage cobs every morning were a great help too!

After half term we will embark on our production of 'Shakespeare Rocks'. Already, the children are enthused and looking forward to performing on July 8<sup>th</sup>!

Have a wonderful half term break!



Miss Stockbridge, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Ingleton and Mrs Woodhouse

