



Calmore Infant School

Spring Newsletter 2- Friday 17th January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week with our Artist, Darrell Wakelam who came into school for 2 days to work with all the children on our whole school art project to make Milly, our rocking horse. He also stayed after school to launch our art club half term project that we have running.



The staff and children have learnt so much about how we can use cardboard to make a sculpture and building on it to develop the design.

He shared with us that sculpture is easier for children to be successful in compared to drawing. We have already booked him for next year, to train our staff and work with the children again.





He has a website with lots of free ideas to do together at home for those that would like to try. <https://www.darrellwakelam.com/downloads>

Year 2 – Great Fire of London

Year 2 have really enjoyed their history home learning, making tudor houses as they would have been during the Great Fire of London.

They also watched on as their tudor houses were set alight to recreate the fire. Year 2 soon realised how the fire spread so quickly in London, and thought about how houses are built now to prevent this from happening.



Children Accessing Games Online at Home

As part of our Computing and PHSE curriculum we talk to the children about playing games online. We are concerned that a large number of children are playing games that are not age appropriate. This includes Fortnite and Roblox that have age guidelines.

We know that children are playing with other children of their own age, but this does not make it right. The material the children are experiencing is not age appropriate and puts the children at risk of significant emotional and behavioural difficulties.

In some of these games the graphics and violence is dangerous and children will be affected by witnessing this. It is easier to monitor and control when children are younger in order to create age appropriate habits and routines. Please think wisely before allowing children to access this.

Sports Event Indoor Agility Event– Thursday 23rd January

Please note that this event open to Year 2 has changed venue and times. It is now to be held at Testwood School sports hall from 1:30pm-3:30pm. There are still spaces left open to Year 2 before we open it to Year 1 next week. Please visit Arbor for mre details.

Well Done Certificates and Thank you Stars:



Ducklings: Logan, Isla & Charlotte

Penguins: Harry B, Lillie & Ivy

Owls: Hettie, Ruby & Lucas S

Goldfinches: Archie, Lara-May & Tallulah

Robins: Theodore & Elizabeth

Swallows: Sophie, George & Amelia



Biscuit Break Winners: The class with the best attendance this week was Owls again with 98.4%.

They really enjoyed their biscuits. Well done Owls class!

Thank you to those families that have been volunteering in school, with reading, gardening or other ways. We really appreciate your help. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver

Meanwhile at he Junior School:

Year 5 have continued their swimming lessons at Totton Recreation Centre. They are all making progress and enjoying the new challenges.

Year 3 have been learning about the skeleton and have drawn some life size images of all of the bones in the human body. They have been fascinated by the different animal skeletons brought in by Miss Ball too.

Year 6 have come back so enthused and have been really enjoying their new texts in English. Their new science unit 'electricity and light' has also begun. Their knowledge of light sources, today was incredible.

A group of children also took part in a gymnastics festival at Noadswood School in Hythe. They competed brilliantly and did the school proud. They were bowled over by the facilities at the school including a fully sprung floor.

Kind regards,

Cathy Ingram,

Headteacher

Calmore Junior School

