



Southway

Update

Spring Term

2021

'Keeping you informed'



Year 3

Dear Families

We were so pleased to welcome all the children back to school on the 8th March - it was lovely to see all of their smiling faces and see them interacting with their friends and teachers. Thank you for all your support during the online learning – rounded off superbly with our virtual trip to London and Longleat!

The children have all settled in really well to life back at Southway remembering all of our routines and being very sensible with the return to school. We have been keeping them very busy with lots of different activities such as:

- **Market Garden** – we have tidied up our garden area and planted some mint, spring onion, lettuce and carrot seeds – the children will now be tending to the garden before harvesting what they have grown next term.
- **Viking Day** – Today we have all dressed up as Vikings and completed activities such as jewellery making and weaving and in the afternoon we went to the woods and made shelters from natural resources like the Vikings used to.
- **Smoothie Making** – next week the children will be making their own smoothies from recipes that they have designed themselves – we look forward to the tasting afterwards to see what they think of their creations!

As well as all this we have visited the pond and done some pond dipping – the children were very excited to find 6 frogs living in our pond! We will also be spending time in the Bird Hide – looking at what birds we can see and identifying them.

In Science lessons we have been learning about our teeth and healthy eating. The children have conducted experiments looking at the effect of different liquids on egg shells – there were some very interesting results that you can ask your child about!

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a restful and safe Easter break.

Year 3 Team



Year 4

Dear Families

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for your support during our online lessons. We were blown away by how fantastic Year 4 were on Zoom and how enthusiastic and engaged they continued to be with their learning. With this being said, we are extremely pleased to have them back at Southway with us, where we have been very busy indeed...

During the last three weeks, the children have been writing and publishing their own non-fiction pages about the Mysterious Mayans and finding out lots of exciting (and unusual) facts – who knew they worshipped over 165 gods? To gain a further insight into the lives of the Mayans, Year 4 made their own chocolate using natural ingredients for flavouring (mint, orange, cinnamon, honey, chilli, raisins and ginger). They really enjoyed tasting the different flavours and voting for their favourites; surprisingly, chilli didn't go down too badly either!

In science, we have been investigating light and how we see, as well as how shadows change over time. Year 4 have also been exploring their creative sides and have constructed their own vibrant totem pole entrances to the classrooms, which look fantastic! We are also undergoing an artist study on Henri Rousseau and recreating one of his famous paintings, 'Surprised!', using mixed media. In addition, the children have also explored using different photography techniques to capture the changing seasons.

Since returning to school, the children have spent lots of time immersed in outdoor learning. We have just started growing our spring vegetables (let's hope they have a better chance of survival than the pak choi did last term!). This week, we have also taken a trip to our local woods to identify different minibeasts and to create minibeast habitats from natural resources.

To finish off our Mayan topic, Year 4 will be taking part in a 'Mayan Feast' on Wednesday 31st March.

We very much look forward to our return after the Easter holidays, where we will be blasting off into our new topic 'To Infinity and Beyond'.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break,
Year 4 Team



Year 5

Dear Families

We have had a wonderful few weeks back at school and it has been fantastic to have our classrooms buzzing with enthusiastic children once again, which is certainly a welcome change from on-line learning. The children have been so resilient and have settled back into the school routines well.

Over the last few weeks, we have been using our outdoor facilities to enhance the children's learning. During maths we have been working on units of measure and the children all enjoyed a fun filled water lesson outside when working on capacity.



We have also visited the pond to see what new wildlife has appeared since we have been away.

There were many reports of frog spawn, newts and one class even had a visit from some ducks!



Children have also had the opportunity to visit the Market Garden where they are responsible for the maintenance of the year 5 area and have planted new vegetable seeds, which we hope will grow nicely, so we can use them during our lessons in the summer term.



Thank you so much to all those parents/carers that baked or brought cakes for Red Nose day, the children had a great day and certainly enjoyed eating all the cakes!! We even had a child who was lucky enough to get a golden nose in year 5!



This week the children have been cooking some traditional recipes from WWII, which they then demolished in the afternoon. Next week, to finish the term, all classes will be going to the local woods to explore and complete some fun activities.



Year 6

Dear Families



The year 6 team were thrilled to welcome back the children to their classrooms and resume learning in school. As always, the pupils have been brilliant at adapting, and it has been lovely to watch them chatting to friends, socialising and being part of a team.



Over the past three weeks, they have planted seeds in the market garden, spotted wildlife in the pond, enjoyed a visit to the woods and drafted their own chapters of the Nowhere Emporium. In maths they have enjoyed the challenge of algebra and the practical application of measures, while healthy lifestyles has been our focus in science.



We are very proud of all the year 6 children and are now looking forward to an exciting Summer Term.



We wish you a restful Easter, stay safe

The Year 6 team

