

Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been an exciting one with the celebration of World Book Day yesterday. The school was buzzing with excitement and all things reading. It was wonderful to see so many children and staff in costume (thank you to parents for supporting with these), and most importantly, to see all children enjoying a wide range of book-related activities throughout the day. More information and photographs will be included in the newsletter next week.



Parents' evening is fast approaching on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March - information will follow next week about booking an appointment. This is an opportunity for you to chat to your child's class teacher about your child's progress and to find out what they have been focusing on in class.

We have an upcoming parents' session designed to help support parents whose child may be suffering from anxiety. Please read on to find out more information.

For the safety of all pupils and the local community, we would like to politely ask again that parents show consideration when parking around the local roads at school drop off and collection times; particularly avoiding parking on the road outside the Churchill residences and the ambulance station, which are marked with double yellow lines. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using admin@placefarm.org.uk.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming dates:

March

- 13th March: EYFS share session for parents 9:00-10:00 (further information to follow)
- 14th March: 1ES visit to Haverhill library
Reading Café for 1ED - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
Spring disco (further information below)
- 15th March: Easter egg competition (further information below)
Red Nose Day (See further information below)
- 19th March: No school crossing patrol all day
- 20th March: Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo
Coffee Morning – Mental Health Team (see further information below)
- 21st March: Rainbow visit to Haverhill library
Reading Café for 1ES - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 25th March: Parents' Evening (further information to follow)
- 26th March: Parents' Evening (further information to follow)
- 27th March: Year 5 trip to Museum of Zoology
Easter Bonnet competition (see further information below)
- 28th March: 1ED visit to Haverhill library
Reading Café for 2LA - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 29th March: Start of Easter Holidays**

April

- 15th April: Start of the summer term**
- 18th April: 2SA Reading Café
- 25th April: 3SJ Reading Café
4RG visit to Haverhill library

May

- 2nd May: 3KM Reading Café
- 3rd May: Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
- 8th May: EYFS trip to Boydells Farm
- 9th May: 4RG Reading Café
- 13th May: Start of Y6 SATs (Monday to Thursday)
- 23rd May: Class photos
- 27th May – 31st May – Half term break**

Events and Trips this week

Rainbow Reading Café

On Thursday, we held a very special Reading Café on World Book Day for our Rainbow Class. It was great seeing everyone dressed as their favourite book character. The children loved sharing books with their families, we even had some younger siblings joining us! We are trying something new this year, and giving the children a question or statement to think about when they are sharing stories. We had some lovely responses to "Tell me about your favourite book". I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts.

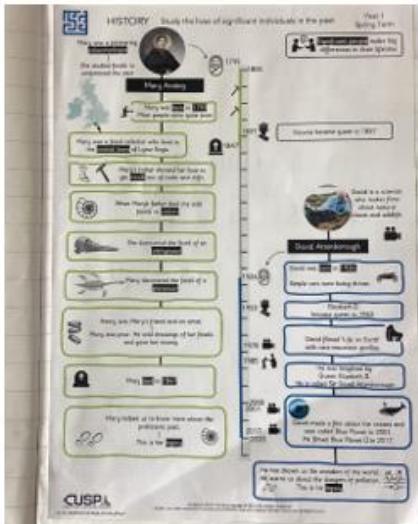
Thank you to everyone who has supported our Reading Cafes, and we look forward to seeing more of you very soon 😊



History at Place Farm

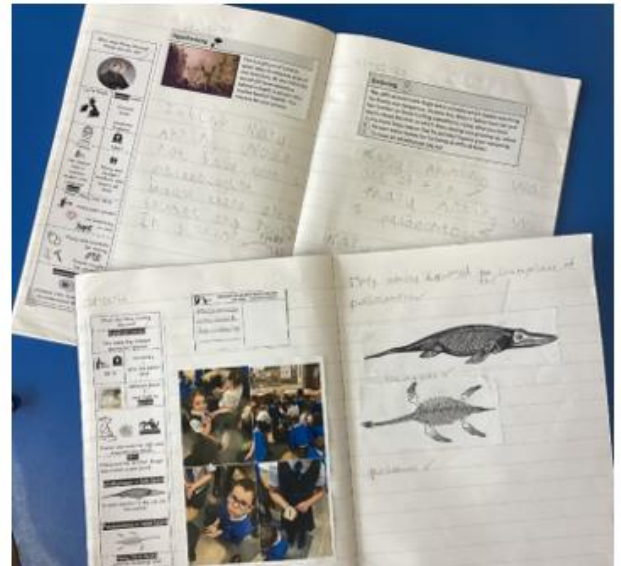
Please see a little snapshot into the History learning that has been taking place in Years 1 – 6 over the spring term. There are some images of work as well as some quotes from the children about their history learning.

Year 1

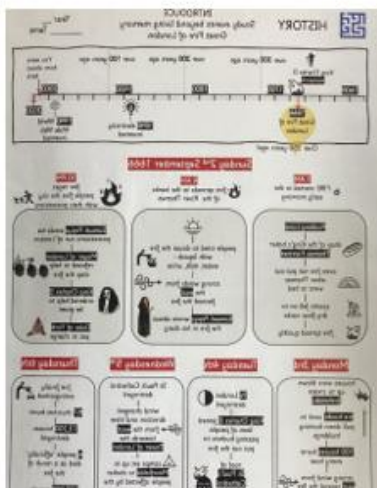


"I enjoy learning about Mary Anning. She found lots of fossils. We had fossils in our class which helped us to understand it more."

"History is one of my favourite subjects as it's so interesting."



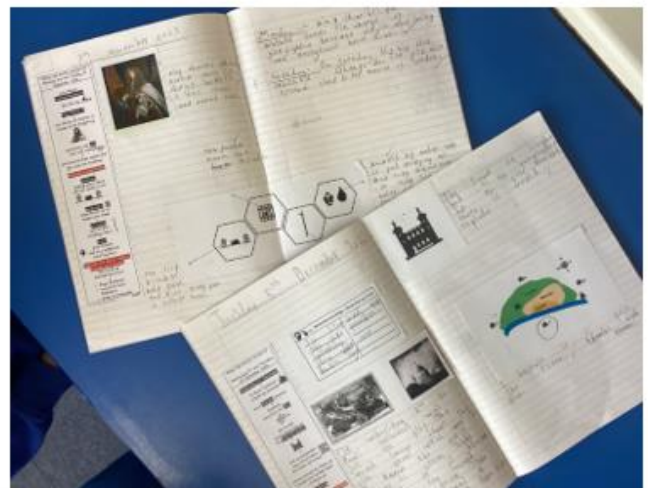
Year 2



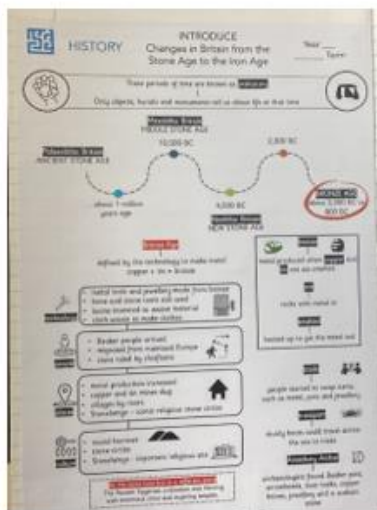
"I liked learning about the Great Fire of London and how it started."

"I like history because I really like learning about a long long time ago."

"We got to dress up and had a Great Fire of London Day."



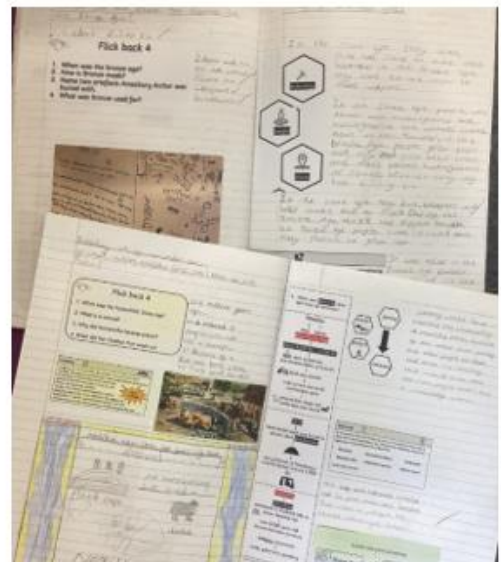
Year 3



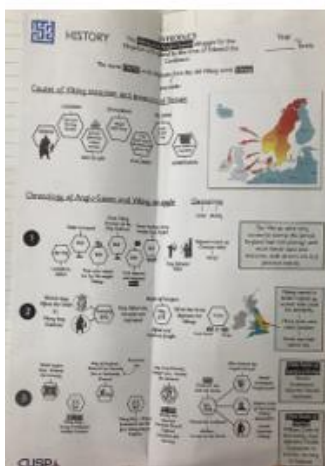
"We learnt about the different stages within the Stone Age."

"I look forward to my history lessons."

"I like how we get to do a variety of different activity types within a lesson."



Year 4



"I loved learning about King Alfred."

"This has been my favourite history topic."

"I like learning about things from the past."

"I enjoy how we get to present our work in different ways."



Year 5



"I enjoy history as we get to learn about new things and things from the past."

"The Mayan's has been my favourite history topic this year because it is very interesting how they used symbols and pictures to communicate."

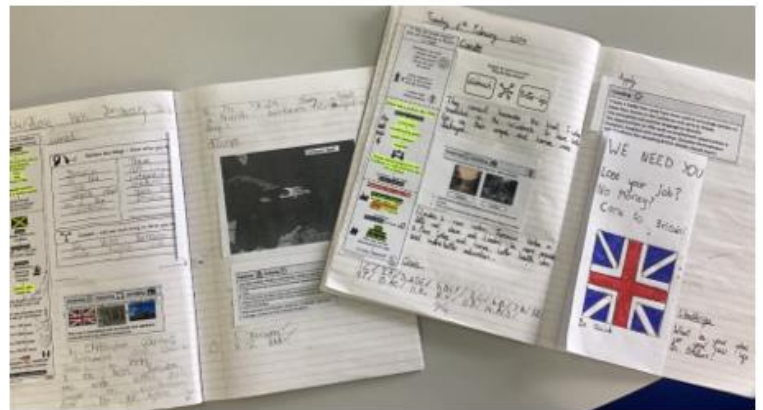


Year 6



"I enjoy history, as we get to learn new things and understand more how this has shaped society and our country."

"History is my favourite subject."



Geography at Place Farm



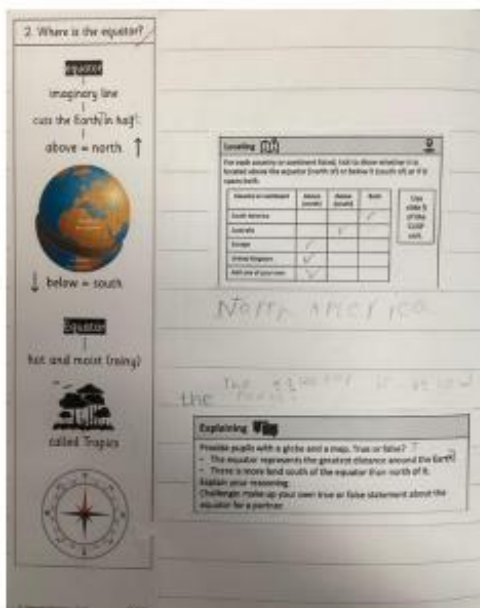
Geography



Geography continues to be an important part of the school's curriculum offer all the way from EYFS through to Year 6. Geography allows the children to not only explore their local area but the wider world and how our planet works. Here's what we have been up to so far this term...

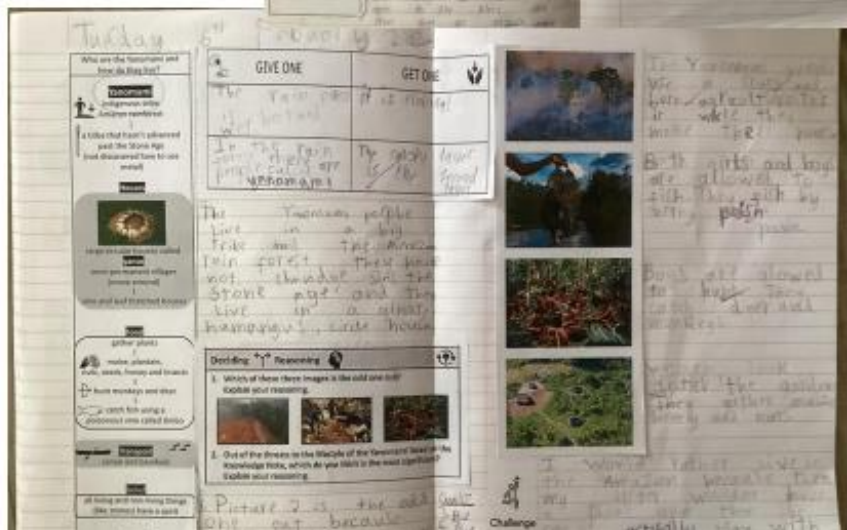
Year 1

In Year One the children have been exploring the equator and what the weather is like there.



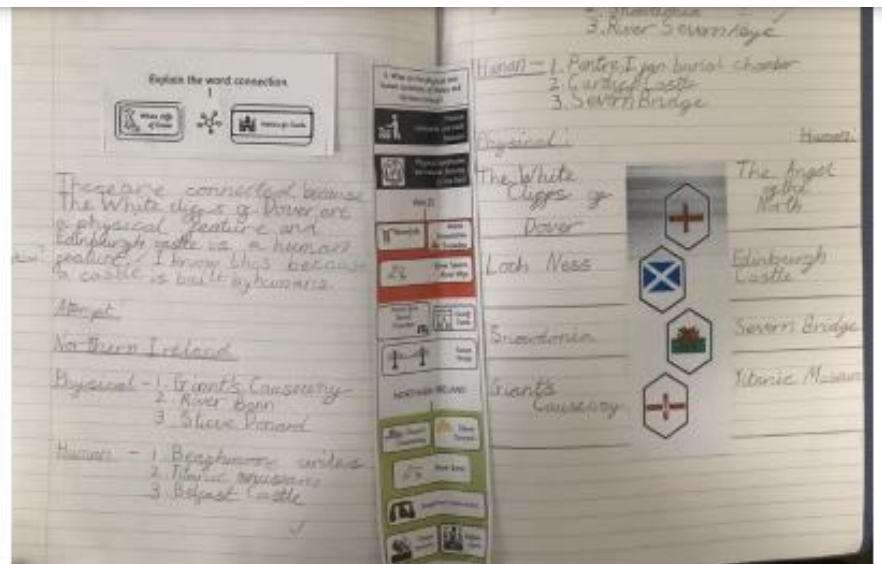
Year 2 & Rainbow

In Year Two, they have been the Yanomami people in the Amazon rainforest. Exploring what life is like for them and how they live.



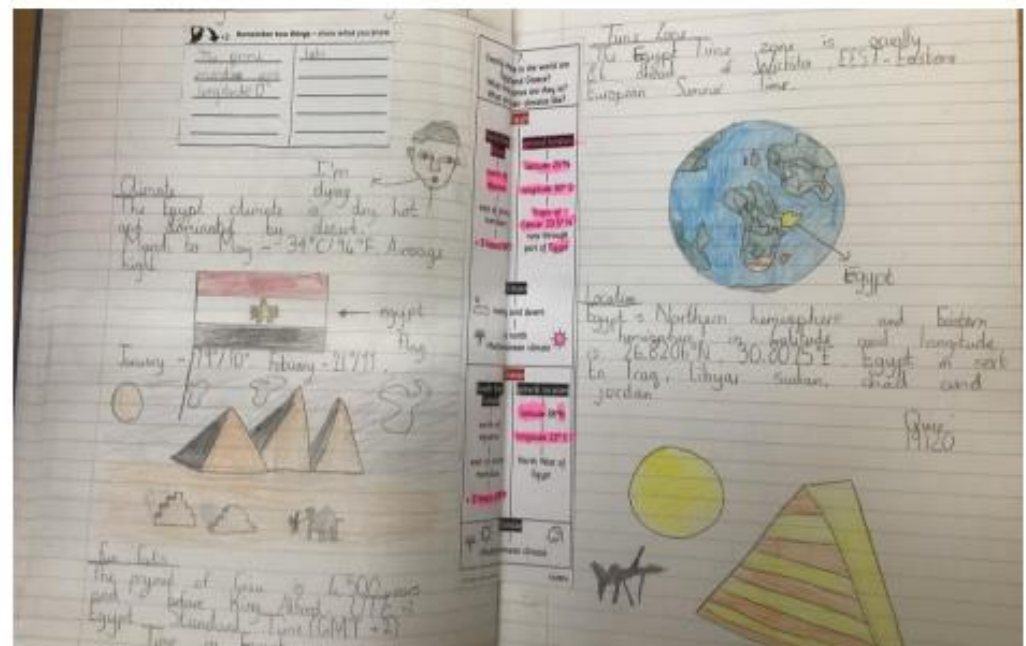
Year 3

In Year Three, the children have challenged themselves with their human and physical features and exploring different landmarks across the UK.



Year 4

In Year Four, they have dived deeper into the countries Egypt and Greece and where they are in the world.

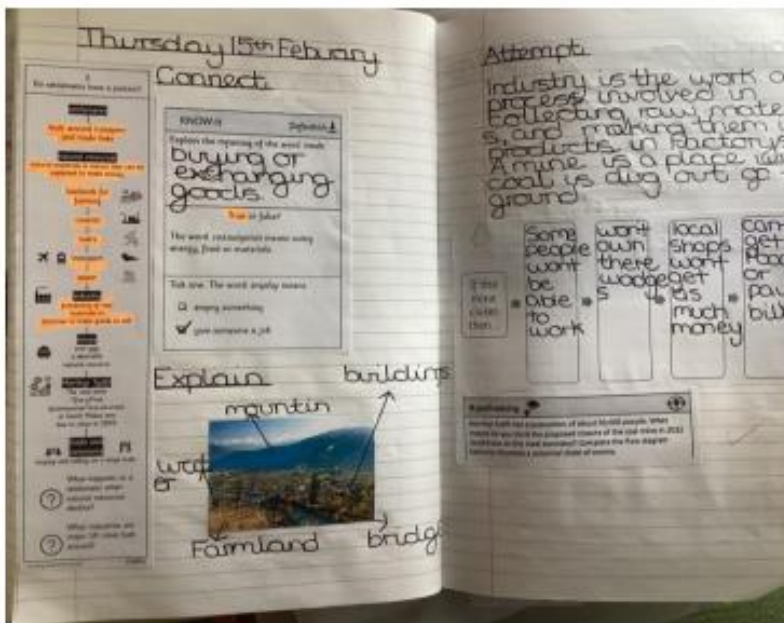
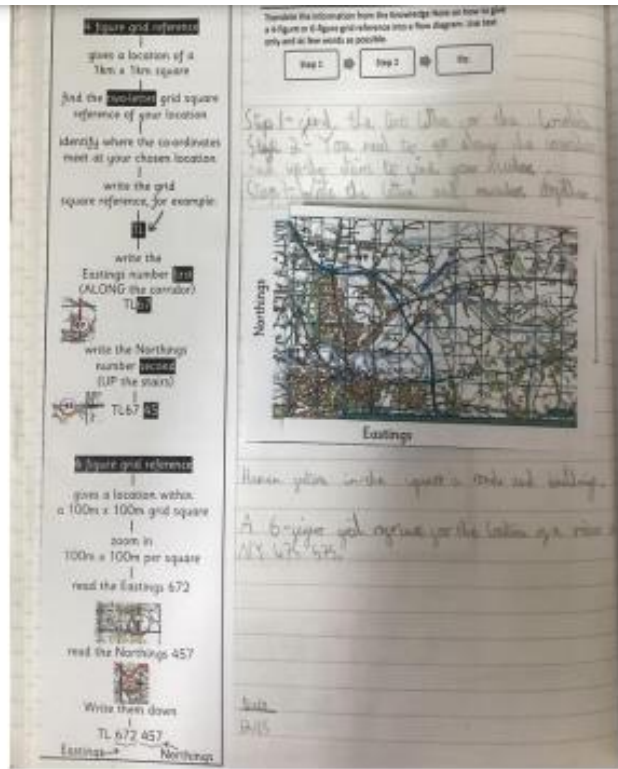


Year 5

In Year Five, the children were looking at grid references alongside maps.

Year 6

In Year Six, they have been exploring settlements and what works take place in them.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today. We also had children receiving their PROUD certificates as well as one child who received their pen license.



This week, we also celebrated the children who completed the February Reading Challenge



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. We have six tt rockstars certificates that are presented each week, this week two of the recipients were at swimming when the awards were given out.



Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Spring Disco



Spring Disco Thursday 14th March '24

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:40pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Children can also bring **up to £3** with them to purchase small items (detailed below). Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

Glow sticks= 50p each

Finger lights = £1 each

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay.

Coffee Morning

Do you or your child suffer with anxiety?

We will be holding a coffee morning with the Mental Health Support Team on:
20th March 9-10am.

Anxiety is part of life: it is something that we all experience – but sometimes it can become problematic and can negatively impact on home and school life. The Mental Health Support Team will be here to discuss anxiety in general – what keeps it going and how we can support children who struggle with anxiety and worry – but also to talk through specific examples of difficulties that you and your family may be experiencing.

West Suffolk Mental Health Support Team

We look forward to seeing you, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bavester.

Bloom Festival 2024 – Free Workshops and Youth Theatre Performances

Please see the message below with links to the free workshops:

This Easter holidays we are really excited to be launching our BRAND NEW community festival 'Bloom'. The festival will feature 16 workshops focused on a range of different art forms from Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, Dance, Choir, Directing, Playwriting and SENSory play. We have a fantastic mix of local artists from our Artistic Director Owen Calvert-Lyons to Tom Appleton and Rosy May. The festival will take place between the 25th March and the 6th April.

These workshops are all available as pay what you can and are available for all ages of our community.

For the whole list of workshops, please see below:

THE LINE-UP:

- Arts and Crafts (3+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3wEiE9R>
- An Introduction To Directing with Owen Calvert-Lyons (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3TnfRun>
- An Introduction to Playwriting (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3T5tM6T>
- Story Time With Hatty Ashton (ages 2-6), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/49TtczW>
- Act Your Age: Open Session (55+), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/48AOQYZ>
- How To Develop A Character (18+), 28 March: <https://bit.ly/43k9Pyh>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 6-12), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3P3VwI7>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 13-18), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3v4mBUz>
- Spoken Word Masterclass (18+), 2 April: <https://theatreroyal.org/shows/spoken-word-masterclass-with-alice-dlumiere/>
- Children's Theatre Tour, 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3V3Lmer>
- An Introduction to Playwriting For Young People (12+), 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3TnK2ll>
- Choir Masterclass with Tom Appleton (8+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3T2iHUq>
- Improvisation Masterclass with Michael Lambourne (12+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3lka6aJ>
- An Introduction to Directing For Young People (12+), 5 April: <https://bit.ly/3P7ox5y>
- Youth Voice: Have Your Say (ages 10-18), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/3wNAIU9>
- Dance Masterclass With Rosy May (8+), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/49Z6Vkl>

Our Youth Theatre groups will also be performing two plays as part of the festival. These will take place in the second week of the festival. These performances will take place 'In the Round' as we magically transforming our auditorium to this staging format for the Spring In House production.

Our Youth Theatre's will be performing:

8-11: Kaspar the Wild by Tim Crouch

12-16: Second Person Narrative by Jemma Kennedy

For tickets to the shows, please visit this link: <https://theatreroyal.org/shows/kaspar-the-wild-second-person-narrative/>

We are so excited to welcome our communities to the Bloom Festival! Please do come and join us!

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the theatre through engagement@theatreroyal.org

Fundraising Update



Thank you for all of your support towards fundraising.

Our clothing donation raised £55.55 towards our goal of £5,000.

We have now raised a total of £1,159.55



With some of the money we have raised so far, we are going to purchase new equipment for the cooking room.

We are going to buy frying pans, graters, peelers and child-friendly knives.

These new purchases will help the children to become even more immersed in the DT cooking lessons.

Easter Egg Competition

On **Friday 15th March 2024**, please can each child bring in an Easter Egg. These will be lined up on the playground in class lines. The class with the longest line will win a prize!



The eggs will then be turned into hampers that will be raffled off in the lead up to Easter.



Easter Bonnet Competition



We holding a Place Farm Easter Bonnet Competition. The children will need to make their bonnet at home and then come into school on

Wednesday 27th March wearing their bonnet.

Mrs Downes and Mrs Bavester will judge the competition and there will be one winner per class.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your lovely creations.



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Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day. This year, the children are welcome to come to school wearing a red accessory alongside their uniform. We are asking for a donation of £1 to this charity.

We will be holding a cake sale on the playground. We are asking for children to bring cakes in for us to sell. We would need these in from Wednesday onwards to be sold on Friday after school. Each cake will cost 50p.

The children will also be taking part in a Red Nose Day lesson to celebrate this charity.

We hope you will take part!