



Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 1 – Summer Term 1

08th September 2023

*We are all created unique and special.
He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Dear Parents/Carers, It has been so lovely welcoming you all back to school this week. The weather has been extremely hot but the children have got straight back in to their learning and are settling in to their new classes very well. There have been a few changes around the school over the summer holidays. We now have a beautiful mural in school based on the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz. It has really brightened up the school and also provides an important meaning to us all: "There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place."

We would also like to welcome our two new members of staff Miss Khinda and Miss Sayeda, the children have been fantastic at helping them settle in to our school. Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have had an excellent first week back! In Maths, the children have been grouping and counting objects both in the classroom and the garden, based on colour and type. The children have also started their History topic 'Childhood.' The children have enjoyed exploring items and toys from the past and comparing them to items from today. They have also been role-playing in our 1950s sweet shop.

Ask me: How were toys different in the past?

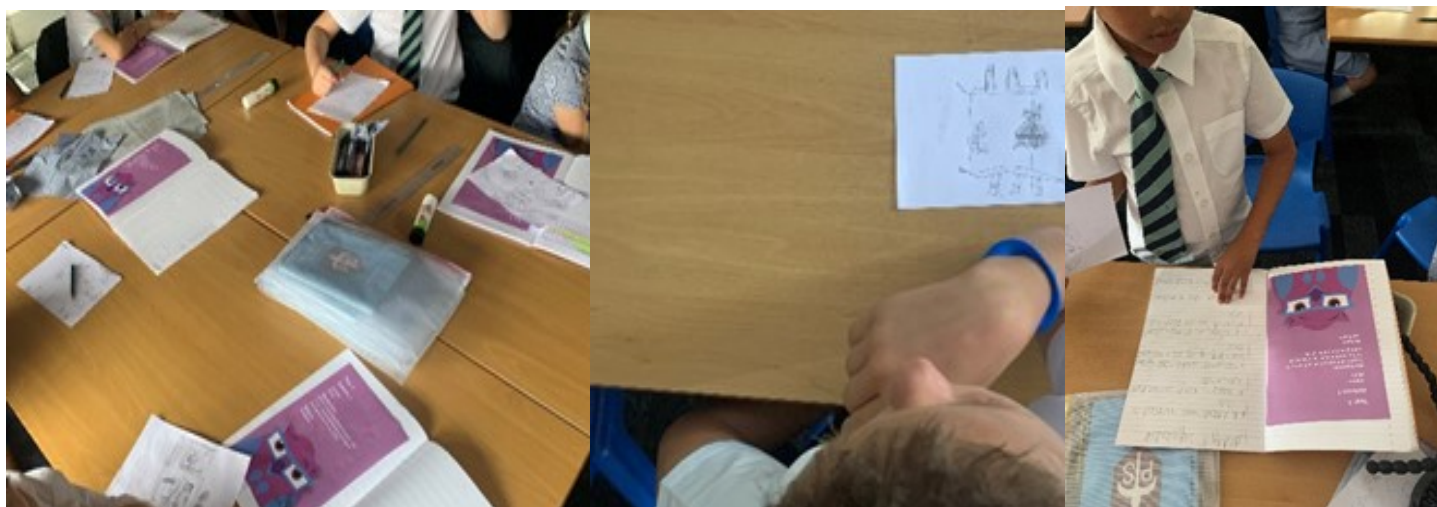


Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the academic year. In literacy we have been reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* and children have made some sensible predictions in addition to thinking of vocabulary to describe the main characters. In maths, we have been learning about Place Value and children are learning that numbers can be visually represented in a variety of ways. In Design and Technology we have been learning about tools that can be used for food preparation and also which foods come from animals and plants! **Ask me: what has happened so far in George's Marvellous Medicine?**



Year 3 have had an amazing first week back! As part of our 'Through the Ages' topic, year 3 have been learning about prehistoric events (from the Stone Age to Bronze Age and Iron Age). Travelling back 2.5 million years ago to 1,200 BC, we have enjoyed researching facts about the Stone Age (3 different periods of time) and how humans have evolved. On Friday, we began investigating and empathising with what Hindus feel at Diwali, and why the 'Festival of Lights' was important to Hindus. It was incredible exploring how these festivals bring people together!

Ask me: What equipment did the humans, during the Stone Age, use to survive during the different climates?



Year 4 enjoyed playing team games in PE as part of the gymnastics lesson. During the history lesson, the children re-enacted some of the invasions from the Romans to the Norman Conquest. The children chose who they wanted to represent, from the Celts to the Saxons, from Vikings to the Picts. Year 4 have settled into their new routines really well. A great start to the term in year 4!

Ask me: What was my favourite thing I learnt this week?

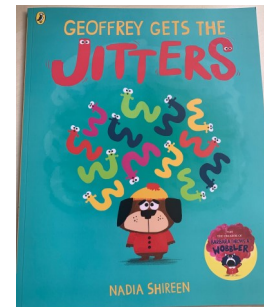


FORTHCOMING DATES

13th September	Year 3 and 4 parent information meeting 3.30-4.00 and 5.30-6.00
14th September	Year 1 and 2 parent information meeting 3.30-4.00 and 5.30-6.00
19th September	Year 1 and 2 coffee morning at drop off
20th September	Flu spray - all years (info to follow)
21st September	Year 3 and 4 coffee morning at drop off

Spiritual Spotlight

Mrs Stanford-Smith welcomed everyone back to school with the story 'Geoffrey gets the Jitters'. They discussed emotions that they might be feeling on the first day back and how to deal with any 'jitters' they were feeling.



Dear Lord

Open my eyes, to see my new friends
Open my ears, to hear my teacher
Open my mind, to learn new things
Open my heart, to love like you
I know that you are always with me when I'm at school
Amen

PE DAYS

Year 1 and 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday and Tuesday

Don't forget to book your lunches
in advance on
School Money.

Even if your child has **packed lunch**... this still needs to be selected on the School Money system so we know we don't have to ask your child in the morning.

CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Year 1: Martha and Fraser

Year 2: Sonia

Year 3: Caspian and Alice

Year 4: Gabriel and Nora

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Skyla

Year 2: Roisin

Year 3: Edward

Year 4: Bertie

A huge well done to all of these children.
We are really proud of you.