



# Eton Pory C of E First School

## Newsletter 21 – Spring Term 1

23rd February 2024

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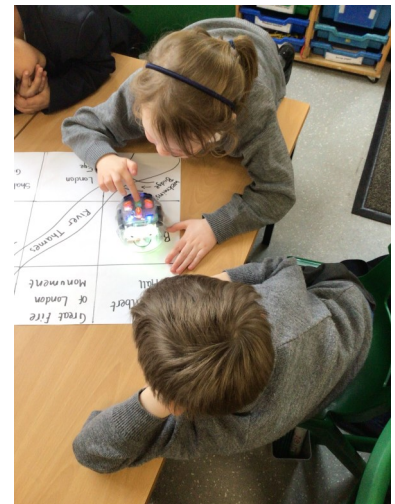
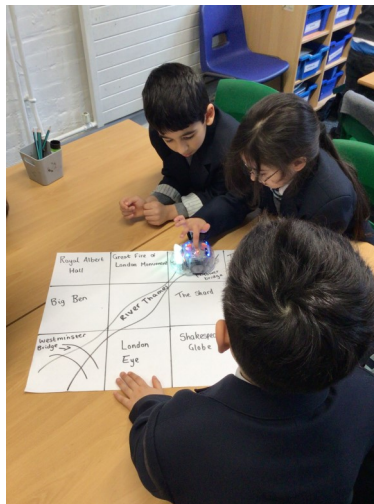
Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcomed the children back this week to another exciting half term with many classes attending trips and visits - don't worry there are more to come if your class hasn't been out this week! Keep an eye out for key dates for this half term. I was delighted to attend an event at Eton College this afternoon to watch two of our children play in a brass musical event.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

### LEARNING SNAPSHOT

**Year 1** have enjoyed finishing up their 'Bright Lights Big City' Topic. The children had a great time giving instructions to BeeBots to get to different places on a map of London. They did a great job working as a team and identifying and fixing any problems with their directions. In English, the children have been reading 'Topsy and Tim visit London' and have been writing their own stories following the narrative structure of the story. In Maths, the children have started learning about numbers up to 50. **Ask me: how many tens and ones are in numbers up to 50?**



**Year 2** have had a wonderful week this week. We had the opportunity to visit Eton's Natural History Museum where we took part in various fun activities. This included a coordinates activity and a group game where we had to draw the 'mystery' animal that our group member was describing. In science we have started our new topic 'Plant Survival' alongside our corresponding art topic 'Flower Head'. During these topics we will be learning about what plants need to grow and we will be drawing and creating flowers in art using a range of techniques and textures.

**Ask me: what was your favourite part of your museum trip?**





**Year 3** were thrilled to commence our Science topic 'Forces and Magnets' this half-term. Investigating the different forces in play in our everyday lives (push and pull forces, contact and frictional forces). In Computing, we broke down our set of instructions into different parts and presented these in pairs. We have also introduced our class novel 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Intrigued by the choice of language used by the author when describing the main character, we used these to create our own similes to describe the frighteningly enormous Iron Man.

**Ask me: What does friction mean? Where do we see the different forces in our everyday lives?**



**Year 4** This week the children have enjoyed several practical activities. In Science they measured temperature throughout out day, as ice melted. They plotted this information on a line graph. In Geography the children created mini watercycles. They have been monitoring their water cycles daily to see if any of the water evaporates and condenses. In Maths, Year 4 have continued their fractions work. They used small packets of sweets, when learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions. On Friday the children will visit Eton College Natural History museum as part of their living things science topic.

**Ask me: What is precipitation?**



**Reception** have started their new project Ready, Steady, Grow. We started the week by taking a trip across the road to Budgens where we had to find different items. Some of us were brave and asked a member of staff where we could find things. We enjoyed looking at the fruits and vegetables and all of the different colours. We have been reading the story Handa's Surprise. In the story Handa collects different fruits for her friend and carries them to her, but something happens to Handa's fruit on her journey! We have been writing some lovely sentences describing some of the fruits Handa packed! We have also used paints and pastels to create artwork of the different fruits and vegetables we like to eat.

**Ask me: What happened to Handa's fruit basket on her journey?**





## FORTHCOMING DATES

7th March	World Book Day (Optional dressing up)
12th and 14th March	Parents Evening -All Years
28th March	Last Day Of Term 1.15pm Finish
15th April	Children Return To School

## PE Days

Reception— Friday

Year 1 and 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3— Monday and Tuesday

Year 4—Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday

## DON'T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of uniform are named, including socks and shoes. Stikins are non-iron name labels that can be used on all items of uniform and equipment, they can be purchased via this link <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

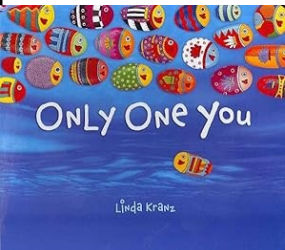
please use our school code 6946 to earn the school commission on these purchases.

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*It was lovely to celebrate out of school achievements today which really highlights our school vision of everyone being unique and special (and what a talented bunch of children we have at Eton Porny!). There were too many to mention individually but such an impressive range from skiing to fishing to drama.*



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



## Key Dates 2023-24

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm) 28 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair at school 1 <sup>st</sup> All book fair competition entries in	<b>March</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> World Book Day – Optional Dressing up 12 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> Parent consultations 26 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Dance festival Easter Service TBC 28 <sup>th</sup> Last day of term 1:15pm Finish	<b>April</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> April return to school
<b>May</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Express Event: all year groups (2:50pm) 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> residential Y3 and Y4	<b>June</b> Wk beg 10 <sup>th</sup> :Yr1 Phonics Screening TBC Sports day and PTA Summer Fair	<b>July</b> Wk beg 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meet the teacher/ transition day(for children – date TBC) 12 <sup>th</sup> July 8.50am Express Event: 15 <sup>th</sup> Reports to Parents 17 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 fair (for children) 17 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 leavers dinner (for children) 19 <sup>th</sup> Yr4 leavers assembly and picnic	<p><b>Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. It may be added to as the year goes on.</b></p> <p><b>Dates and times could change and we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.</b></p>



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Help the school to raise funds  
by bringing all your unwanted  
yet reusable **clothing, paired shoes,  
handbags & accessories.**  
Happy Fundraising!

Bring all clothing on:  
**22nd Of March**

*Please bring your clothing in the bags*



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WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

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# WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP

Donate clean, gently used  
children's costumes to participating  
libraries.

## DON'T NEED A COSTUME?

You're welcome to donate with no  
obligation to exchange.

## DON'T HAVE A COSTUME TO SWAP?

No problem!

Everyone is welcome to find their  
new to you' costume.

### COOKHAM, DEDWORTH AND MAIDENHEAD LIBRARIES

Donations from: Monday 12 February  
Costume swap shop from: 4pm  
Thursday 29 February – Wednesday

### WINDSOR LIBRARY

Donations from: Monday 12 February  
Costume swap shop from: 2pm  
Tuesday 27 February – Wednesday 6