



Issue 8



St. Benedict's Newsletter 30th April 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL

St. Benedict's have been shortlisted for a TES Sustainable Schools Award. This award is for schools who have shown a commitment to teaching their children about looking after the environment. We have done extremely well to have been shortlisted for this award and will be attending a meeting at the House of Commons and an awards ceremony in London where we will find out if we have been chosen as the winner of this wonderful award.

As well as this, we have had another really successful visit from the chicks again, this year helping six girls and two boys to grow and thrive in care. All of the children have been learning lots about them and have been fantastic in looking after them.

Now that spring is finally here, it is a fantastic opportunity to get outside with your children. We have begun to sow peas, coriander, onions, tomatoes and much more which will be available to buy from the school office once ready for harvest. If you are unsure what to do with them in the great outdoors, there is a brilliant app called 'Outdoor Family Fun' which gives you challenges to carry out outside. It's great fun for all the family!

GOVERNOR SPOT

April is always a busy month for Governors as the new financial year means new actions and decisions to make. Governors are thrilled that St. Benedict's is to become a Primary School and will be supporting the Senior Leadership team, with the process over the next few months. The Governing Board would like to thank all parents for their support in the months leading up to this decision.

We still have vacancies and would welcome any questions you may have. Please come to the school office for further information.

NURSERY

Our topic for this half term is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' Please help your child to learn the names of different minibeasts around your garden. Encourage your child to talk about the minibeasts they find e.g. how many legs they have? Do they have wings? Where do they live? We will be running a pond dipping workshop for parents and children at the end of this half term. We will be sending letters about this soon.

The children will start to learn the names and sounds of the letters. They will be learning 's', 'a' and 't'. Please help your child to practise these letters at home. Ask your child to think of words that start with these letters by playing games like 'eye spy'.

Going home books are changed every Friday, please remember to bring your child's book in on this day to be changed.

RECEPTION

The children have been working hard continuing to find out about traditional tales. They have talked about good and bad characters in stories and written their own 'Little Red Riding Hood' story.

We have been practising our counting to 20. Ask your child to count forwards and backwards to practise from different numbers.

Next half term our topic will be journeys. Please look out for a letter about our trip to Ashend Farm.

YEAR ONE

A big welcome back this term Year One. The children will be writing stories all about defeating the monster. They have been learning 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and how Jack defeated the giant. Now the children are going to invent their own story about defeating a monster. Share ideas with your child - where will their story take place? What will their monster be? How will they defeat them?

In Maths, the children are learning to divide by grouping as well as number facts to 20 - keep practising these at home. Can your child tell you five different ways to make 10 and 20?

We are learning lots about animals, what they eat, if they are mammals and fish. Share books with your child and see if they can tell you some information about what they have learnt.

Please remember children must bring their book bags into school every week to allow them to change their books regularly. Can you also send in PE kits with your child as soon as possible please if you have not already done so? Thank you for your support.

YEAR TWO

Our topic this half term is 'Fire and Ice', the children enjoyed experimenting which materials would help melt ice the quickest.

In English, we have begun to learn the story 'George and the Dragon'. The children have been concentrating on settings and using interesting adjectives to describe them. Year Two will be adapting 'George and the Dragon' so they can create their own fantasy story.

In Maths, we have been revising different calculations in preparation for the SATs tests, please continue supporting your child with a range of different arithmetic and problem solving activities.

We have also been busy practising different reading tests, please continue supporting your child to read different texts as well as asking questions about what has been read.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please bring them to the school either before or after their appointment. There is no need for your child to miss a whole day of learning. Also, please provide office staff with medical evidence.