



Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy

Striving for Excellence, Caring for All

Within a loving and caring Christian environment

Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What an exceptionally busy and successful two terms jam-packed with exciting learning it has been! Our Christian Values have been Courage and Compassion and the children have been living these out in school, making them part of their everyday lives. We are now in the season of Lent and we have been thinking about how Christians prepare for Easter. It has been truly wonderful to celebrate Easter in school again with the children after two years of disruption at this special time. We had a few last minute changes, which meant we delivered our Easter service for our Year Fives and Sixes in school instead of church but the children adapted wonderfully and it was a lovely service. We all had an incredibly



'Eggciting' time in school with the Easter Extravaganza, including Easter bonnet parades, decorated egg competition and egg rolling—it was just wonderful! Thank you for your time in supporting the children to make these at home. 'Eggcellent' work!

It is really important that we recognise we are SMART in so many different ways and at Bourne Abbey we celebrate our God-given talents. Wonderfully, some of our sports teams have been able to begin participation in tournaments again. The hockey teams had a really successful time with the A Team taking second place in their competition—huge congratulations to all the children who have taken part! It has also been wonderful to be able to participate once again in events within the community. If the children were very eagle-eyed they may have spotted some of their butterflies illuminating the buildings of our town at the 'Bourne in Light' event—a truly beautiful display. The Green Team are also go, go, go encouraging us all to stay active and healthy with the Big Wheel and Walk event, motivating the children



to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible over the 10 day event—well done to everyone who was able to take part. Once again we have had two terms filled with the Bourne Abbey 'Wow Factor'!! It was wonderful to see the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 shine during their wonderful class assemblies. Using their fantastic acting, singing, costumes and 'take care' homework, the children were able to share all their exciting, cross-curricular learning.

The Student Council have been as busy as ever, organising events and making suggestions to help make our school the special place that it is! A real highlight was Comic Relief where, following the theme 'Funny is Power', children from across school came dressed as their favourite super heroes both real and imaginary. Each class also carried out their own special event to raise sponsorship money. One Year 6 class managed a whole hour of total silence—a real achievement!

There is no doubt that our whole school family continues to fly high like the geese, supporting each other through challenging times. We are so very proud of 'ALL' in our school family. But, most importantly, we are exceptionally proud and in awe of the simply stunning Bourne Abbey children. They truly are amazing! Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to a Summer Term packed with creative and inspiring learning.

The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.' Psalm 145:8

Rachael Skidmore and Megan Shears—Deputy Headteacher



Since Christmas, our E-safety champions have been working hard to promote the importance of E-Safety and how to stay safe online! During this term, our focus across school has been 'Online Relationships' and 'Online Reputation'. We also participated in Safer Internet Day in February. The theme this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. We took part in a number of activities, which included looking at people who can help us if we encounter a problem whilst playing games online. Additionally, we were lucky enough to have 'One Day Creative' come into school to run workshops. Children in Year 1 and 2 took part in the 'Cyber Heroes' workshop. The children created their very own 'cyber-hero' identities and became online safety champions. In KS2, the workshop focussed on talking to strangers online. The children discussed the importance of keeping their private information private but also what to do if a stranger contacts them online. We look forward to continuing our work and being 'E-Safety Champions' during the summer term!



A Lent and Easter Prayer from Father Chris
Merciful Lord Jesus,
Our journey through Lent is a time to renew our friendship with you.
You love us and lead us by the light that you shine around us.
Help us to see in your life and teaching all those good things that brighten our lives and all those who share the light of your love.
We pray for your constant encouragement, your forgiveness when we make mistakes, and for the promise of hope and joy that life in you brings us at Easter.
Amen.

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We are all special because we are God's children.



Year 4

Wow, Year 4! What an amazing term of fantastic learning this has been. Much of our curriculum has focused on the bleakest, coldest but most beautiful areas of our world: the polar regions. In English, we began by journeying back to 1914, to Antarctica, where we learnt about the treacherous expedition Ernest Shackleton and his crew took and the marvels this continent had to offer. Taking on the role of Shackleton, the children were able to show their amazing powers of persuasion by firstly writing an enticing job advert to recruit suitable crew members and then writing and performing a motivational speech, persuading the crew to continue the expedition. The children



certainly were encouraging and inspirational in their work. Immersing ourselves further into the wonders of the North and South Pole, and combining geography, science and English, we discovered the type of animals that have adapted to living in such extreme conditions and we shared our learning by writing some fascinating non-chronological reports. To really capture the atmosphere of Antarctica further, the children developed their water colour techniques in art, by gathering inspiration from Nerys Levy, famous for her striking snow scenes, and George Marston, who was actually one of Shackleton's crew members. Alongside all this exciting English, topic and science work, Year 4 have had great fun with rhythms and beats in music; tried a whole range of PE skills and found some interesting ways to learn about fractions, in maths. Most recently of all they revealed what a courageous and resilient bunch of children they really are, as they challenged themselves with problem solving, climbing and exhilarating activities at Caythorpe. We really couldn't have asked for a more polite, caring and positive group of children to take away on their first residential. Of course, the children who stayed at school were equally as brilliant: working cooperatively, creatively and with such enthusiasm. Have a fabulous Easter break—we can't wait to see you next term!



Year 5

What a fun and interesting term we've had! We dived into our exciting 'Who Let the Gods Out?' topic, where the children have been learning about a range of myths and legends, in particular Theseus and the Minotaur, which has led to some fantastic setting descriptions! Our study of the Ancient Greeks led us to learn all about architecture, city states, human and physical geography related to Greece and Greek pottery. We also baked tasty Greek flatbread—yum! The children produced a fantastic virtual Year 5 performance of Troy Story—we thought they were all amazing and we hope you enjoyed it! Fairtrade Fortnight brought us the opportunity to study what Fairtrade is, why it's important and the goods we can purchase to better support communities around the world and how this small act can help make us Agents of Change! We have been channelling our inner Professor Abbey this term, in our very hands on science topic. We have carried out variety of practical experiments linked to materials and their



properties. The children loved this element of science. The children have worked very hard this term and shown resilience and maintained their positive attitude throughout, achieving much to be proud of. We're looking forward to an exciting Summer Term, where the children continue their love of learning. Have a wonderful break and Happy Easter!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a thrilling, exotic and adventurous Spring term! We took a trip across the Atlantic in our 'Amazon Adventure' topic, where we have discovered all the wonders that the Amazon Rainforest has to offer. We kicked off our topic by taking part in a fantastic workshop, run by Simon, an explorer who taught us so much about the Amazon! We were so enthusiastic towards our geography topic and enjoyed linking this with our English work. We found out about the consequences palm oil plantations are having on orangutans and wrote a persuasive, formal letter to Boris Johnson, trying to persuade him to stop the use of palm oil in products. We loved reading the story of 'The Explorer', which told the story of 4 children, who were stuck in the Amazon Rainforest and found an ancient city hidden away underneath the canopy! In science, we have studied evolution and inheritance, where we have learnt about why we have similar characteristics to our parents, how living things evolve over time; how they adapt to their environment and we have found out about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. During our RE lessons, Year 6 have been thinking deeply about whether the Creation story and Science are conflicting or complementary and why people may have differing views. Additionally, we have all been working hard practising for our upcoming SATS. Thank you so much to parents and carers for all your support at home! We are all looking forward to diving into our last term — we have so many exciting events planned! Happy Easter to everyone!



"A good friend is a blessing from God." 1 Samuel 18:3



Abbey Ark

What a fantastic term we have had here at Abbey Ark! We began the year learning all about Wonderful Winter, where we explored the change in weather, investigated snow and ice and engaged in lots of winter themed learning and activities.

The Happy Hippos have been learning all about how to take care of their teeth and have enjoyed some of their favourite stories: The Gingerbread Man and The Tiger Who Came to Tea have been extremely popular! The Jolly Giraffes have been practising their fine and gross motor skills with lots of threading, painting and mark making, and they have been enhancing and developing their scissor skills.

We have enjoyed celebrating various events, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and Pancake Day, where the children really enjoyed some yummy pancake tasting and taking part in pancake races- it was flipping fantastic! A popular day for us is always World Book Day, we were thrilled to see all the amazing costumes and we had a fabulous day listening to and retelling some of our favourite stories. We have had a lovely term and would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful Easter!

Reception

Through the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, it has been very challenging for children to maintain 100% attendance due to public safety restrictions and advice in place. As a result, there have been no attendance assemblies or prize draws this term but we offer a huge congratulations to all the children who have achieved their silver certificate and those who have now achieved their bronze- these were celebrated in the children's classes. Our class attendance awards this term go to **2S, 4A and 5J**. Classes will receive a £25 Amazon voucher to spend on classroom resources. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their support in ensuring

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of Term 4- 1st April

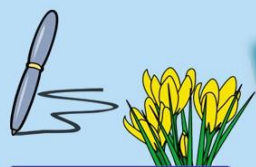
First day of Term 5-19th April

Last day of Term 5-26th May

First day of Term 6-6th June

Training Day-24th June

End of the year- 22nd July



Article 31:
Every child has the right to relax and play.



A magical highlight for the children was the cracking and hatching of the chicks, supplied by the 'The Happy Chick Company.' The children were full of awe and wonder from the moment the eggs arrived at school, waiting for the wobble and rocking of the eggs just before the main event.....the hatching! Once the chicks were all fluffed and dried the children handled the feathery chicks. The children produced some fantastic writing about how to handle and care for the chicks. We can't wait for all of our exciting learning next term! Happy Easter everyone, from the Reception Team.

Year 1

Wow, wow, wow! What amazing adventures Year One have been on to explore the unknown! We sailed into Term 3 by learning some fascinating facts about the explorer Christopher Columbus and nibbling on the infamous horrible hard tack. In DT, the children designed, created and evaluated their own ships that could float and hold a minimum of two crew members. After Christopher Columbus, we learnt about other famous explorers - Scott of the Antarctic and Amelia Earhart. We rocketed into Term 4 with an extraordinary expedition into the planetarium where the children were fascinated with new facts and spellbound by the stars sparkling above them. The term was then brought to a fabulous finale with the children's truly sensational production to showcase all of their learning about the four explorers. What incredibly brave, enthusiastic and talented children you have! Next term, we're looking forward to a long 'hard stare' into our Paddington topic, learning about the wonderful world we live in and visiting Skegness during Term 6. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a very Happy Easter!



Year 2

Term 3 had a blazing start with the introduction to our topic, 'London's Burning, Fetch the Engines!'. Firstly, we had a special visit from the Partake Theatre Company, where the children took part in an immersive experience. We experienced the sights and sounds of London burning by dressing up as Londoners in 1666, and retelling the story through narration, mime, chant, music and dance! We then read the tale of Sammy the Street Dog and this inspired our children to create exciting adventure stories describing The Great Fire from their chosen animal's perspective. We used a range of different resources to learn about the events that took place on that fateful night in 1666 and the children wrote impressively in role as Samuel Pepys or other Londoners, explaining their feelings accurately in impressive diary entries. The topic came to a smouldering end when we were lucky enough to have a visit from Bourne Fire Station. We created our own version of Puddling Lane by placing our Tudor houses close together and we watched one by one as they burnt quickly to the ground! We even got a tour around the fire engine. In Term 4, we launched our new topic 'What's for Lunch, Bert?' which is based around the brilliant story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children particularly enjoyed designing their own disgusting sandwiches to help Mr and Mrs Grinling to scare the scavenging seagulls from their food! We wrote a set of clear instructions for them to follow. We have also been learning more about the history and location of lighthouses during our topic work. The children were amazed as we zoomed from one country to the next, identifying the capital city in each. We also learnt about the amazing life of the heroic Grace Darling, who rescued survivors from a wrecked merchant ship, sailing out from her lighthouse with bravery. What a busy and exciting term we have had in Year 2! We are very excited to be starting our brand new topic 'Shall we go on a Safari?' in Terms 5 and 6.



Term 3's topic 'There's Two Sides to Every Story' was a hit with Year 3. They loved exploring alternative versions of traditional tales and wrote the most amazing sequel to Bethan Woolvin's story 'Rapunzel'. We were even lucky enough to meet author and illustrator Bethan Woolvin virtually, where she read us the story of 'Little Red' and she taught us how to draw some of the characters from the book. Our topic this term, 'Digging up the Past,' took us all by surprise. We rubbed our eyes in disbelief as we realised a settlement had been built in our environmental area. We had great fun exploring the Neanderthal's home. To immerse ourselves into History further and to help us to understand how they really lived, we have dug up the stories of 'Ug' and 'The Stone Age Boy'. Our science lessons have rocked this term; we have sorted a variety of rocks, tested permeability and explored the effects of weathering and erosion. Professor Abbey has been so impressed with our use of scientific vocabulary. We have loved PE learning this term getting stuck into tag rugby and fitness sessions as well as learning tricky yoga poses. On World Book Day, Year 3 loved being invited to a book tasting. We explored different genres such as biographies, non-fiction, newspaper articles, poetry and adventure stories. As a team, we would like to say a huge thank you to all children, parents and carers, siblings and many others who help our children to flourish in their learning with take-care homework, reading and times table practice. We hope you have a fantastic Easter break!

Year 3



Article 28:
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