



Heathcote Herald



Highlight from the Deputy Head Teacher's Desk

This week's highlight for me has been seeing how engaged the children have been with their learning all around school. I very much enjoy popping my head round the classroom doors and being greeted with children so excited to share what they are doing.. From the children this week they have taught me how to add fractions together, perform as Caliban and Prospero from The Tempest, use nature and tools to make a map of London in Forest school, identify the names of different dinosaurs ... From all this learning I'll definitely need a rest this weekend!

It has also been lovely to welcome two new children to our Heathcote family this week. On Monday, Layla-Rose joined Butterflies and Deveraj joined Cherries. I hope they and their families have both thoroughly enjoyed their first week with us.

Last Friday it was fantastic to see so many great Superheroes flying around school. Thank you for all of your donations as we were able to raise £212.50 for Comic Relief—well done!

Remember British Summer Time starts this weekend and clocks will go forward an hour on Sunday!

Best wishes, Mrs Abernethy

Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

Thursday 1st April—Crazy Hair Day

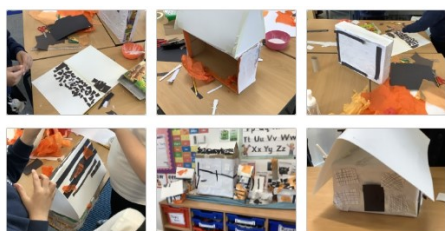
Thursday 1st April , 1:15pm—Easter assembly on Teams

Friday 2nd April—Bank Holiday

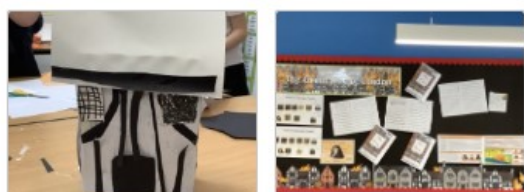
Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April—Easter Holiday

Spotlight on History

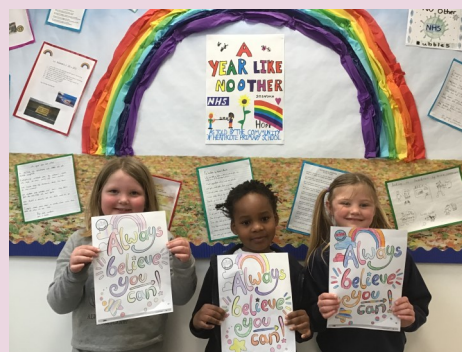
This half term Year 1 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London. We delved into the past using Samuel Pepy's diary to guide us along the journey of the fire. They sequenced events to form timeline of the fire, leading up to the children writing independent diaries.



To help the children, visualise London in 1666 they created their own houses to represent how London looked in this era. The children carefully planned their design thinking about key features of houses built at this time. They then selected suitable materials such as cardboard and tissue paper and worked as a team to create a house as close to their plans as possible.



Always believe you can!



Safeguarding corner

Keeping your children's teeth healthy

Research shows that a quarter of 5 year-olds already have tooth decay with an average of 3-4 teeth affected.

Keeping our Teeth Healthy—



<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/keeping-our-teeth-healthy-lesson-plans>

Has some lovely resources and science experiments you can do at home with your children to explore and encourage good dental hygiene.



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Questions
with...

Mrs
Everett



1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary

I am HLTA and Forest School Lead. I feel very privileged that I get to work across all the classes in the school.

2. What do you like about Heathcote?

I have been at the school since it opened its doors back in 2017 with just 47 pupils and a lot of empty rooms! It has been so lovely to watch the school and children grow. It definitely feels a lot busier now.

3. What job did you want as a child?

As a child I always wanted to work on a farm.

4. What do you love about forest school?

There are so many reasons...

I love the outdoors and outdoor learning. It's great to get out of the classroom into the fresh air. The freedom that the outdoors offers allows children to be noisy, messy and creative. I believe that forest school enriches children's lives, allowing them to learn new skills, grow in confidence and build resilience.

5. Name your top 3 favourite things:

Top of my list would have to be my family—I feel blessed to have such wonderful people in my life.

My dog Dexter makes sure that I get out for lots of lovely walks.

I also love spending time playing the piano.

6. What is your favourite book?

His Dark Materials: Northern Lights. I was lucky enough to go on tour with the author Philip Pullman when his book was launched.

7. If you could change one thing in the world what would it be?

Eliminate Covid 19 from the world and all the misery it has brought.

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

I would love to travel back to the 1940s to hear Glenn Miller and his band play live.

9. What are you most looking forward to at Heathcote Primary School?

I am very excited about developing the forest school provision within school and being able to offer the experience to more year groups.

10. Do you have some top tips for being outdoors?

Life can be so hectic—take time to stop, look around and appreciate our wonderful world.

Dressing for the weather is so important. A thick pair of woolly socks is a must for the winter!

