



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another wonderful week in school, with lots of learning taking place in classrooms and in the Forest School. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their new term's topics. Here is an overview of the topics in each class:

Darwin Class Theme: Working on Water. Children in Darwin will be learning about the difference in characteristics of land and sea. They will be able to identify and locate the surrounding seas of the UK and name and locate the 5 oceans. Children will learn about the Titanic and the period of time in history surrounding the event. In Art, children will develop the skills required to paint their own landscapes using colour, texture, shape and form. They will also explore a range of landscape artists and talk about their work. In D&T, we will design and make a boat that floats and a raft that can carry objects across water. This will link to our Science learning, exploring the physical properties of a range of materials and thinking about what material would be best to make a boat with. We will also learn about different marine animals.

Owen Class Theme: Fiery Kings and Earthly Elements. Children in Owen Class will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be finding out where volcanoes and earthquakes occur and why volcanoes erupt. We will be using maps to identify fault lines and major volcanoes, Rings of Fire and earthquakes, answering questions such as, 'how are earthquakes measured?', 'How do people live in earthquake zones?' and 'How are buildings adapted to earthquakes?' In Art we will focus on 3D sculpture, by creating our own volcanoes. In Science we will learn about the variety of Rocks and their properties. In History we will go back in time to the Tudors and learn about Henry the VIII!

Talbot Class Theme: Tribes! Children in Talbot Class will be learning about Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms, learning about village life; Anglo-Saxon art and culture. In Geography, we will focus on different types of settlement and land use and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water; asking questions such as how the land use of Scandinavia and UK influenced invasion and settlement. In D&T we will investigate and research local, seasonal foods and the ingredients available to the Saxons. The Children will also design and make an Anglo Saxon recipe. In Science we will be able to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object; identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces and recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Athlete Visit

We are excited to be welcoming British High-Jumper David Smith into school next month as part of the Sports for Champions programme.

Keep an eye out for letters that will be sent out regarding the athlete visit in upcoming weeks.



Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Sir John Talbot's School welcome you to attend their fun evening on Friday 31st January at 7:00pm! Tickets are £7.50 each available from SJT Reception, maximum team size of 5. Funds raised will support SJT student trips to Sorrento and Krakow. [Click here](#) to find out more.



REST EASY Parent Workshop

As a school we started using the REST EASY Method in October and have been very happy with the results. So much so, that we have had many requests from parents for further information to support their child at home and to continue the method. Therefore, Emily and Karen from REST EASY Training will be visiting Tilstock CE Primary School on **Tuesday 11th February 5:00-6:00pm** to deliver an evening Parent Workshop. We would be delighted if you could come along to hear about how REST EASY is being used in school and to pick up some hints and tips that can be used with the children at home. Light refreshments will be provided and our kid zone activity club will be running to help with childcare. We hope you can attend.



WORSHIP



PEACE

Our Value this term is **Peace**. When talking, discussing and reflecting on the Christian value, Peace, the following key ideas and themes are explored with the children – Inner peace, Peace between each other, Peace in the community, Peace in the world and Peace with God

Our whole school worship this week focused on symbols of peace. The children explored a variety of symbols, such as the dove and the olive branch, then were asked to design their own for the Rest Easy room and the playground quiet area. We also talked about what made us feel at peace and the children enjoyed talking about the things that make them feel calm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. At a glance:



- **Varsity Games**, for Years 3 and 4, 21st January.
- **Young Voices**, 30th January.
- **Rest Easy Parent Session**, 11th February, 5:00-6:00pm.
- **Parents' Evening**, 3rd March.
- **Bikeability Years 5 and 6**, 9th-11th March.

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.

CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Mr Gillespie who celebrated his Birthday this week!



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.



A few highlights include:

- Whitchurch 10K is fast approaching.
- 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson.

