



The Parish Post

4th October 2021

Welcome to the second edition of the revised Parish Post.

The focus will be share aspects of the children's learning journeys each week across the different Phases and Year Groups. This may be subject specific or across the curriculum. We will also celebrate 'proud moments' across school alongside sharing general updates with parents/carers - #proudtobeParish.

We are keen to receive any feedback regarding your thoughts and also with regards to the content you would like to see included each week. Please get in touch at feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

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General Updates



Making a Difference

It has been an exciting start to the new school year for Spalding Parish C of E Day school with the launch of our new exciting curriculum. The question '*How can we make a difference?*' encourages the children to think about making a difference to the world we live in. Across school, amazing ideas have been generated by budding scientists, historians, artists, mathematicians and even eco warriors and SPCEDS pupils have not only started making a difference to the school community but also further afield.

Earlier this term we had a special visit from a local community business man and Wombler, Peter Bird, who created a powerful Remembrance mural for the whole school community.

The school would like to thank him for helping to make a difference and giving his time to do so. There was a real buzz around school as the artwork evolved over the course of the day.

Later this term, Year 6 pupils are taking part in a special 'Remembrance Service' with Revd John Bennett at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas and taking part in a WW1 poetry workshop with poet Brian Moses. They can really focus on their curriculum question: What are the key lessons we can learn from WW1?

The staff at SPCEDS are very proud of how the children have embarked already on this school year after a time when the world has been uncertain.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Last Friday, SPCEDS hosted a cake stall to raise money to help Macmillan Cancer Support do whatever it takes for people living with cancer. Jess, from Year 5 as part of her 'Make a Difference project' planned to host a cake stall to raise money for the charity.

The school had so many donations of cakes from across the whole school community and would like to say a big thank you. The children, in Year 5, also hosted a raffle with Macmillan Merchandise to win and Isabella, also in Y5, created another 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' this time for the school to take part in. The one she organised for Springfields has supported M&S's fundraising to clear £170.

Mrs Cawley, a Macmillan committee member and volunteer, with Mrs Simpson and children from Year 5 ran the stall. There was a fantastic response and the weather even held despite rain showers throughout the day. £186.16 was raised and will be presented to the Spalding and Holbeach Macmillan Cancer Support charity.



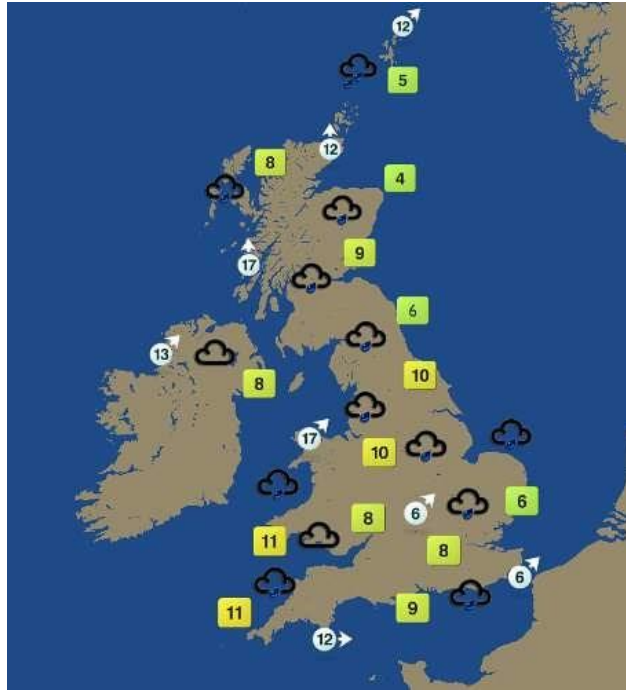
Clothing

As we head into October - September certainly seems to have flown by - one aspect that certainly has changed is the weather with colder and wetter days certainly upon us. As such we would just ask that you make sure children come prepared for the day ahead.

With outdoor play planned at both breaktime and lunchtime alongside other outdoor learning opportunities, particularly for our EYFS and Year 1 pupils, it is important that they do have appropriate clothing to help us make the most of our learning environment and extend the pupils' learning opportunities.

This also extends to PE days where we would now encourage jogging bottoms given the change in the weather.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Weekly Awards



Head Teacher Awards

Each week pupils in school are nominated for Head Teacher Awards celebrating their achievements be it academic success, sporting success, fantastic manners, role model behaviour or indeed anything else worthy of note. Well done to all award winners!

FS2: We are so proud of all of our FS2 pupils and how they have settled at school that currently it is a challenge to single any one out for individual praise. They are all superstars!

Year 1: Matilda (Y1EWRG), Liliana (Y1HH), Yoan (Y1AC)

Year 2: Tori-Mae (Y2AR), Ethan (Y2DN), Dexter (Y2SD)

Year 3: Sandra (Y3EP), Rory (Y3NPRW), Lola (Y3SH)

Year 4: Melanie (Y4CH), Sara (Y4RW)

Year 5: Aidan (Y5EW), Nigel (Y5IN), Alan (Y5KB)

Year 6: Megan (Y6AS), Ruby (Y6CC), Edvinas (Y6KR)



Attendance Awards

Attendance and punctuality are attributes that are essential as children grow up and this is the time of their lives when they learn them. A number of weekly and termly incentives and awards are in place to reward pupils who attend regularly and who are punctual for school at the start of the school day. Our weekly attendance awards celebrate the class with the highest attendance in each Phase.

FS2: FS2LH (98.6%) - Brilliant attendance this week FS2LH.

KS1: Y2DN (94.26%) – New winners in KS1, well done Y2DN!

LKS2: Y3EP (97.37%) – Great attendance this week, well done Y3EP!

UKS2: Y5EW (99.35%) – New winners in UKS2 and highest attendance in school this week for Y5EW!

School: 95.0% - Slightly down on last week - let's see if we can improve it next week!



House Points

Each week pupils are awarded house points as a reward, with a weekly winner from our 6 SPCEDS House Teams:

Spiritual Solvers

Positive Promoters

Challenging Challengers

Exciting Experts

Dynamic Dynamos

Supportive Supporters.

This week's winners with 246 points are: **Dynamic Dynamos**

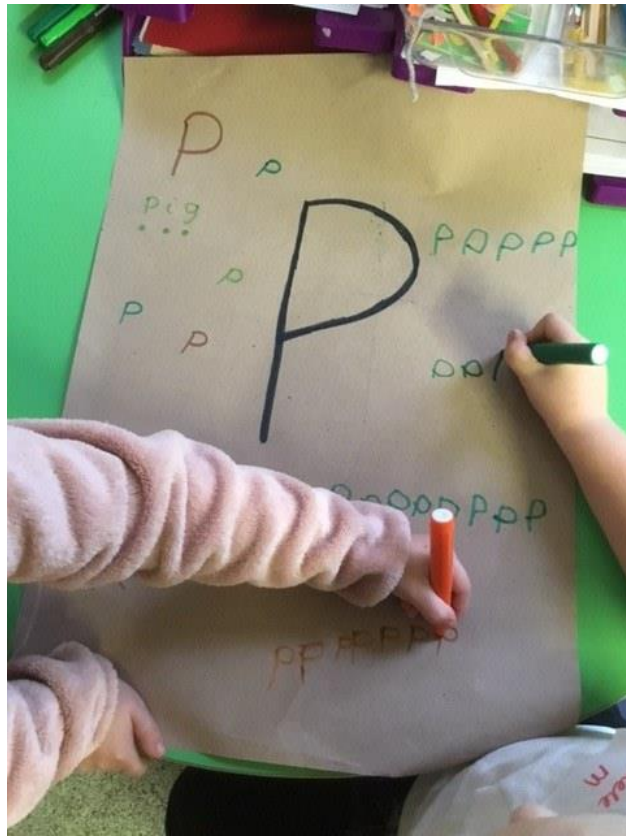
Phase Learning Journeys



EYFS

We have had another fabulous week in EYFS and continue to be amazed with all of the children and their approach to their learning.

This week we have started learning all about Phonics. We have become word experts and can now recognise the phonemes s, a, t and p. We have met some of the characters that will help us with our Monster Phonics journey.



Key Stage 1

Pupils in Key Stage 1 have continued to work hard throughout this week, making the most of a range of learning opportunities, both inside and out.

Year 1

Year 1 have taken on the role of 'historians' this week and have been learning all about Mary Seacole. She is famous for making herbal remedies to help make people well and so we used our expert knowledge to create some of our own potions.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 started a new unit in English about descriptive writing. The children are going to be writing a description about our wonderful world! To get into the mood, we listened to some descriptive paragraphs and used our imaginations to draw the scene. There was some amazing artwork throughout Year 2!

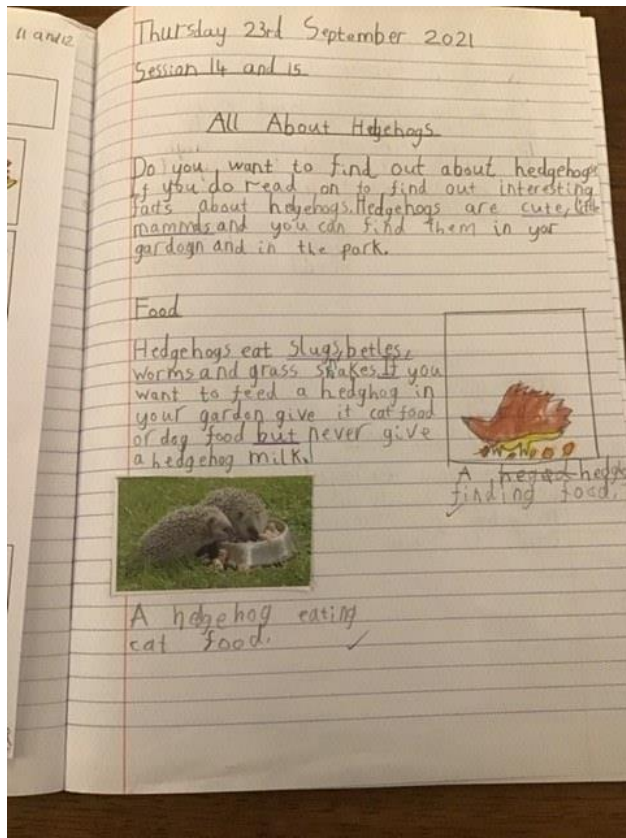
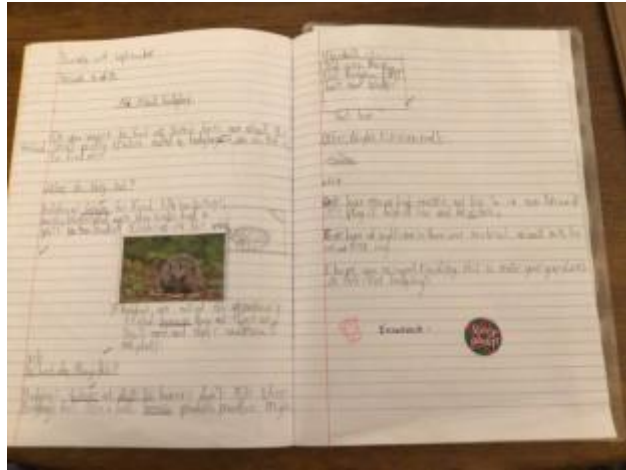
Lower Key Stage 2

Lower Key Stage 2 pupils have continued their positive start to the academic year.

Year 3

Year Three have been enjoying researching interesting facts about a vulnerable little mammal - the hedgehog. The children presented their findings in a non-chronological report 'All About Hedgehogs'. For inspiration, we have been reading 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith. It is the story of

a brave little hoglet called Max, who was determined in his quest to find a safe place for hedgehogs to cross the road.



Year 4

Year 4 have been thinking in our RE lessons about celebrations and why we celebrate. We have been thinking about how some celebrations are not always happy times, and linked this to the idea of remembrance. We then designed symbols of remembrance to display in our classroom.



Upper Key Stage 2

The oldest pupils in the school have also continued their fantastic start to the academic year.

Year 5

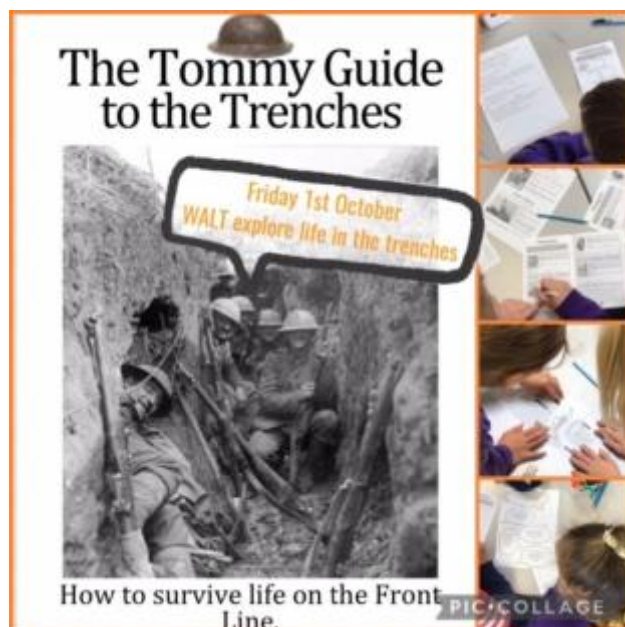
What an amazing and busy start to the year we have had! As Historians and Writers, we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings in 1066, which has included us taking part in our own re-enactments on the field! After a long two years, we have finally made it back in to our Main Hall and we are enjoying using the equipment for our gymnastic lessons, it has been great to see the children balancing on the climbing frame and honing their vaulting skills. In Science, we launched our topic 'Animals including Humans' with a quiz. Staff members were asked to send in a baby/toddler photograph and an adult photograph and Y5 then had to match them to help them look at the differences between babies and adults and how we grow and change as we get older! An exciting week in Year 5!





Year 6

This week in Year 6, we became History detectives, discovering what life was like in a World War 1 trench. We explored what a trench was and how they were created, considering the dangers of a trench along the way. Using quotes and research completed we then thought about what the daily routine of a WWI soldier would have been. We found out that the weapons used included Bayonets, machine guns, heavy artillery, hand grenades and poisonous gas. We compared and contrasted the strengths and weaknesses of all of these. The final role we had to complete was to discover what the main health hazards were for these soldiers ordering them from the hazard a soldier should be most worried about to the hazards a soldier should be least worried. All of this accumulated in us all creating WWI survival guides for living in a trench.



Diary Dates



WB 4th October

Monday 4th October - Whole School Collective Worship and Flu Immunisations (please remember to register)

Tuesday 5th October - Last day to order lunches for week beginning 11th October

Wednesday 6th October - Clergy Collective Worship

Thursday 7th October - School Census

Friday 8th October - Individual Photos (details to follow)

WB 11th October

Monday 11th October - Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 12th October - Last day to order lunches for week beginning 18th October

Wednesday 13th October - Clergy Collective Worship

And Finally...

Please remember if you do have any queries or concerns to come and speak to one of us, either the class teacher on the door or a member of the SLT on the playground each morning and afternoon.

You can also get in touch via email, using feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

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Lower Key Stage 2 - Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Upper Key Stage 2 - Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk