

Year 6

WOW! What a weird and wonderful term it has been—the children have really shown such courage, compassion and perseverance with their fantastic online learning. A huge well done for the incredible team effort that went into making their remote learning such a success!

In Year Six, we have thoroughly enjoyed our It's A Jungle Out There! topic. As part of this exciting learning, we have explored the map of the world; identified the key biomes across the globe; ventured through the Amazon Rainforest looking at its structure and diversity; and even created a non-chronological report on a chosen animal from the Amazon rainforest! Furthermore, we have absolutely loved our Daily Read, The Explorer, written by Katherine Rundell— a story all about an unfortunate group of children that become stranded within the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest itself. The engagement from the children in the text has been superb.

Year 6 have really gone above and beyond in their efforts in all areas of their curriculum work; homework, reading, writing and maths – an exceptionally successfully few terms! As parents and carers, you must be incredibly proud of how hard your children have worked this year: we could never foresee the circumstances that we have found ourselves in but every single day, your children make me incredibly proud to be their teacher!

Now, we look forward to a well-deserved Easter break; all rested for the excitement of the summer term and the new adventures that it will bring. Once again, I want to personally thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely Easter.

Mr Revell



Sports Report

Wow what another fantastic term for PE at Bourne Elsea Park Primary Academy! The engagement with our online PE sessions has been absolutely fantastic, which has enabled us to keep Healthy, Happy and Active during lockdown. We have had some exhilarating dance sessions with Beth, challenging tasks from Jack and once again some fantastic assemblies from Sam Ruddock – all thanks to the Inspire+ team that help deliver PE here at school. As we now return to school, we are so excited to continue to use the new PE equipment that was bought at Christmas and enjoy team sports once again in our bubbles, with the hope of enjoying it in some lovely summer sunshine.

Mr Revell

ECO Update

Our first week back in school was Waste Week, which is run by EDF Energy's schools programme the Pod. This year's focus was on food waste. Throughout the week each class enthusiastically took part in lessons designed to promote awareness of different waste topics including food waste, plastic waste and recycling. Our Reception were challenged to eat all or most of their lunch in an attempt to reduce waste. They were rewarded with 'I ate my lunch today!' tickets. Year 1 investigated if there was more plastic, paper/card, metal or glass in their lunchtime rubbish. In Year 2 they focussed on which food waste items could be reduced, reused or recycled. Our Year 3 pupils focussed on the journey of a crisp packet and In Year 4 they looked at three possible journeys of a plastic bottle and the impact of each journey on the environment. The children in Year 5 wrote persuasive letters on the topic of food waste and Year 6 focussed on the impact food waste has on the environment. The aim of the week was to make our pupils think twice about wasting food in the future and we believe we they will!

Mrs Simpson



A Time to Breathe and Reflect

Every morning throughout lockdown, even though we were apart, we came together for Collective Worship. We were very lucky that we got to meet members of staff from both Bourne Abbey and Colsterworth as they led our worship. Our thanks also go the Revd. Neil Griffiths from Colsterworth Church for his weekly contributions. In term 3 each Collective Worship explored our main Christian Value for the term of Perseverance and Courage, which we were revisiting from last year. This term our daily Collective Worship are continuing to be led by teachers from across the Academy Trust.

Our Christian Value is Forgiveness and we are revisiting Compassion. Throughout lockdown we loved seeing your reflection question responses on Seesaw. They were often thoughtful and sensitive and we thank you for all of them. Now that we are back at school it really is wonderful to be able to watch Collective Worship together and to be able to discuss the reflection questions as a class.

"But if we confess our sins to God, he can be trusted to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9 NIV

"Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13 NLT

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Striving for Excellence, Caring for All within a Loving and Caring Christian Environment

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what an extraordinary Spring Term it has been! We were all astonished by the brilliant home learning which took place on Seesaw from January until the beginning of March. We know that the children could not have achieved this wonderful, take care learning without the help from their families at home – you all deserve a Mrs Moore Geese Award!! Many of the brilliant pieces of work can be found in the news section of the school website if you want to go and take a look at some of our children's fabulous achievements.



We were delighted when we were able to welcome the children back to school on the 8th March 2021 where our class bubbles were filled with smiling faces once again. The children were able to see their teachers, teaching assistants and friends in person as 'normal' lessons resumed. As you read our newsletter, I hope you get a sense of our wonderful, creative curriculum. We worked very hard to ensure that, during school closures, our children were still able to follow their normal learning journeys as they would have done had schools remained open. We are proud that these journeys and our curriculum can now continue to help our children flourish as they return to the classroom.

Part of our school's ethos is 'caring for all.' This message continues to drive our high-quality wellbeing support for our pupils. Our trained Mental Health and Wellbeing First Aiders have been on hand to work with anyone who has needed them. Our student council, through their socially distanced meetings, have discussed ways in which we, as a school family, can further support children who may be concerned about the pandemic. Once again, our whole school community has ALL come together to support one and another.

Our children continue to live out this term's Christian Values of Perseverance & Courage and Forgiveness & Compassion, values which we have really appreciated in recent months and that we have seen our children 'live out' each day. We consider these values as we approach the period of Lent, a time of preparation, opportunity and reflection where we consider how Christians prepare for Easter. This week, we shared the most wonderful 'virtual' Easter celebration, led by Father Chris to help remind us of the importance of Easter to Christians. We were also fortunate enough to have a truly eggciting time in our class bubbles with some immaculately decorated Easter hats and eggs! As always, thank you for all the time and energy you dedicate at home to help the children make these. They were eggstraordinary (sorry!).

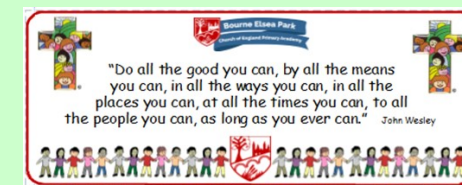
Please find the link below for the Bishop's Easter Letter which Bishop Nicholas has recorded for the children.

<https://www.lincolndioceseeducation.com/bishops-letters>

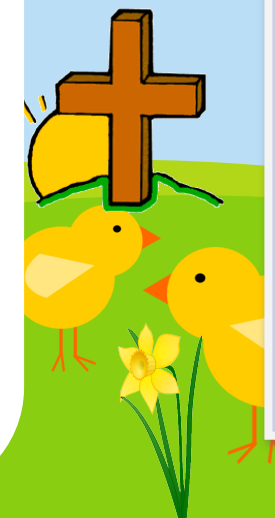
Mrs Moore, the staff and I sincerely thank you for your continued support. Our school family continues, as ever, to fly high like geese supporting and helping each other through these challenging times, the children have continued to show care, love, kindness and compassion and it is a privilege to be part of a such a special school family.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Mr Peter Bellamy, Acting Head of School



Since Christmas, our E-safety champions have been working hard in school and at home! During this term our whole school focus for online learning in our lessons has been 'Online Relationships' and 'Online Reputation'. We also took part in Safer Internet Day in February. The theme this year was 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 have read the book 'Detective Digiduck' by Lindsay Buck, which taught us about the importance of making sure that the information we find on the internet is true. In Key Stage 2, the children have learned about the importance of checking information that we find on the internet. They also learnt that they should question things, check online, check offline and ask for help when researching online. We will continue to share information that supports you to keep your children safe online, at home. Keep your eyes peeled, especially for our Wakeup Wednesday updates which are available on our Facebook page and school website each week.



A Prayer for Lent and Easter 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

Reception

What an unusual start to Term 3! Being at home or being part of our in-school provision didn't stop us learning and having fun. We have proved that although we are the youngest children at Bourne Elsea Park we are just as capable as our older school friends at working hard on our home learning. The EYFS staff were blown away by the attitude and commitment the children and parents had for their home learning. We all adapted quickly to Seesaw and the photos and videos that the children uploaded made the Reception team beam with pride. We learnt all about our first topic theme 'Poles Apart' and enjoyed daily facts about penguins, polar bears, arctic foxes, Inuit's and much more. We were even blessed with the perfect weather for our topic and we encouraged the children to embrace the snowy weather and take their learning outside.

As we moved into our next theme, 'Chick This Out' we were delighted to watch (virtually) 10 eggs hatch out into adorable chicks. The chicks took up residence at Mrs Campbell's house and we were able to learn all about them through daily video updates. The chicks even became involved in World Book Day and helped retell the story of the Gruffalo. From the 10 eggs that we were delivered, all 10 successfully hatched and we had 8 boys and 2 girls. After 2 weeks of care they were collected by the Happy Chick Company and relocated to a local small holding. We can't wait for more updates to see how they are getting on.

We held a virtual Elmer's Day to celebrate one of our favourite stories and we turned Seesaw into a patterned and colourful parade. Any excuse for us to dress up!

The Reception children have shown a great deal of resilience over the lockdown period and it has been an absolute joy to see them carry on their learning journey at home. Now we are back at school we are loving being with our friends and our learning has not slowed down. A virtual farm visit for our Fabulous Finish is the perfect way to end our term of learning.

Thank you children for making everyday a 'smile day' and we can't wait to find out how much we will learn next term.

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Simpson



Year 1

Wow, wow, wow! What amazing adventures Year One have been on to explore The Unknown! We sailed into Term 3 on some choppy seas but the children absolutely blew us away with their adaptability and resilience, completing their brilliant take care learning at home and at school.

Even in these unusual circumstances, we still learnt some fascinating facts about the explorer Christopher Columbus and some of the children made the infamous horrible hard tack at home! In DT, the children made, designed and evaluated their own ships that could float and hold a minimum of two crew members. A truly ingenious creation involved dramatic music and lighting whilst testing in the bath tub! After Christopher Columbus, we learnt about more famous explorers – Scott of the Antarctic and Amelia Earhart – with the children sharing some awesome aeroplanes they made. Finally, we rocketed to the end of term with our final explorer: Neil Armstrong. Next term, we're looking forward to a long "hard stare" into our Paddington topic, learning about our wonderful world. Year One – you have all done an absolutely fantastic job and we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Mrs Trafford and Mrs Evans



Year 2

Well what an unusual few months we have had, yet the children have not stopped wowing us whether they have been at home, at Bourne Abbey school or when we came back together at Bourne Elsea Park. The engagement and enjoyment that we saw as we stepped back in time to London in 1666 was truly magical to see. "London's Burning... Fetch the Engines" captured their imaginations and I think it's safe to say it is a favourite topic for many children and adults! We've loved becoming historians, delving deeper into the sources of evidence, learning about the courageous King Charles II and even finding the positives from the disastrous event. We wrote some fantastic diary recounts, non-fiction fact files and dazzling adventure stories. The take care art work that was created both at home and in school was spectacular and really captured the detail in the old houses and the colours of the dancing flames. The fabulous finale to our topic was when we watched our very own 'Bourne's Burning' as Grantham Fire brigade set ablaze cardboard Tudor houses. We also got an awesome tour of the fire station and a safety video provided by Firefighter Matthews.

You might think that Term 4 would be dull in comparison but with a return to school and the chance to meet the industrious lighthouse keeper, Mr Grinling the children were propelled into more amazing learning opportunities in our topic: "What's for Lunch, Bert?" Exploring Google Maps to find lighthouses, learning about the heroine Grace Darling and even creating our own disgusting sandwich to deter those pesky seagulls.

I really am so proud of the enthusiasm and perseverance all the children have shown whether at school or at home and can't wait to share with you what next term holds. Thank you so much for all your support and I hope you have a very restful break and Happy Easter!

Mrs Bradley



Year 3

My word, Year 3 have been busy bees! I could barely keep up with all the wonderful work they have produced during home-learning. From tremendous trailers to their very own twisted tales, Year 3 kept me enthralled with their imaginative and inspiring creations. Oh, and how could I forget the sassy street dance videos sent to me? Diversity had better watch out; 3O is the next troupe in town! A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers in 3O too; you have helped your children continue to fly high with the geese outside of school.

So, what's next for Year 3? Grab a shovel and your best fedora because we are taking a trip back in time with our new topic: 'Digging up the Past'. For English and history, we are going to become archaeologists and investigate and report on the stone, iron and bronze ages; for science, we'll be geologists and discover that rocks truly rock! And let's not forget maths; I've heard time machines involve lots of fractions, so we best get practising them, as we don't want to get stuck in the past like our latest book character 'Stone Age Boy'!

Finally, I am so proud of the breath-takingly brilliant children in Year 3 who have returned to school and showed exceptional resilience, determination and an 'Elsea Park Always Child' attitude. We will continue to put care at the core of our Year 3 curriculum and ensure the wellbeing of the class is our top priority. Now that we have settled back in, we can't wait to see what the next term 'digs up'.

Miss Orriss



Year 4

Wowee! What a brilliantly bonkers term. It wasn't the term we all expected, but we still managed to achieve great things, learn new skills and make many precious memories. Throughout our Lockdown Learning, we challenged ourselves to find new and exciting ways of presenting our learning. Particular highlights were the days we took on the roles of Ernest Shackleton and our storybook heroes. We also loved having the chance to practise our time tables skills and it has been awesome putting these new skills to good use in our TTRS battles.

However, the greatest day, would have to be March 8th. Not only did we get to be reunited with our friends for the first time since 2020, but we also got to make fairy cakes in our group reading comprehension challenge to celebrate those who had Lockdown Birthdays. Then, as if the day couldn't get any better, we used bananas, crackers, orange juice and tights to make poo! That's right, actual POO! Well, we made a reconstruction of the digestive system, and the contents were definitely as disgusting as real-life poo! I wonder what we'll make next term!

Miss Ockwell



Year 5

What another incredible journey Year 5 have been on since January. We could not be prouder of how hard the children have worked this term as lockdown has not dampened their enthusiasm for learning at home nor their Christian Value of Perseverance when faced with a challenge. We could celebrate so many highlights from their home learning, from amazing pieces of descriptive writing and mosaic collages to wonderful images of the children playing in the snow! Fabulous memories made even though we could not be together.

Throughout this term we have been exploring the exciting world of Ancient Greece, accompanied by our humorous, daily class story readings from 'Who Let the Gods Out', much to the year group's delight! In our Greek topic the children have enjoyed learning about the changing geography of the empire and its surrounding lands and the battle for power between Sparta and Athens during the Peloponnesian war. Whilst studying the daily life of Ancient Grecians, the children's learning culminated in a delicious DT day, compiled of tasting ingredients and food preparation to create tasty flatbreads, tzatziki and a Greek salad.

We have also been engrossed in our English lessons this term. The children went on a deep-sea dive and produced some fantastic poetry full of repetition and imagery based on the fantastic Flotsam book. Continuing our Ancient Greek topic, we turned into expert letter writers and had to use our persuasive skills to convince Pandora not to open a mythical box! Finally, the children took their persuasive writing skills into a non-fictional setting to help them to create some sensational articles to help others understand the impact of Global Warming on our environment.

We are all excited for the summer term as there are so many things to look forward to! We thank you as always for your support, especially through the challenges of home learning, and hope you have an enjoyable Easter break.

Miss Davey and Mr Waterhouse

