

SPRING TERM AT WYCHWOOD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term has seen us busy with a wide variety of activities. Each class has a topic each term which forms quite a large part of the work in that class. A topic may have a major focus (on Science, History or Geography) but invariably includes other National Curriculum subjects and thus gives a cross curricular approach which means the children are given the opportunity to develop a broad approach to their studies.

This terms topics have been:

Class 1 & 2; 5/6 yr olds ----- My Home
 Class 5 & 7; 7/8 yr olds----- Forces,including Electricity and Magnetism
 Class 6; 9 yr olds-----Ancient Greece
 Class 3; 10/11 yr olds ----- Ancient Egypt/Life and Living Processes
 Class 4; 10/11 yr olds ----- Weather/Ancient Greece

As part of this work several visits have been made, including three classes making use of the facilities at the Ashmolean Museum. They run a very good Schools Support Service which means that with plenty of advance planning on behalf of the teachers you can hire a guide for your visit - invaluable when there is so much to see on one visit. Mrs Toone, Mrs Bysouth and Mrs Staniforth wanted to concentrate on either Ancient Egypt or Ancient Greece and all three visits went very well - including the cast gallery. The children enjoyed it too and gained tremendously from such a worthwhile source.

Children in Mrs Mold's and Mrs Hesselbo's classes made their termly visit to Milton library. We are very appreciative of Mrs Brown's co-operation and enthusiasm - especially as she opens the library on a Tuesday morning particularly for the children. They also made their "annual" visit to Mr and Mrs Adams' farm to see the farm at lambing time. Again they were made very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

One of our Sport Clubs took part in Oxford Utd. / Oxfordshire Primary Schools indoor 5-a-side competition at the Blackbird Leys Sports Complex. This annual event is very well organised by Oxford Utd. and on the afternoon we were there we were one of 14 Primary Schools. We won some matches, drew some and lost some - finishing about halfway in our league. It was a good opportunity for older boys (and one girl) to play against other schools.

And so to Red Nose Day - In the future as I write this, but in the past when you read it. This is our main Charity Fund Raising Day with children being encouraged to pay for certain things during the day - including coming to school and being allowed to leave! We have a Red Nose Play for assembly, fancy dress, tuck shops and a Bring -and-Buy Sale planned. Hopefully we will have raised a good total for worthwhile charities and projects.

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