

Welcome:

As spring has sprung and we approach the end of term, so we start planning towards the summer and all the activities that we traditionally look forward to. There are statutory tests to be completed by Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 at different times during the term but also so much more learning that can take place out of school and in the fresh air. We can't wait to welcome everyone back, refreshed after the Easter break and ready for the most exciting term of the year. Wishing everyone a lovely holiday!



World Book Day:

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for making the 25th World Book Day a huge success. Reading for pleasure is at the forefront of our drive to promote reading and World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. This tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure.

- Being read to regularly
- Access to books at home
- The ability for children to choose what they want to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read

The children experienced a fun filled day with reading at the heart of everything that was planned. We enjoyed sharing our favourite stories, writing book reviews (now displayed around school), visiting the school library, scavenger hunts and much more.

Our Scholastic book fair made an amazing £2760.73 which equates to £1785.43 to spend on new books for our class libraries. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support.



Football Focus:

Team EPS will be represented (under the banner of Sheffield United) at the Premier League Primary Stars tournament at Vicarage Road, Watford next term. The girls' Y6 football team made it through to the National finals having been runners-up in the regional finals in Rotherham. We have also been represented by teams of boys and girls in all other KS2 year groups. Particular thanks to Jonathan for his support and expertise with all players, including running a soaking wet coaching session with Sheffield Girls High School with Y5 & Y6 girls.



Special Needs:

March 21st-27th marked neurodiversity week. In school every class focused on how our brains can work differently and how this can present challenges as well as strengths. At EPS we have 55 children (9%) on the SEN register. These children have identified needs and require additional support. In school we support children with a range of needs including; learning difficulties such as dyslexia, speech and language needs, social communication needs (Autism), ADHD, emotional and mental health needs and physical



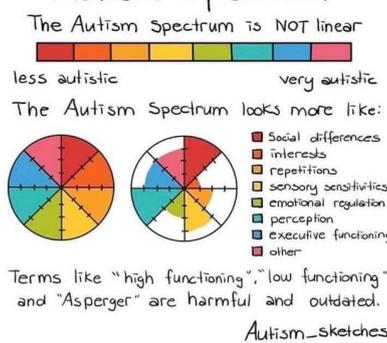
needs. Needs might be identified by teachers, parents/carers, or external professionals. We then work in partnership with parents/carers, using a graduated approach to support needs. Plans and progress are reviewed termly.

Whilst many people still think of autism as a linear spectrum and ADHD as 'fidgeting', I wanted to share these graphics with parents as they present a more useful way of thinking about autism and ADHD. If you ever have any concerns about your child, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.

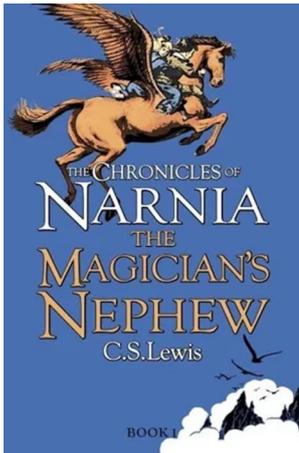
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Focus on Reading:



This month's book review comes from Grace in Y5. She recommends 'The Magician's Nephew' by C. S Lewis; the first book in The Chronicles of Narnia series. A magic ring teleports the main characters into a different world full of adventures. The land of Narnia is just being created having been frozen in time and Polly and Digby have to battle against evil forces. In Narnia, all things are possible. Grace recommends

this fantasy adventure as it is entertaining but not too long. Will you decide to join the exciting world of Narnia?

Science Week:



We took a theme of space for our science week this year in preparation for our space launch next term. All the children have completed a jigsaw piece that will travel with our school teddy to the very edge of the Earth's atmosphere on board a rocket. We will also receive a film of their adventure on their return to Earth. The fact that astronauts have a reduced sense of smell in space was tested out by our Y3 scientist using a "blind taste test". We tested how the trajectory of launch is important as discovered by our Y5 rocket builders. Our space launch will take place next term (exact date will be weather dependent) assisted by www.sentintospace.com and funded by our EPTFA.

Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park:



Y2 had a great day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park where they had the chance to see so many different animals, including a polar bear who stood up to welcome them. There was also a workshop with animal handling experience where children had the chance to

stroke a snake and hold giant snails. Another highlight of the day was of course lunchtime and the whole excitement of being able to go on a coach on a school trip. A great day out! Thanks to those parents who helped out on the trip too.



Y6 Visit Magna:



The children in Y6 enjoyed a day of Science at Magna Museum. They visited the four pavilions, representing Earth, Air, Water and Fire and they also took part in two scientific workshops. There was plenty of time to explore all the very hands on exhibits and even time left over for a quick play in their extensive playground! As part of the



workshops they worked together to solve a particularly gruesome murder using forensic science and then they extracted DNA from a kiwi fruit.

Cross Country:

We finished the season with the annual relay races and as we split into teams of four runners, we did find some of the going quite tough, especially as we were missing a couple of key runners due to illness. Cross country is a sport where frequency of racing is rewarded in an overall competition and we were thrilled to have won third place individual Y3/Y4 girl and third placed Y5/Y6 Boys' team. These were won as a culmination of results across all seven events. It is particularly pleasing to see 19 boys in Y5/Y6 have represented Team EPS at some point during the season.



We look forward to a strong season next year when many of our Y5 runners will be returning as Y6 athletes. Well done to all.



Coming Up: April 2022

- Fri 1: Dress as you Please + End of Term
- Tues 19: Return to school for Summer 1
- Thurs 21: Y1 visit Ecclesall Church
- Sat 23: Outdoor market @ EPS
- Sun 24: Sheffield Music Hub Gala Concerts
- Tue 26 & Wed 27: Y4 residential to York
- Sat 30: Orienteering @ Parkwood Springs 12.30-3.00
- May 2022
- Mon 2: Bank Holiday - school closed
- Tues 3: Y1 Network Games am
- EYFS parent show round 9.30am
- Y6/Y7 Silverdale uniform evening @~ Silverdale 4 - 7

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/calendar/>