

# Mears Ashby School News

Friday, 28th April 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It finally is starting to feel like Spring and, on Saturday, the weather was on our side to clean up the school grounds. We had a good turn out of volunteers and I just wanted to take the time to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to come along and help even just for an hour. Your time and efforts are hugely appreciated and I am sure everyone will agree that the school grounds are looking great! Your continued support creates such a strong, caring community spirit. The sense of community within our school is one of our biggest strengths. It truly allows all the children to flourish in so many ways. Thank you all again and enjoy a restful bank holiday weekend.

**Miss Green**  
**Head of School**

## Ladybirds

Ladybirds are loving outdoor play now that the sun is out. Our learning this term is under way and here is a sneak peak of what we have already started to explore:

- \*Literacy - sentence structure through the story of Little Red Riding Hood.
- \*Understanding of the world - Places (gardens) focusing on planting and growing
- \*RE - Special places
- \*Maths - numbers to 20
- \*Phonics - CVCC words

## Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are learning how to write a recount in English this term so that we can recount our exciting trip to Silverstone coming up! We have started to learn about plants in Science and what they need in order to grow healthily. In Geography we will be continuing learning Geographical skills by exploring the local area and its features. We have also started practising our performance in order to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

## Otters

Otters have been learning outdoors this term! We completed our Light unit in science and made recordings of the changing shadows on the playground, as well as creating our own shadow puppets to use in our investigations using torches inside. Since then, the children have moved onto our new science work based on Living Things. This unit has meant we have been organising and grouping animals according to different criteria. The class enjoyed going on a plant hunt this week, finding the different species of flowering plants we have in our school environment, as well as non-flowering plants. In History they enjoyed a fact hunt on the Roman Invasion one sunny afternoon on the playground. Let's hope the weather stays sunny and warm for everyone to enjoy more outdoor learning experiences!

## Dolphins

Dolphins have been working hard this term and continued to stay focussed in the lead up to SATS. We have began our new science learning (properties of materials) and have so far investigated which material would make the best tent. The children decided they needed something that would insulate the heat and keep them dry! We are excited to start our learning about crime and punishment since 1066 and look forward to rehearsing our end of year performance in the coming weeks!

## Stars of the Week:

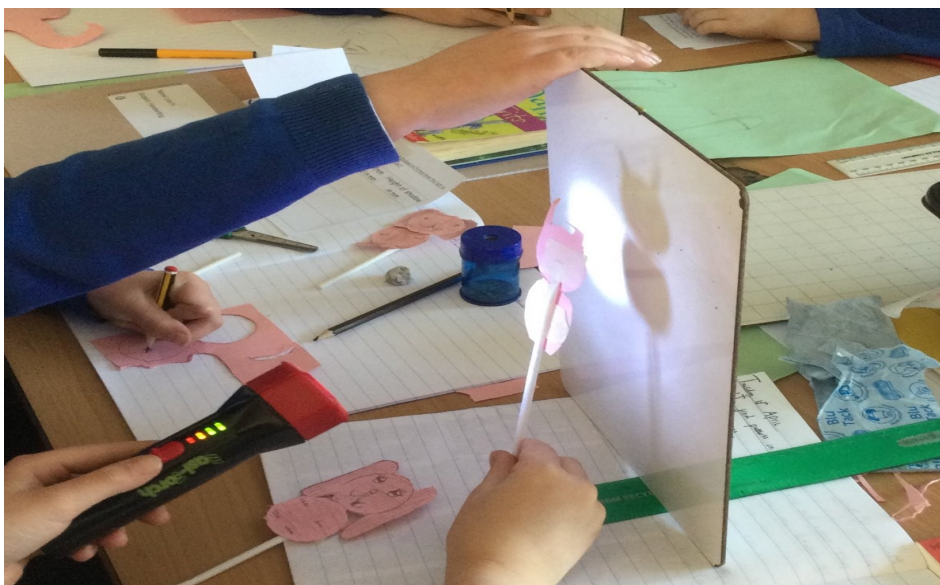
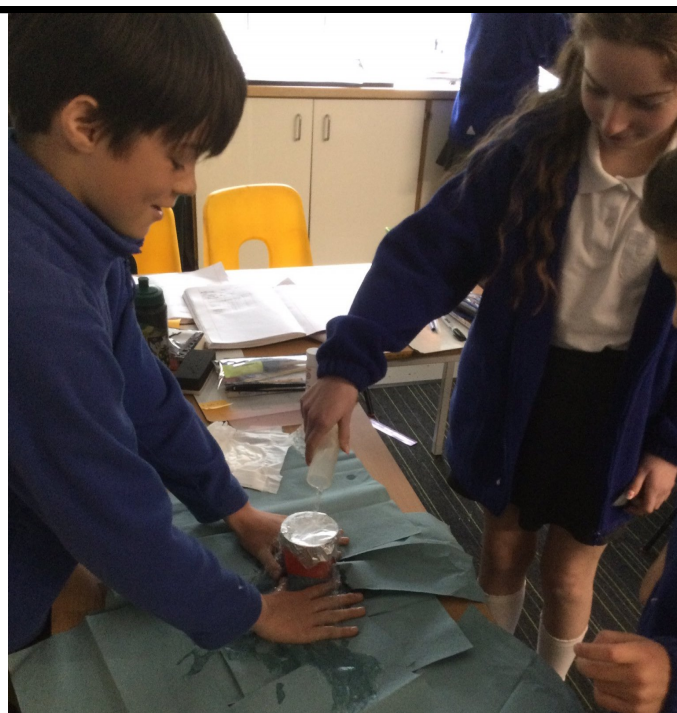
**21st April - Isla, Albert, Timothy and Oscar**

**28th April - Finley, Woody, Ryan and Jack**

## April Birthdays

Arabella, Annabelle, Mía, Woody, Henry, & Lucy.

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Above L –and below - Otters looking at how shadows can be created and cast at different times of the day and night.

Above ( R ) - Dolphins experimenting with different materials and testing to see if they are water resistant and would make good tents.

## Dates for the Diary:

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May—School Closed  
 King's Coronation Celebrations - Friday, 5th May - 1.30pm onwards  
 Bank Holiday Monday for the Coronation - Monday 8th May - School Closed  
 KS2 SATS for Year 6s - 9th—12th May  
 Hedgehogs Silverstone Trip - Thursday 18th May  
 Rock UK -Otters Residential - Wednesday 24th –26th May  
 Last Day of Term — Friday 26th May  
 Return to School - Monday 5th June  
 Race for Life Event - Friday 9th June (AM)  
 Father's Day Breakfast— Friday 16th June - 8.30am - 9am  
 Sports Day –Friday 23rd June (PM)  
 All School Transition Day - Monday 3rd July  
 KS2 End of Year Performance - Thursday 13th July (AM) Monday 17th July (PM)  
 Year 6 Leavers Service - Friday 21st July (PM)  
 Last Day of Term - Friday 21st July