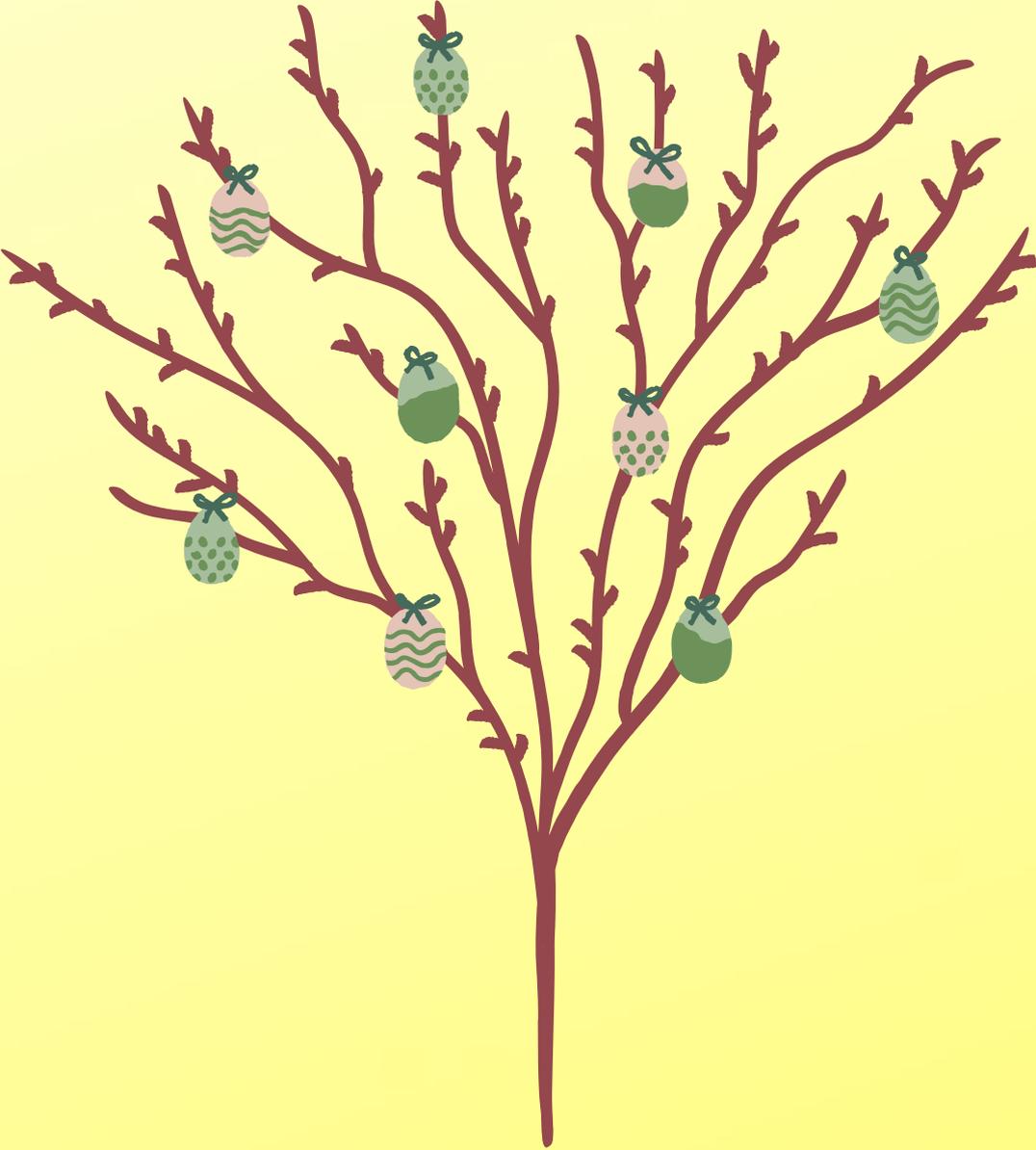


Welcome to Our Spring Newsletter

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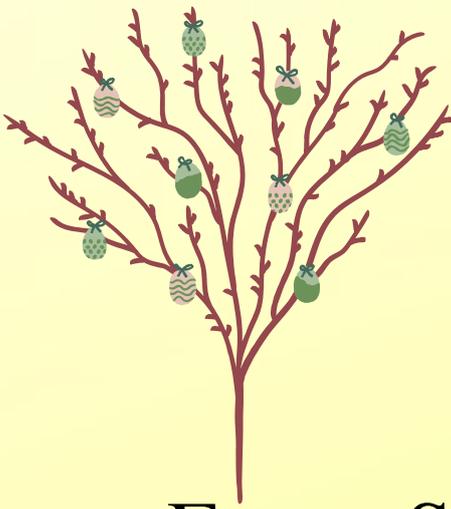


Curriculum News

Horticulture

This term, Students across school have been busy sowing seeds in preparation for our entry into the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society schools challenge. The aim of the challenge is to get growing, either through allotment, sensory gardens or wildlife gardening, evoking the senses through the types of plant we grow to boost mood and calm the mind.





Forest School

During Forest School sessions this term the students have been learning about the life cycle of frogs, along with identifying the first signs of Spring. They have also planted trees that were donated to us, enjoyed team games, bug hunts and of course everyone's favourite-spending quiet time in the hammock listening to the birds.

Very Best Wishes for a Happy Easter Amanda.



Saturn

Saturn students have had a great opportunity to learn about the past this term. The first half-term's topic was 'Long Ago' where we compared past and present and looked into family histories. We compared traditions, toys, clothes and music in past and present. Our favourite part was baking an old-fashioned cake which tasted delicious. The second half term's topic has been Dangerous Dinosaurs where we have found out about prehistoric times and studied dinosaurs. How surprised we were when we came back from February half term and noticed we have a prehistoric safari park in our area! It has been a great adventure to dig out fossils, count dinosaur spikes and do cave painting. Our favourite lesson was about volcanoes and making one erupt. We have practised phonics sounds and worked hard to communicate using words, Makaton and communication board. We have had an interactive white board fitted in the classroom so mark making has become a new experience. There have been lots of singing, dancing and playing instruments. In maths we have practised counting, compared size, length and height. We have learned time and studied different shapes. We have practised how to cross the road safely, learned about our feelings and explored jobs people do. It has been an interesting productive term.

Happy Easter

Anna, Napita, Wai, Claire and Liam





Mars

This Spring Term, Mars Class have been very busy working on our literacy topic 'Cave Baby'. We have been creating expanded noun phrases to describe the animals and human characters, creating simple sentences using colourful semantics and extended sentences using 'and' as our conjunction. We have drawn cave paintings using our hands and our feet; built a mind map for a 'sorry' letter and retold the story as a class by sequencing pictures. We have individually produced a story map and completed a big write retelling the story from pictures focusing on the beginning, middle and end. In Maths we have been learning Multiplication and had great fun using practical activities, rhymes and our new interactive TV to learn our 2's, 5's and 10's. We have enjoyed looking at height and measure using objects, measuring in centimetres and using ourselves to learn tall, taller and tallest and small, smaller and smallest.

Our topic of Dangerous Dinosaurs; Puddles and Rainbows – took us on a great day out at Yorkshire Wildlife Park, despite the rain we enjoyed the animals and dinosaurs we saw and the inside dinosaur soft play centre. We have learnt about herbivores and carnivores, dinosaur footprints and how to make a rain cloud. We have built erupting volcanoes, freed frozen dinosaurs and had endless fun with messy craft activities.

We also had fun in Forest School making water chutes, digging in horticulture and learning to play instruments in music. We have celebrated World Book Day and Comic Relief Day.

Happy Easter from Mars Class!

Trudy and Kimberley





Sun

This term Sun class have enjoyed reading ‘The Last Garden’ during English. This fitted well with our allotment topic where children enjoyed designing their own allotments, finding local allotments on an ordnance survey map as well as exploring where foods come from and calculating food miles.

We also considered the importance of healthy eating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle in PSHE. In Science, children have enjoyed growing their own sunflowers and recording observations about their growth. While in Maths they covered addition and subtraction, fractions, and the multiplication and division topics.



We are very proud of Leo from Sun class who is one of the schools Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Last week, the team spent the whole day at Leicester grammar school starting their journey to be trained ambassadors.

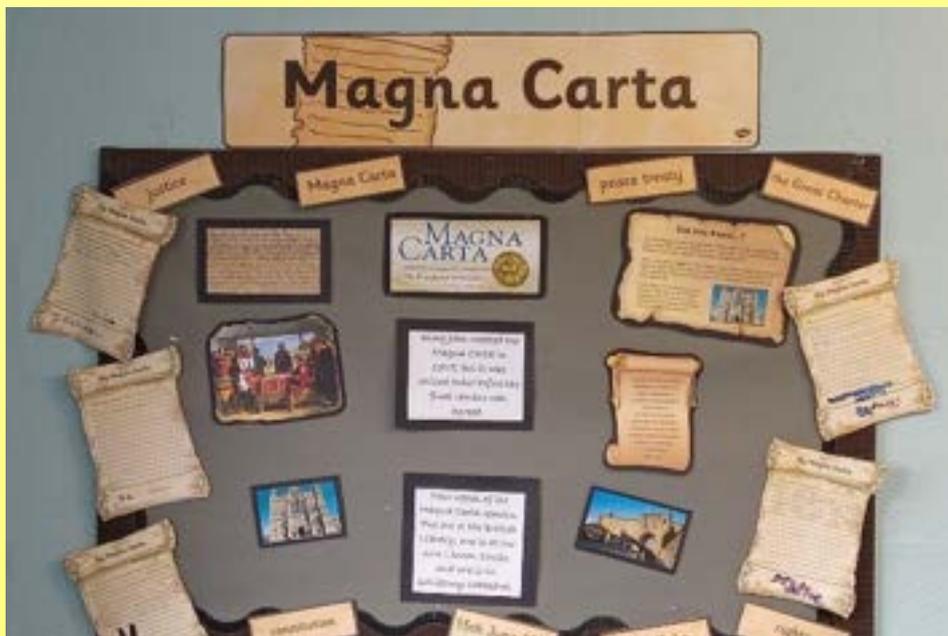
*Have a Great Easter Everyone
From Katie & Gary L*

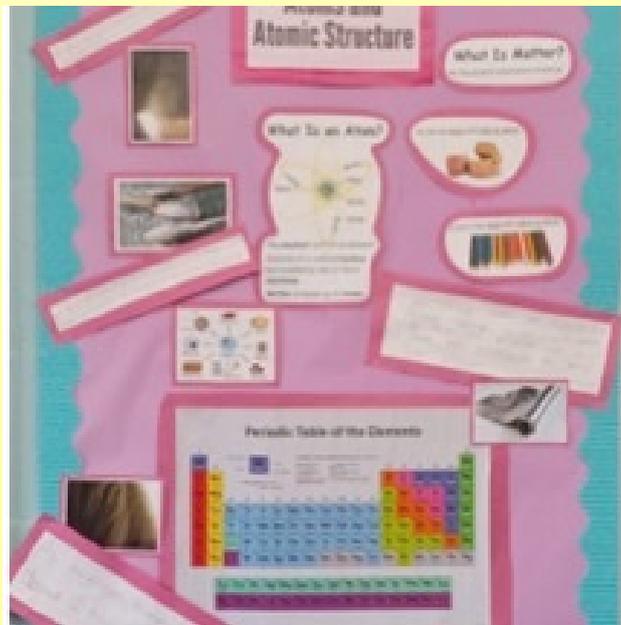


Moon

This term in Moon class we visited Lincoln Castle to see the Magna Carta. This document is so important because it demonstrates the birth of Human Rights. The children learnt that King John made a deal with the barons to give some rights to the people. He signed the document in 1215. Moon class then had a chance to right down rules for our class that they thought would be fair to all.

There are only 4 copies of the Magna Carta remaining in England and one is kept at Lincoln Castle! They also had a go at writing with quills, so they could sign their own Magna Cartas.



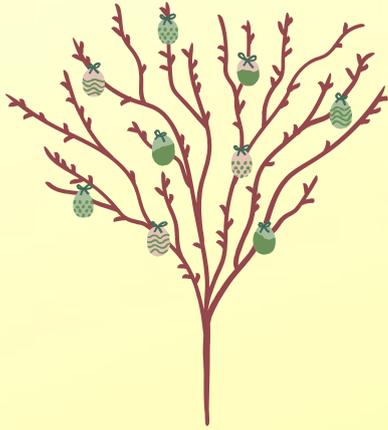


In Science we studied matter, and the smallest particle of matter, which is an atom. We studied elements and where they fit into the Periodic Table of Elements which they really enjoyed.

We also looked at different types of atoms including gases, metals and metalloids and finally we did some work on the different states of matter, solids, liquids and gases.

Congratulations to students from Moon and Neptune who earlier this year, won a table cricket competition for SEN schools in the south of the county, organised by Nottinghamshire County Cricket. This week saw them represent the south schools in the county final and the competition was tough against some older students but they did us proud-WELL DONE!

Best Wishes for a Wonderful Easter
Karen, Nicola & Gary C



Jupiter

We have been really busy in Post 16 this term, helping Amanda and Mark clear and develop the area behind Saturn as part of our work experience and maintaining the garden area around Jupiter for our life skills curriculum. We are loving the refurbishment of area and enjoy being able to relax in our breaktimes in the new living area. Karen has been over to spend some time with us this term and we have thoroughly enjoyed playing the ukeleles!

We have been out and about in the community too, continuing to increase our confidence getting on the bus to the gym and the library. New for some of us this term has been weekly trips to the Riding for the Disabled at Colston Bassett where we have been learning to look after the horses. We have visited Portland College as part of our transition and we are really looking forward to more visits next term!





Happy Easter Everyone from Paula and Kev





Neptune

Spring term in Neptune has been a busy one but a good one!

Students have continued to read a wide range of books as part of their learning but also for pleasure. Our class readers were 'The Time Machine' by HG Wells and 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time', which, while at opposite ends of the literary spectrum, were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Neptune pupils continued to be reading buddies for younger peers in school, reading and sharing stories to key stage 1 and 2 pupils. This has really helped pupils build their own confidence as well as help them feel a wider part of the school curriculum.

This term has also seen Neptune class visit a local college. This was a fantastic opportunity for learners to get them thinking about their hopes, dreams and ambitions and helped to give them an idea of what life after school might include for them. What was exciting was the Air and Space Institute, currently located on the Newark College campus. Pupils got the chance to look at training facilities for pilots including flight simulators as used by the RAF!

Exciting stuff aside, pupils have continued to work through their curriculums to help support not only their academic learning but also their personal development, building skills such as teamwork, personal health and fitness and self-esteem.

We're excited to see what the summer term has in store!

Happy Easter from Emma and Kelly



HAPPY EASTER



Mercury

It was a busy term for the children in Mercury. Our topic was “Dangerous Dinosaurs” which took us on an amazing journey to discover the incredible world of these giant creatures. We did a lot of counting, sorting, matching, and measuring. Using dinosaur toys, we introduced the children to questions such as “How many dinosaurs?”, “How many are there altogether?”, “How tall is that dinosaur?”, etc. We also learned some new concepts such as tall, taller, small, smaller and we counted all the way from 1 to 10.

Messy play and story time were the most exciting activities for the children, using paint, bubbles, soil, sand, and other different sensory materials. We encouraged them to embrace their creativity to express, explore and experience the different feelings of these textures. It was great to see the children playing, sharing, and taking turns in activities that were especially designed for them.

Story time this term has also been a great success! It was a delight to witness the children’s eagerness to participate. They took an active role in selecting the books and helping to set the room for story time every day. As a group we read some fantastic books this term including class favorites ‘Cave baby’ and ‘Super Worm’. Spending this time reading together each day was a brilliant way for them to work on their attention, understanding, listening and communication skills.

This term in the personal development area, we have encouraged the children to use their manners and say thank you, please and excuse me when appropriate. It has been gratifying to see some of the children starting to say “excuse me” after finishing their lunch and also helping to clean the table. Due to regular support from staff the children have even started to clean their teeth after eating as part of their routine.

Well done Mercury, we’re all very proud you this term!

Luis, Hannah and Clohe





Message from Miriam

Once again, this term, it has been lovely to meet so many of you as part of the Annual Review process. It is heartwarming to hear of the progress that your children have made since starting at Hope House School. Thank you once again for your engagement with this process.

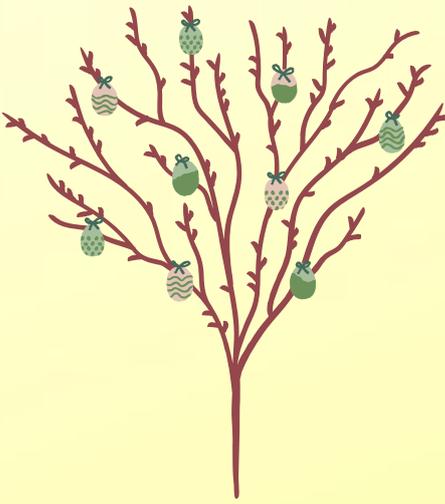
The Meet the Therapist session was very well attended and feedback from the session was extremely positive. There was a great deal of interest in Attention Autism and Intensive Interaction and El, our Speech Therapist, has offered to deliver training for parents on this. Amy and Kirsty will be in touch when this has been arranged and, once again, I will try to ensure that it coincides with a Parent Voice meeting.

Finally, we have a new Intervention practitioner, Rebecca, who has started this term. Part of her role will be to support me with some specific administration tasks around SEND, including the Annual Review process. She has spent her first half term getting to know and building relationships with the pupils and will be working one-to-one with pupils on specific interventions after Easter.

Wishing everyone a very 'Hoppy' Easter!

Miriam





Staffing Update

The amazing staff team at Hope House continues to grow.

Welcome to:

Claire White-Teacher

Claire Boot- Teaching Assistant

Rebecca Alderson- Intervention practitioner and Senco Assistant

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of Hope House School

*I Hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter and enjoyed looking at the photographs. Please remember to log into Tapestry so you can see more photos and enjoy the memos staff write about your child. Staff work really hard to ensure they communicate with every parent and I know they enjoy reading your comments, especially when you share what your child gets up to at the weekend and in the holidays. If you need help logging in, please contact Suzanne
hopeadmin@hopehouseschool.co.uk*

Have an amazing Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Michelle

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Dates for your diaries:

15th, April Start of Summer Term

25th, April Parent Voice meeting

6th May, Bank holiday Monday

27th May, Half Term break

3rd June, First day of Summer term 2

20th July, Parents Open Day and Sports Day

23rd July, Last day of Summer Term

4th September, start of the new academic year