

RICHMOND NEWS

End of Term! | Spring has Sprung! | Good Bye and Good Luck!



Dear Children, Parents, Carers & Friends

Inside school, we have reached the end of the Spring Term. This short term is always my favourite in terms of children's learning.

In Autumn, the children are bedding roots in their new class and then, in Spring, the children start to grow and blossom – like the daffodils. It seems like every hour, I have another child at my door to show me the progress that they have made in writing or maths. I hope that you have noticed this as parents, when reading with children at home, and when coming into school and speaking to teachers during our recent Parents' Evenings.

In the wider academic agenda, this has been a turbulent term for education. A mixture of wide-spread industrial action, rising costs and reduced funding, has meant that it has been difficult for all schools to access the support that is needed. We continue to look creatively at ways to find the funding for our children. We have been lucky to have such a supportive PFA who have raised funds for the school. Many staff have worked tirelessly to approach local businesses, and raise money to ensure that the children can still access breakfast and trips through community funding. Tesco and the Rotary Club have been immensely generous and individual families have made personal donations to the school – requesting to remain anonymous. To all these individuals, businesses and organisations, we at the Richmond School say a massive, 'Thank you'.

Next term, we hope to hear more about the academisation agenda and that a Multi-Academy Trust sponsor for the school will be identified. This, we are sure, will also provide support for the children of The Richmond School. More about that when we know more.

Finally, we wish all a lovely break, enjoy an Easter Egg or six if you can, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 17th April.

...Mrs Ross

Goodbye and Good Luck!



This term, we are saying goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Sharpe will be leaving our Reception Team to take up another position in a school. She is hoping this will give her more time to spend with her young family. During her many years at the school, Mrs Sharpe has been a ray of light for the children and staff at Richmond. She is a constant

source of smiles, laughter and enthusiasm. We wish her the best of luck with her new venture!

Fear not though, we are very lucky to have Mrs Watts returning to the The Richmond Family. Mrs Watts left a couple of years ago but is coming back to teach. She has spent time getting to know the children and families in EYFS and will be a welcome member of the team.

Also leaving this term, is Mr Patten. Mr Patten has only been with us for a short time as a Sports Apprentice and is now leaving to take up a permanent position at a local school. Mr Patten has revolutionised the way break-times have been organised and has increased the sports opportunities for all the children. I know the children will miss him, and his refereeing. Good luck Mr Patten!

Welcome to Miss Newson

As many of you will already know, we have a new SENCO, Miss Newson! Miss Newson has worked in many schools in Lincolnshire and started with us this month. She has lots of work to do and has made an amazing start already. Don't forget to introduce yourself to her – she is on the gate near Year 1 every morning.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

December

Tuesday 20th – Last Day of Term

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd Jan – Return to School

Friday 6th Jan – Y6 Bomber Command visit

Monday 23rd Jan – EYFS/Year 6 weight checks

February 2023

Friday 3rd Feb – NSPCC Number Day – &1 to wear a number

Monday 6th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day

Half term – Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb

March 2023

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – dress up.

Friday 10th March – Science Week Launch

Friday 17th March – Y1 Tattersall Farm Park visit

Thursday 30th March – Year 3 Tattersall Farm Park

April 2023

Monday 17th April – Return to School

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory and should be 99%+. Unfortunately we are only at 94% as a school! This year, attendance will be a real focus for the school - make sure your child is here to learn!

Class Attendance for this TERM is:

RR- 88%

RS - 87%

1R - 90%

1S - 88%

2R- 91%

2S - 87%

3R - 92%

3S - 94%

4R- 94%

4S - 92%

5R -95%

5S - 94%

6R - 91%

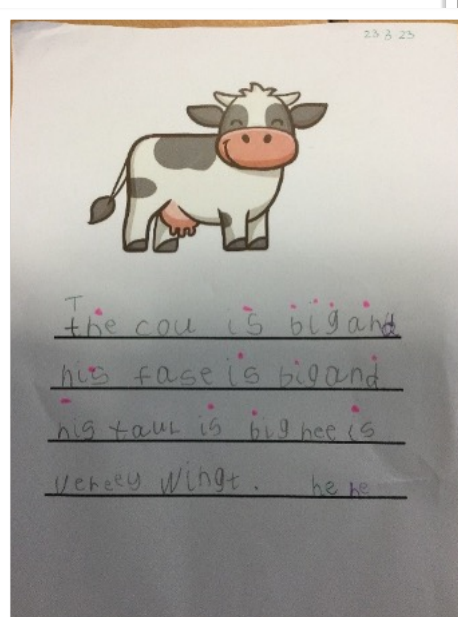
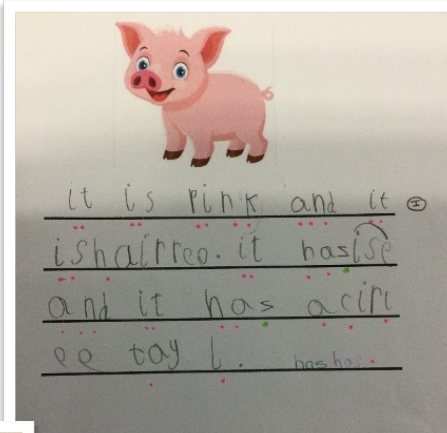
6S - 90%

Look into Learning

What has been going on this term in school. Read on to have a look.

Reception

Our science focus this term has been sorting and recognising the differences between farm and zoo animals. Some of our children have done some excellent writing about the animals.



In Year One, the children were asked to design and make a picture using fruit and vegetables that would encourage us to eat more of them. They used knives, peelers and graters to create their designs.



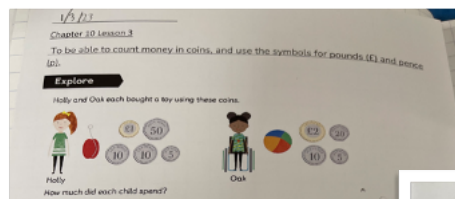
Whilst drawing their designs, the children were encouraged to label the fruit and vegetables they were going to use.



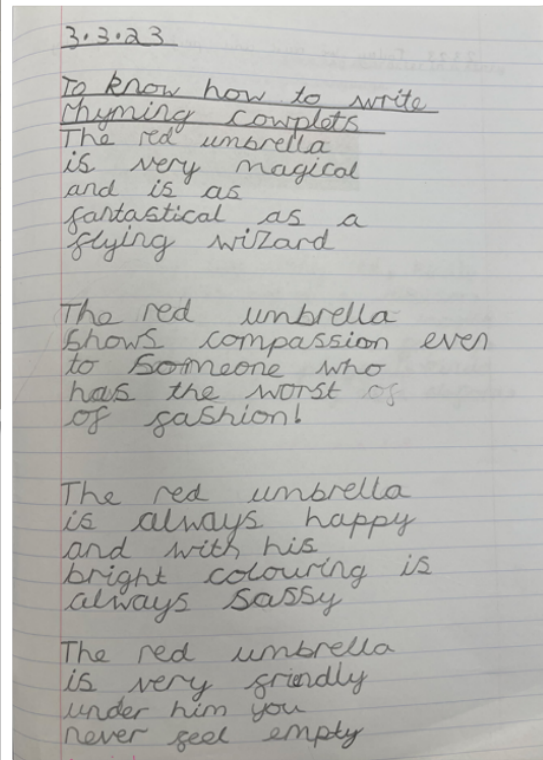
After creating their designs, the children evaluated them, thinking of what they could have done differently.



Year 2



We have been using our adding and subtracting skills to work out money problems. We have also been writing poetry.



Term Dates

2022/23

TERM 2: 2022/2023

Monday 7th November 2022
until Tuesday 20th December 2022

TERM 3: 2022/2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 until
Friday 10th February 2023

TERM 4: 2022/2023

Monday 20th February 2023
until
Friday 31st March 2023

TERM 5: 2022/2023

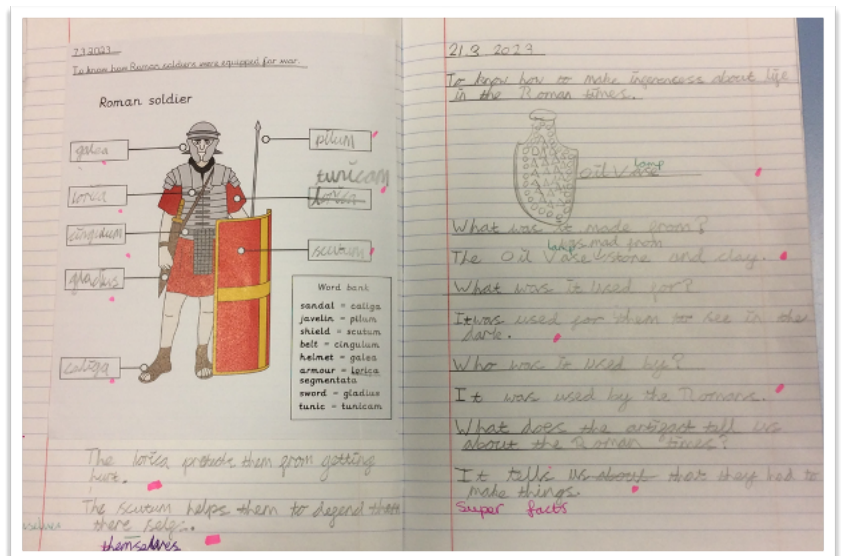
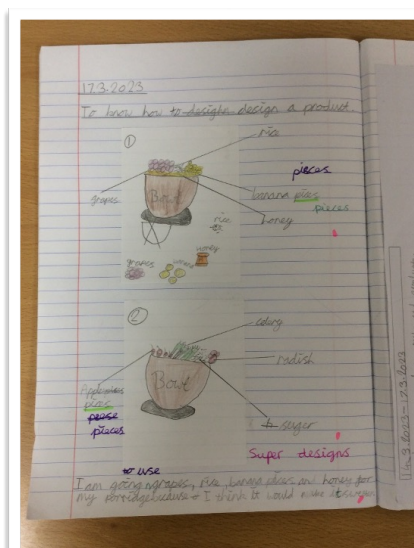
Monday 17th April 2023 until
Friday 26th May 2023

TERM 6: 2022/2023

Monday 5th June 2023 until
Friday 21st July 2023

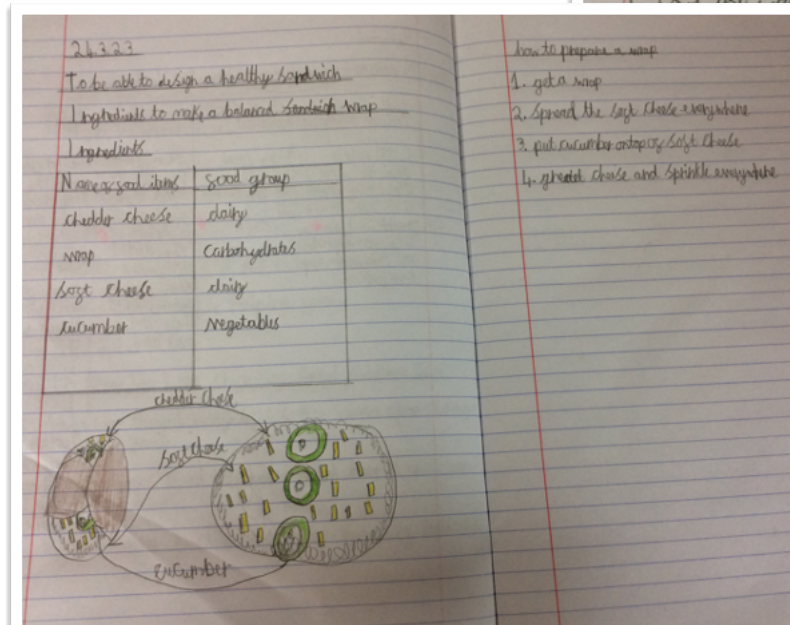
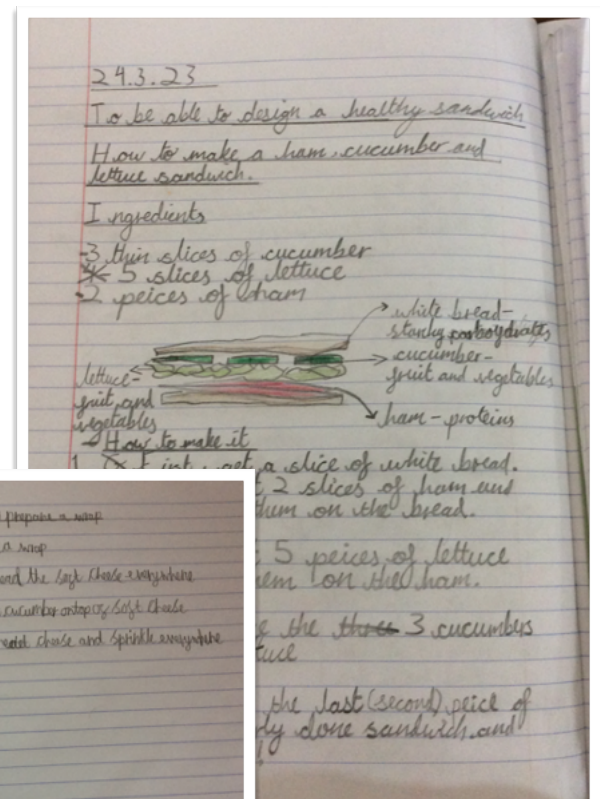
Year 3

We have been learning about the Romans in History. Check out our Roman Centurion work. In DT, we have been writing up our salad designs.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been learning about a healthy and varied diet. We looked at the different major food groups (fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, etc) and how much we should eat each day. We then did a taste test of different types of sandwich fillings, assessing the look, the taste, the texture and whether we liked it or not. After this, we were able to design our own sandwich, made them and then ate them!



Year 5

In Science, Year 5 are learning all about Spain RE, Year 5 have carried out research on Christian Aid and The Salvation Army. They have also discovered rapper Stormzy's link to Christianity.

