

# News from KS1

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## The ICE Zone...

We had a wonderful time last week celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The children researched facts about Her Majesty and have created some fact files in the inside ICE zone. They are beginning to work out the names of members of the Royal family. The children then used these facts to design and make Birthday cards to reflect the Queen's interests. We have posted these off to the Palace. They may even now be displayed in a Royal Sitting room! The week also involved preparations for our street party. We converted to an indoor street party on the day as it was so cold. Thanks to the generosity and help of parents we managed to deck the rooms with England and Union flags and red, white and blue bunting; and Mrs Barnes and Mrs Dunn wore balloon crowns for the occasion; so we definitely set a festive atmosphere. Miss Cracknell taught the children the National Anthem and we sang it before the party. We ticked lots of boxes on our British Values curriculum as well! We grew cress and collected some eggs from our chickens to make sandwiches. Every child decorated a biscuit with red, white and blue icing. These are the events in the school calendar that stick in the children's minds and it was a lovely thing to be able to do.

This week are moving on to designing and making our own puppets in the ICE zone. Year 1 are following a stick and cup pop-up model, and Year 2 are designing puppets with moving joints; some string puppets and some based on a shadow puppet model. As always we are following our process of design, make, review, and improve.

## Classroom Work...

In the classrooms, the Numeracy has been based around telling the time. This is on analogue clocks and starts at the o'clock and half past stage, moving on to quarters and finally 5 minute intervals of time. Some children find this very challenging. We know you are encouraging them at home as we have seen several watches now being worn to school.

The Literacy has been based around story writing with the Year 1 children working with traditional tales and the Year 2 children looking at the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' Seagulls have arrived in the Year 2 classroom carrying connective words, as we are encouraging the children to write longer sentences, connecting ideas together with alternatives to 'and' / 'because'. It is a busy and intense half term, where we pull together ideas introduced earlier in the year and encourage the children to apply them to their work. It is also a satisfying term for the teachers as we see the progress that has been made through the academic year.

To counteract some of this intensity we have programmed in several sporting activities for both year groups. Please ensure your child has correct PE kit in school every day as there are so many activities taking place, from Zumba to Gymnastics, Cricket and Dance.

Our outdoor learning is blossoming despite the recent cold weather. The tadpoles have disappeared to deeper, warmer water but have survived in our pond. We have lots of newts too.

Hopefully the temperatures will soon increase and residents will move in to Buggingham Pallet!!