



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



### Message from Mr Lea

It is hard to believe that we are only 2 weeks away from Easter!

There are so many events still to take place and many to look forward to in the Summer term!

Today, we are all fundraising for Comic Relief - an event where we can have fun but still remember those members of our local, national and global community who face challenges in their daily lives.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Learn more with Mr Lea session - we will continue with these in the Summer term.

I am extremely proud of the efforts of our pupils throughout the school week - they really are a credit to you - thank you for all of your ongoing support.

### Mendham News

#### **RSHE Parent Engagement sessions**

Pine - Tuesday 26th March at 2:30pm

Juniper - Monday 25th March at 2:30pm

Sycamore - Wednesday 27th March at 2:30pm

**Easter Church service** - at Mendham Church - Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am - all families welcome

### Reminder for parents re: dairy and birthday treats

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children and like to encourage them to embrace the day. Often parents ask if they can send in treats for the birthday child to share with their friends. The trust policy on this states that all treats must be individually wrapped and are handed out at the end of the school day.

Due to dairy allergies in school we ask that consideration is made for those that can not have foods containing milk.

Playtime snacks; Children in Seedlings and Pine are supplied with a piece of fruit on a daily basis. Children in other year groups are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at this time as well.

### Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

If you have seen our recent Facebook post you will have noticed the variety of different learning opportunities that Seedlings experienced on a visit to Diss at the start of the week. The learning didn't stop there though! Back at school we used all of our senses to explore the fruits we had purchased, finally creating fruit kebabs with them.

Continuing the food theme we also got to make our own ice cream by rolling milk (in a bag) with ice and salt in a larger bag. Mrs Jones didn't think it would work but it did and the ice cream was yummy!



### Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



Pine Class have really enjoyed British Science week! We joined a live lesson for British Science week from a farm! We learnt about farm life and the jobs that farmers have to do everyday. There was an opportunity to ask questions and the children received a certificate for taking part.

We also investigated the theme of time by thinking about signs of Spring and then making nests like a bird.



## Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

This week has been British science week so the children have been partaking in some extra science experiments. They made pendulums and used stopwatches to see if they could make them swing a certain number of times in one minute. This is linked to this year's theme of Time. Juniper also had a visit from Mr Norfolk who discussed vertebrates, invertebrates, and metamorphosis with the children.

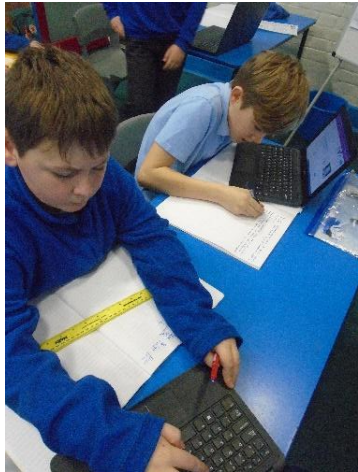


In RE we have been learning about the meaning of the cross to Christians. Juniper have been acting out the story of Easter. We have learnt that the story of Jesus' death takes place over a week. He was betrayed by Judas and then he died on a cross. The people were then very surprised when Jesus came back to life and went up to heaven.





## Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

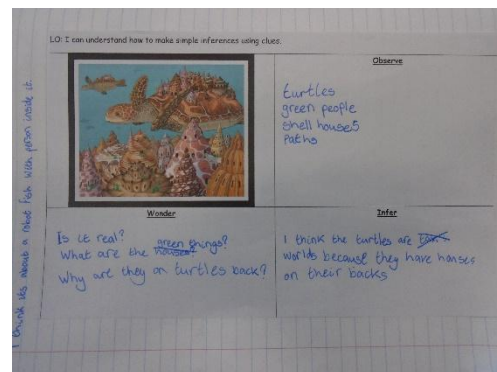
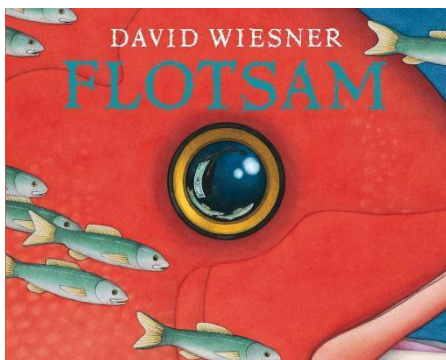


This week is British science week! With the theme this year being all about 'Time'. The children have been exploring how sundials work and how they are connected to telling the time. They have made their own and we are just hoping for some sunshine to go and try them out! They have also been making pendulums

and looking at how important time is within computing and coding. Some great discussion and science work going on!



In our whole class reading lessons this week, Sycamore has been using the picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. A fantastic picture book that contains some beautiful watercolour paintings. The story is about a boy who finds an old barnacle encrusted underwater camera that has captured some fascinating photos of a world under the sea!



## Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:  
[www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.