



The Wasp

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Explorers' Church

Saturday 3rd February in St Denys' Church Hall 11.00am to 1.00pm. Find out about Noah and his Ark. Fun and activities. All welcome (children to be accompanied by parents). Followed by light refreshments.

Burghley House

On Tuesday, Year 4 went to Burghley House to find out about the Tudors.

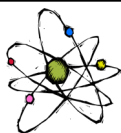


St Denys' Reredos Presentation

Next Sunday (4th February) at 10.00am the twelve 'Disciples' from Year 5 who have been studying the Reredos in St Denys' are going to church to present their work to Father Philip. All welcome.

Year 5 11+

If your child is in Year 5 and is interested in taking the 11+ entrance examination in September please return the form to school by Monday. Thank you.



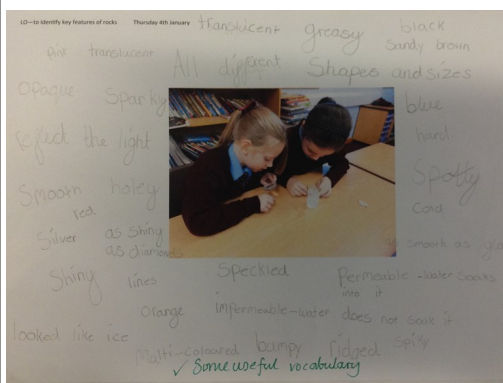
Science Spot

Exciting science in Year 3: This term the children in Y3 have been learning all about different types of rock and carrying out investigations to identify their characteristics.

Zion and Ithar in Mrs McMillan's class explained how the different rocks were formed: "*Sedimentary rock is made when materials and bits sink to the bottom and they get crushed together for thousands and thousands of years. Igneous rocks are made when magma comes out of a volcano and cools to make rock. These rocks can then be changed into metamorphic rock if they get very hot and are pressed together.*"

The girls also explained how they tested if the rocks are permeable or impermeable: "*We put water in the pipette and dropped it on the rock. If it soaked in it meant the rock was permeable.*"

They have also been developing their vocabulary to help them learn new words to describe the characteristics of the different rocks. They could then be more precise when writing about the appearance of the rocks when they looked at them through magnifying glasses.



Left: In Olivia's beautifully-presented topic book, she describes the appearance of different types of rock.



Zion and Ithar examine the rocks through a magnifying glass and test for permeability.

E-safety notice

Children often try and persuade their parents to let them use apps or games that they say their friends are 'allowed' to use. These are the following guidelines for some of the more popular social media sites and games:

Musical.ly 13 (18 to post videos)
WhatsApp 16
Youtube 13 (18 to open an account)
Instagram 13
Snapchat 13
Facebook 13
Call of Duty 18
Grand Theft Auto 18

Own Books

We have just given out our 300th book as part of the 'Own Books' scheme. Any more good quality books that you no longer need at home would be very welcome.

PTA Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 8th February. Cake donations welcome in the morning.

PTA Bags2School

Friday 23rd February. Please leave your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and bed linen on the pavement by the small gate at the front of the school.

Christmas Tree

Tesco in Sleaford very kindly donated their store front Christmas tree (artificial) to the school. We will put it up in our new hall next year.

Lidl

Lidl and Mr Barclay, have very kindly given the school several boxes of candy canes and chocolate lollipops. Thank you.

Fossil Man

Jules, The Fossil Man, spent the day with Year 6 today. Thank you Jules. The children loved it!

Term Dates

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Volleyball Festival

Our Year 5 Volleyballers are playing in a tournament this afternoon. Follow us on Twitter to find out how they did.

Young Voices

Our Choir had a great day at The Sheffield Arena last Friday. If you have never been to Young Voices it is well worth going.

PTA Quiz Night-Solo Club Friday 26th January

The PTA Quiz is taking place this evening at The Solo Club starting at 8.00pm. It's still not too late to enter.

6-8 members in a team. £3.00/person on the night. If you turn up on the night all you need to do is find a member of the PTA who will help you out.

Specsavers Competition

Why not enter the Specsavers Design a Book Mark competition? See our website for more details.

Next Week

Year 2 are taking part in an Indian Experience on Monday and Tuesday. On Friday a group of children are taking part in the Big Bird Watch. On Sunday 4th February we will be presenting our Reredos project to Father Phillip.

This Week's Attendance

This week our overall attendance has dropped to 88%. I know lots of children have been very poorly with coughs and colds. Let's hope everyone feels a little better next week.

Darts Charity Fundraiser

Visit the school website or follow us on Twitter to find out more about the Charity Darts Night on Saturday 26th May 2018.

Handwriting

This was from Leonie B in Year 5. What do you think?

During the Victorian era (1837-1901), good penmanship was considered very important. Writing was vital as Victorians did not have computers or mobile phones.