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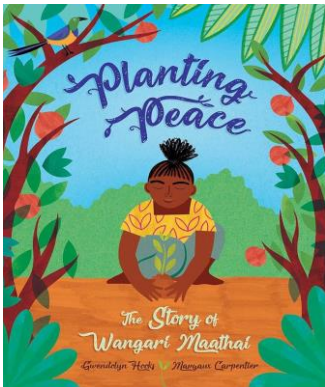
Summer 1 2025



Welcome back

We hope you've enjoyed the Easter holidays and the lovely weather! It seems a long time ago now but it was wonderful to welcome you all before the Easter break for our Mothers Day celebrations.

The term ahead takes us on new adventures to discover **Where is Africa?**... teaching the similarities and differences in human and physical geography by locating and learning about the Zambian village of Mugurameno. The children will compare housing, food and river use. Science will teach a similar skill of comparing using British woodland and African habitats. The children will be reading and exploring rich African themed texts to widen their understanding of life and culture as well as a spring board for persuasive letter writing, fantasy writing and poetry. Over the weeks the children will listen to extracts of Africa Amazing Africa which zooms in to a few of the countries which make up this hugely diverse continent highlighting the interesting variety of animals, buildings and natural features.



This focus allows us lots of opportunity to experiment in printing, weaving and African Art as well as rhythm and music making. We know it's a short half-term so we're rolling over a week of learning in to Summer Term 2 to ensure this teaching sequence is enjoyed in full!

Clubs

Tuesday – 3:30 - 4:15 **Lego**
Wednesday - 3:30 – 4:15 **Outdoor Activities**
Thursday –3:30 – 4:15 **Multi sports**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Mohammed back to school to lead our outdoor activity club. Each week will have a different focus ranging from team building to active maths. We are also continuing with basketball and football as lunchtime clubs.

It is fantastic to see so many children taking part in clubs this term.

Health and Fitness

Week



Monday 19th May sees the start of an exciting week which will focus on health and well-being. The children will learn in a fun and active way what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and just as importantly, how to maintain it, including the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health. We look forward to putting the children and staff through their paces and we hope you will join us too for a morning drop off fitness session!

– Friendship

This half term our value is **friendship**. I think we'd all agree that good friends make life more enjoyable and enrich everyday experiences.

To explore the value of friendship we will focus on the qualities of a good friend, modeling positive interactions and teaching essential social skills like empathy, communication, how to handle disagreements and make amends. It's worth remembering small schools foster really robust social skills. One of the many advantages of a close-knit environment allows for close relationships and more opportunities for social interaction leading to increased confidence and understanding of social dynamics.



VE Day

Thursday 8 May 2025 marks 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The 80th anniversary of VE Day is a time for a nation to come together to learn about the stories of those that served and the VE Day generation, from the servicemen who fought, to children who were evacuated, and women on the home front. Maybe you have some family stories from VE Day 80 years ago? Please do let school know as sharing personal stories is so important and really does bring and keep history alive!



Wrap Around Care

Just a reminder that school now offers a daily breakfast club from 8am. Tickford Park Primary School offer after-school care until 6pm with transport to this tea-time club by minibus. For more details, please contact the school office.

Sunny Days



Please ensure your child has a named, freshly filled water bottle and hat in school. If it looks like sun, please apply sun cream before school.

Dates for your diary

- Bank Holiday Monday: **Monday 5th May**
- Begin with a book **Tuesday 13th May**
- Break up for half-term **Friday 23rd May**
- Inset Day- school closed: **Monday 2nd June**
- Summer Term 2 starts: **Tuesday 3rd June**

A Note From Mrs Wallace



I think we've all been enjoying the spring over the last few weeks. I've been lucky enough to visit the far reaches of the west of Cornwall and observe spring on the rugged coastal cliffs. It was incredible watching the tiniest of birds battle against the ever-changing elements to not only survive but thrive. It got me reflecting on our vision:

'We strive to be the best we can be. Whatever we do, we work at it with all our heart.'

It's amazing how nature can reinforce our vision and values.

I see this vision shine through every aspect of school life with children across the schools flourishing academically and socially.

So, as we return refreshed from the Easter holidays, together we move through the last term of the school year. I hope you will join us, eager to utilise the energy, promise and joyfulness of spring in all we do.

