



TUSHINGHAM with GRINDLEY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning together and worshipping together

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting half term, even though it is only 4 weeks long!

Class 1 have been buzzing with excitement over the last few weeks, as they explore their “growing” topic. The caterpillars have finally arrived, and the children are loving caring for them on behalf of Hattie Peck (the chicken in their class book this half term). Every day, they are eagerly watching their magical transformation as they begin their journey from wriggly caterpillars to beautiful butterflies! But that’s not all—they’ve also joined *The Sunflower Challenge*! Our little botanists have been busy exploring the world of seeds and plants, becoming real-life sunflower experts. From researching, to observing and planting, they’ve loved every moment. Now, they are watching closely (and watering carefully!) as their sunflower seeds begin their journey to becoming tall, radiant blooms.





Class 2 have been enjoying their new history topic 'The Great Fire of London'. They had a look at Stuart London and created some beautiful sketches of what the houses and streets looked like along the River Thames. The children loved hearing about the alternative system to our flushing toilets! They progressed their historical learning further on a visit to Weaver Hall Museum where they were immersed into 1666, being met by one of Samuel Pepys' servants. The children acted out what happened in Pudding Lane, met Samuel Pepys and the Lord Mayor and even tried their hand at some of the servants' jobs in the house. We wrote a recount of our trip the following day and made posters of everything they had learned.



There were strange goings on in Class 2 when some toys appeared from a spaceship and floated down into our room. The children have loved our new book *Toys in Space* and have produced some stunning writing.

Some of the children went to Bishop Heber to compete in the year 2 football tournament. They had a wonderful time and really benefitted from going.



In Class 3, our budding poets have been exploring poetry, looking closely at the use of similes and rhyming couplets to add detail and rhythm to our writing. Inspired by the Dinka poem *The Magnificent Bull*, every child wrote their own version — *The Magnificent Whale*! The children used powerful similes to describe their whales in creative and imaginative ways. We were so proud of their beautiful and expressive poems.

They have also been completing a geography unit *All Around the World*, learning how to locate places using globes and maps. We've explored the equator, hemispheres, and longitude and latitude. To bring our learning to life, we took part in a Forest School session where we used these new skills outdoors.



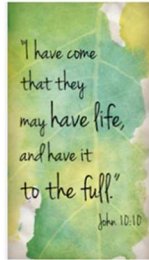
Another outdoor learning and forest school session this half term focused on making fairground games using forces and magnets to consolidate their learning in science – even pulleying each other up into a tree! They had a huge amount of fun!



Class 4 have thoroughly enjoyed studying *Evolution and Inheritance* as part of their science curriculum. To enhance this learning experience, the class was visited by Grace's puppies and Ruby's tortoise, which provided engaging, hands-on opportunities to observe living organisms. The pupils also participated in the VE Day Big Assembly, which they found both educational and inspiring. Motivated by the event, they contributed to the "No Place Like Home" competition with thoughtful poetry and beautifully crafted artwork. All members of the class successfully completed their Bikeability training. The instructors were highly complimentary about the children's positive attitudes and impressive skills.

The icing on the cake is that all our year 6 pupils demonstrated exceptional dedication and resilience throughout their SATs assessments, even relishing the chance to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We were so proud of all of them. They are now proudly wearing their leaver's hoodies and looking forward to preparing for the end-of-year production and training for the upcoming sports competitions in the next half term.

To say I'm proud of what we achieve every day at Tushingham is an understatement – there's never a dull moment! From curious questions to big smiles, creative ideas to acts of kindness, our school is bursting with energy and love. It warms my heart to be part of such a happy, hardworking community. Thank you for being on this exciting journey with us.



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