



NEWSLETTER

16.04.2021

Attendance last week	92.3%
Attendance this week	92.7%



St George's day

Saint George's Day, also called the **Feast of Saint George**, is the feast day of Saint George as celebrated by various Christian Churches and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint including England, Bulgaria, Georgia, Portugal, Spain (Catalonia and Aragon).

Saint George's Day is normally celebrated on 23 April. However, Church of England rules denote that no saints' day should be celebrated between Palm Sunday and the Sunday after Easter Day so if 23 April falls in that period the celebrations are transferred to after it.

23 April is the traditionally accepted date of the saint's death in the Diocletianic Persecution of AD 303.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_George%27s_Day



Ms Leigh Jay

We are sadly saying good bye to Ms Jay next Friday, 30th April.

Ms Jay has been working at Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School since September 2017 and made valuable contributions in supporting our pupils in her role as Learning Support Staff.

Thank you for all the work you have done at our school. You will be missed. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



What else happened in school this week?



PE sessions – Cross country

The course was 320m long. Each class covered 5 distances to total 1.6 km. This included walking, running and cooling down activities.



Caterpillars	25.6 km
Ladybirds	32 km
Hedgehogs	55.6 km
Badgers	56 km



We covered a total of 169.2 km.

Reception class

This week Caterpillars Class has really enjoyed their Pirate topic. They made treasure maps, pirate hats, dug for tricky words and built pirate ships. The children created a pirate ship, and they were sailing across the sea!



Class Curriculum Newsletters

Please see the school's website for each class' individual curriculum coverage this half-term. This can be found under NEWS AND EVENTS.

Reception class



WELCOME BACK

Please read below our Class information sheet to find out what is happening in Caterpillars this term.



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- *Living with HOPE for a better future.*

This Term's Topics

are:

Pirates

and

People Who Help Us

Reading Expectations

Please read to and with your child for at least 10 minutes each day.



PE

Remember to come to school in full PE kits on Wednesday for PE with Mr Barns and on Mondays with Me (Miss Tierney).

Also bring a labelled water bottle.



Important dates:

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Useful Websites

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks?fbclid=>



Phonics

To read simple sentences and use my phonics skills to blend and segment words with phase 2/3 sounds.

To consolidate phase 2 and begin learning phase 3 tricky words. Can I identify these in a text?

My Wonderful Life (PSHE)

To talk about my family, share memories and understand all families are unique.

To discuss what is a good friend.

To learn about how I can deal with friendship disagreements.

Maths

To continue to develop an understanding that all quantities are composed of smaller quantities.

To begin identifying numbers to 20 and beyond as well as consolidating counting on and back within 10.

RE

To understand the importance of saying thank you.

To learn about festivals that say thank you: Thanksgiving in USA; Harvest Festival in UK and around the world.

To learn about special thank you days celebrated in the UK such as Mother and Father's days

To talk about what I am thankful for.

Caterpillar's Class

Summer 1 Overview

Topics: Pirates and People who help us

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

To continue to develop important social skills including playing and sharing with friends.

To understand that other people may have different views to me but to always be respectful.

Expressive Arts and Design

To explore patterns using a range of materials.

To continue a repeating pattern.

To choose specific colours for features of my creations.

To create a 3D creation out of junk modelling materials.

Communication and Language Development

To develop an understanding of what being truthful is and why this is important.

To understand the importance of healthy.

To work on asking and answering questions relevant to conversation.

Understanding the World

To talk about the seasonal change from Spring to Summer.

To explore floating and sinking using a range of materials.

To identify waterproof objects/materials.

To discuss similarities and differences between land and sea animals.

Physical Development

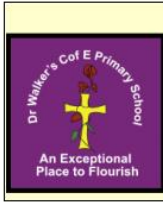
To continue working on negotiating space when travelling including on the bikes and scooters.

To continue developing gymnastic skills such as jumping, hopping, balancing and rolling.

To work on team skills as well as throwing and catching.

Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 - Ladybirds class SUMMER TERM



WELCOME BACK!

Please read our information sheet carefully to find out what is going on in Ladybird class for this half term.

The team for Ladybird Class: Mrs Dawson, Miss Adams and Mrs McEwen.

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Big Questions

This half term we will be looking at answering the question;

'How and why do things change?'

PE:

- Remember to come to school in full PE kits on Monday and Wednesday (Please note this may be different for siblings).
- Wednesday PE will be with Mr Barnes and you will be working on team games.
- Monday PE with Mrs Dawson and Miss Adams and you will be doing Athletics.
- Please wear the correct PE kit, remove any jewellery (if possible) tie hair up and bring a labelled water bottle.
- Please make note of the change of PE dates below.

PE.	
Black shorts or skirt	
White Dr Walker's logo Polo shirt	
Black/white plain trainers or plimsolls	
Black tracksuit	

Important dates:

May bank holiday: 3 May
 Half-term break: 31 May – 4 June
 INSET day: 7 June
 Change of PE days
 Friday 23rd April instead of Monday 19th April
 Friday 18th June instead of Monday 14th June

Homework:

The home learning quest contains activities that you can complete at home to earn house points. This half terms learning Quest will be sent home and also available to see on the class website.

We would love to see the work you have been completing so please email us your pictures to ladybirds@fyfieldwalkers.essex.sch.uk
 Or tweet them to [@drwalker_s](https://twitter.com/drwalker_s)

Learning Quest topics:

- **Science:** We will be looking at plants, and even grow our own sunflowers.
- **History:** We will be looking at our families and the Royal family. We will look at how things have changed through time.
- **Geography:** We will be looking at using compasses and using a map to look at our local area.
- **Art and Design:** We will be designing and creating a model of our ideal pet.
- **Design Technology:** We will be planning and making a shoe box guinea pig hutch. Please get saving those shoe boxes!
- **Computing:** We will be creating our own Power Point informing someone how to look after a pet.



Reading

- Please read to and with your child for 10 minutes each day.
- Each child will be given a new book on Monday that can stay at home for the week and come back in on Fridays. They will then have a separate book to read in school.
- The children will be reading to adults in the week and also during guided reading.
- Please also rehearse those phonics, tricky words and high frequency words found in the passport.

Power of Reading

This half-term our Power of Reading book is called '*Olga da Polga*'.



Maths

- Remember to keep practicing the maths skills learnt in school at home. These can be anything from practicing counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, number bonds to baking a cake and weighing all the ingredients out.

Year 1s:

- You will begin learning about different measurements (length, height, weight and volume).
- We will then move on to learning different multiplication and division skills.

Year 2s:

- You will be learning about different properties of shapes, different fractions and then moving onto length and height.

MATHS ROCKS

RE

This half-term we are looking at different celebrations and important people in the religions Islam and Judaism.



Useful websites

The following sites may also be useful if your child wanted to complete anything on top of our class work.

Phonics and reading

- Alphablocks [BBC iPlayer - Alphablocks](#)
- Phonics play [PhonicsPlay](#)
- You tube- (search certain sounds etc)
- Oxford Owl [Oxford Owl for School and Home](#) (reading)

Maths

- Top Marks (maths)
- White Rose [Home Learning | White Rose Maths](#)
- Number blocks [Numberblocks - CBeebies - BBC](#)

General

- Oak Academy [Home - Oak National Academy \(thenationalacademy\)](#)
- Twinkl
- BBC channel for primary lessons
- BBC Bitesize

We thank you in advance for your continued support at home.

We will continue to monitor the class email daily; please feel free to use this as a way of communicating with us and we will get back to you as soon as we can. ladybirds@fyfieldwalkers.essex.sch.uk

Here's to a great Summer 1 term!

Mrs Dawson, Miss Adams and Mrs McEwen.



Years 3 and 4

Big Questions we will be considering this half-term:

Should we judge people from what we see?

My Wonderful Life

We will be celebrating differences.

Learning Quest: How do you become a theme park designer?

Science: We will be learning about plants, including growing our own.

History: We will learn about a historical event that changed the way we live...

Geography: Focussing on comparing other countries to England and drawing maps.

Art and Design: The skills we will be using are observing, sketching and still-life drawing.

Design Technology: We will be understanding and using working mechanisms in our own designs.

French: We will learn how to talk about the weather.

RE

This half-term we are learning about:

Holy places, with a focus on Islam.

Maths

We start by working on fractions. Then we will be moving on to mass, capacity and decimals.

Don't forget to keep practising the times tables you are doing in Rockstar Maths.

Homework

You will have received your new Home Learning Quest activity list, all themed around this half term's Learning Quest. All work can be posted on the school's Twitter.



WELCOME BACK!

Please read our information sheet carefully to find out what is going on in Hedgehogs class for this half term.

The team for **Hedgehogs Class:** Mr Joy and Miss Jay.

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Class: Hedgehogs



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Power of Reading

Our Power of Reading book is '*Leon and the Place Between*' by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be using this book to also learn about poetry, descriptive writing, persuasive writing, writing in first person and playscripts.

Please read to and with your child at least twice a week.

PE:

Remember to come to school in full PE kits on Wednesday for PE with Mr Barnes and on Thursday with Mr Joy.

Also bring a labelled water bottle.

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/>

Important dates:

May bank holiday: 3 May

Half-term break: 31 May – 4 June

INSET day: 7 June

Friday 23rd April: PE instead of Thursday 22nd April.

Friday 18th June: PE instead of Thursday 17th June

Friday 16th July: PE instead of Thursday 15th July

Years 5 and 6

Welcome back!



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Class: **Badgers**

Please read our information sheet carefully to find out what is going on in Green class for this half term.

The team for **Badgers Class:** Mrs Debrah-Nkansah, Mrs Lester, Mrs Spanton, Mrs Morton, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Foster.

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Homework:

You will have received your new Home Learning Quest activity list, all themed around this half term's Learning Quest.

Useful Websites:

[KS2 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Spelling | Oxford Owl](#)

[Primary History KS2: World War 2 Clips - BBC Teach](#)



Learning Quest topics: Who was the bravest in World War Two?

Science: We will be learning about materials and their properties.

History: We will learn about what happened during the Second World War and how it affected a range of people.

Geography: We will be focussing on the countries involved in the Second World War.

Art and Design: The skills we will be using are; painting, sketching and using textiles.

Design Technology: We will be focusing on rationing from the Second World War.

Power of Reading

Our Power of Reading books are '*Rose Blanche*' by Roberto Innocenti and '*Letters from the Lighthouse*' by Emma Carroll. We will be using these books to support our understanding of diaries, poetry, letters, newspaper reports, playscripts and persuasive writing. Please listen to your child read at least twice a week.

Maths

This half term we will be covering the following:

- Volume
- Properties of shape
- Position and direction
- The four operations

Remember to practice your timetables and arithmetic skills.

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Half-term break: 31 May – 4 June

INSET day: 7 June

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RE

This half-term we are learning about The Five Pillars of Islam.

Big Questions we will be considering this half-term:

Why our world is a place on wonder?

My Wonderful Life

We will be celebrating differences.

PE:

Remember to come to school in full PE kits on Wednesday for PE with Scot and on Thursday for PE with Mrs Debrah-Nkansah. Also, bring a labelled water bottle.



Parking around the school

A kind request to consider the neighbours when dropping off or collecting your child(ren) from school.

Concerns are raised about the safety of all and to make sure to keep to speed limits. Some cars block driveways, double park and/or park on pathways causing pedestrians to walk in the road.

We also need to make sure that emergency vehicles can access Walker Avenue at all times.

Many thanks for your support in this regard.

School menu

2 Week Menu Rota

Dr Walker's CE Primary School – Summer Term 2021

Menu One served on weeks commencing:

12th April 2021 & 26th April 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains Option	Tomato Pasta	Chicken Korma Curry	Roast Gammon	Homemade Sausage Roll	Harry Ramsden Fish Fillet
Vegetarian Option	Macaroni Cheese	Panini With choice of Filling	Quorn Fillet	Cheese Whirl	Folded Omelette
On the Side	Homemade Crusty Bread Broccoli Mixed Salad Choice	Basmati Rice Mixed Salad Choice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes Green Beans Carrots Optional Gravy	Mashed Potato Peas Or Baked Beans	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
For Dessert	Peaches & Ice Cream Optional Wafer	Iced Sponge	Fruit Platter	100% Fruit Lolly	Syrup & Cornflake Tart Custard

Also available daily: Bread, Salad, Fresh fruit, Yoghurt. Fresh milk or water.

Dates to remember

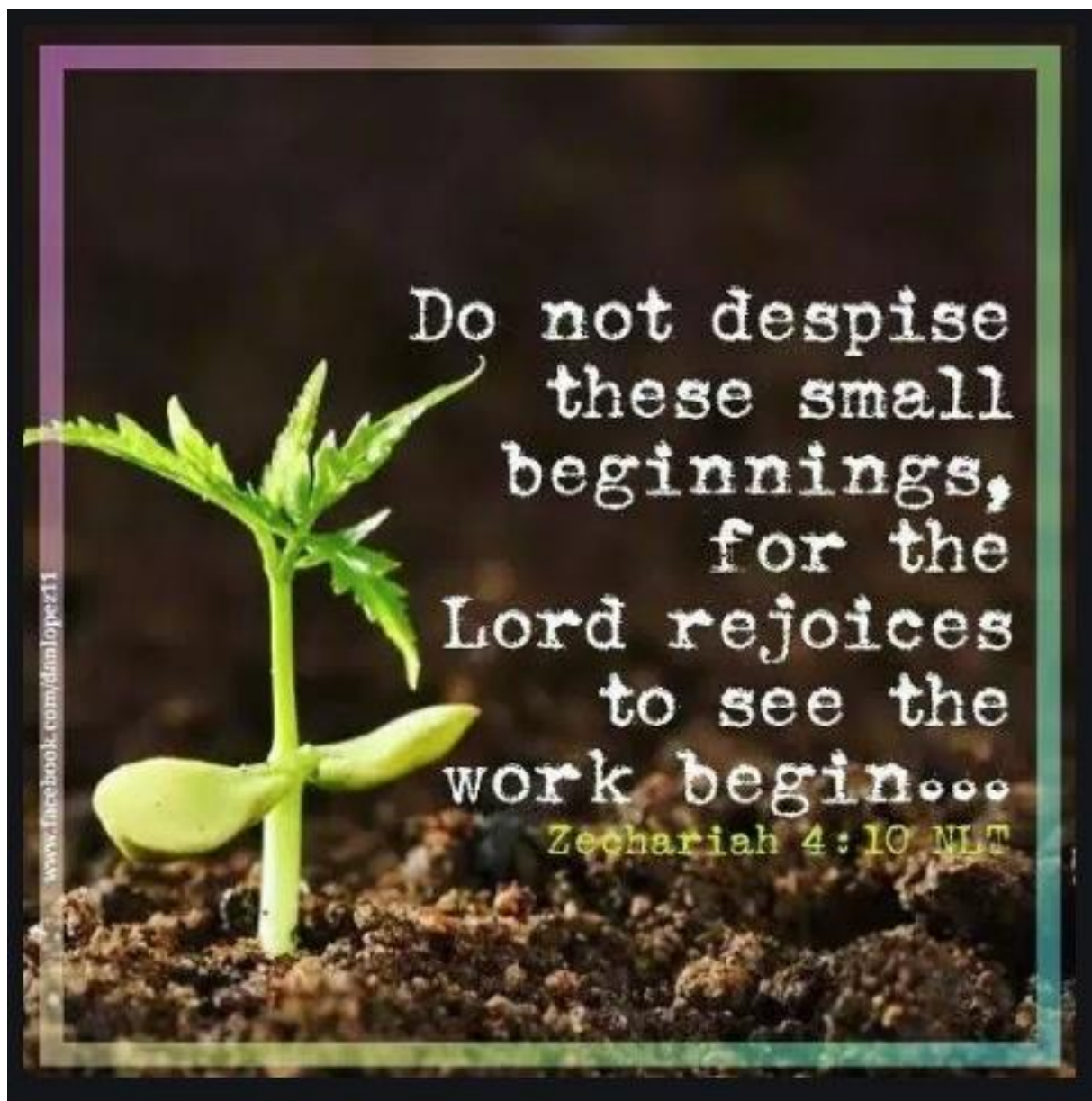
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Bible verse of the week



Do not despise
these small
beginnings,
for the
Lord rejoices
to see the
work begin...

Zechariah 4:10 NLT