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Southrop C of E Primary

Together We Can Fly

The end of term before Easter felt like a huge celebration of the school community being back together. Our school council had the great idea of a school football tournament to include pupils and staff. Everyone, from the smallest Reception child to the oldest member of staff, gave the matches their very best and a fabulous time was had by all. We were delighted to be able to end Term 4 with a much-missed visit from our Vicar, Andrew Cinnamond, to lead our Easter worship, which took place in the playground. Every child had participated in creating an Easter garden and these were placed on the ground before them. The Year 5&6s entertained us with an Easter performance explaining the significance of hot-cross buns and Easter eggs.

In the Swan classroom the topic this term is the Maya. We will be comparing the Maya civilisation to that of the Anglo-Saxons, and the invasion by the Spanish with the Norman invasion of Britain. We will also be immersing ourselves in the culture, particularly the chocolate! But we will be having the Kitchen Club in to help us create some healthier Maya dishes as well. We are also excited to have our first post-lockdown trip arranged, to the Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museums in Oxford.

In the Cygnet classroom the topic is Turrets and Tiaras. The children will be learning about kings and queens through British history and different types of castles. They will also be focusing on nursery rhyme and fairy tales. We are hoping to visit Sudeley Castle. The Kitchen Club are starting off this topic with a feast set for kings and queens. The children will also be learning to play the ocarina.

We are looking forward to the prospect of getting out onto the field twice a week, hopefully in the sunshine, for more outdoor sports opportunities. In addition we are keen for all our pupils to experience some alternative sports. Year 4, 5, and 6 will be off to Far Peaks, a climbing centre just outside Northleach, taking part in NICAS level 1 programme. Year 2 and 3 children will be completing 'Scooter Wise', a programme which helps children ride a scooter safely so that they can enjoy the freedom and fun. Scooters help improve coordination and enable children to learn how to balance using their weight. Reception and Year 1 will start Balanceability, a programme designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently.