

**Southrop C of E Primary School**

**March 2022**

***Together we can fly***

The spring term is always a very busy one and this year has been no exception. The whole school participated in the Big Garden Birdwatch and we were excited to spot 15 different types of birds, including a tiny wren, green woodpecker and great spotted woodpecker. The School Council and Maths Coordinator organised another successful Number Day, raising funds for the NSPCC. We had some very inventive dressing up with a human die and calculator amongst others, turning up. During the day we learnt maths through stories, played mathematical Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and made gymnastic numbers. The afternoon was a frenzy of weighing, measuring and baking mug cakes. In addition everyone got to take home a number biscuit. Wow – what a day! To support our study of Judaism the whole school also had a Zoom call into Cheltenham Synagogue. Mrs Silverston told us how objects and the building are used and explained the various festivals. It was a great opportunity for the children to connect their learning in class with real life.

Our pupils' health, safety, happiness and wellbeing are always our paramount concerns. Each year we invite Coram Life Education, the leading provider of relationships, health, wellbeing, and drugs education, to deliver sessions to all our year groups, to help the children make healthy choices. It is a lovely opportunity to have great fun and learn at the same time. Some children got to catch up with Harold the giraffe and learn from him about sharing, others to act out the digestive system or take a trip to planet Conformatron, to learn about the value of diversity.

Our first group of children have started their Beanology sessions, with Lizzie Skinner, which have kindly been funded by the Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities. In this group art and craft activities are used to explore emotions and techniques for coping with feelings. So far they have made a fabulous light house, held up by people, objects and mantras which support and make them a shining light and a worry box. Each week the children practise their mantras and breathing in their superhero!

We are also very grateful to have received a £1000 donation from the CHEQS and Local Villages Trust to spend on supporting the children's wellbeing. We are currently looking at how this can best be used to encourage a connection with nature and hands-on activities, which are so important for everyone's mental health.

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