

The year 1 and 2 children have completed their final spelling test They will be given new spellings after the holiday.

Year 2 children have new SPAG tests on SPAG.com

Reception parents, can I please remind you about bringing in the post it notes with observations from home? There is a display board to put them on just inside the classroom. Any questions about this please ask me.

## Reception

In RWInc the children have been focusing on the phoneme 'q' 'z' and 'ch'. They have also been recapping all the sounds they have learned this half-term. All the children are trying very hard with Fred talking. Thank you for all your support from home. In Maths, they have been matching and recognising shapes. They have worked very hard this term and are now very confident when they are using their maths tables to help complete addition and subtraction calculations.



## Years 1 & 2

During RWInc, the year 2 children have been recapping all the graphemes they have focused on this half term. Year 1 children have been focusing on 'er' and 'ow' All the children are trying hard to apply all the words they have learned in different subjects.

In Maths, year one children have been focusing on dividing. They have been writing and acting out Maths stories. Year 2 have been completing vertical calculations using funny numbers!

This term in RE we have been focusing on Special Places. We have looked at special places for different religions.

We looked at Hinduism and we made our own shrine and thought about reasons behind each object. We listened to different chants and danced to them. Rev'd van den Berg kindly came to talk to us about the features we find in our church. The children had written questions to ask him.





# Blackford Biweekly



This term our topic is 'Our world and Beyond'. Just a reminder that our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays so please do not forget your kit. Also, our 'Weekly Mile' is on a Friday so please have old trainers, a change of socks and some tracksuit bottoms that you do not mind getting wet or dirty!

## Years 3 & 4

This week in English we have been analysing humorous poems which the children have really enjoyed! We had a go at writing our own verses and trying to include adverbs, powerful verbs and some adverbial phrases. Our favourite poem was 'Where Teachers Keep Their Pets'! Next week, we will be looking at some different poems.

In Maths this week, we have been looking at multiplication and division. Some of the Year 4s have been using the grid method to solve difficult multiplications while some of the Year 3s have been using number lines to help them work out division facts. Next week, we will continue to work on this.

## Years 5 & 6

This week we have had a focus on maths. The children have been working on different methods of division and related word problems. They have also been thinking about what any 'remainders' mean.

Later in the week, we worked on converting between different measurements. The children looked at the prefixes 'kilo', 'milli' and 'centi' and related them to different numbers. We will be looking more at imperial and metric measurements so if you could talk to the children about any imperial measurements you use at home, that would be great.

## KS 2 whole-class

Our new topic this term in Science has been 'Light' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

This week we were investigating which materials reflected light the best and then we designed our own school bag to use in the dark nights.

