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Dear parents and carers,

The Spring Term is in full swing and the children have settled back into their learning brilliantly. All year groups have now started their new imaginative learning projects and have produced some fantastic work across the school. Please remember to check the school website and the blogs on the homepage to see more of what the children have been learning about.

Despite the wet weather and the mud, our Forest Schools children have been having fun den building, lighting fires, toasting marshmallows and planting fruit trees. You can see more of what they have been doing here: <https://www.ernesfordgrange-coventry.org.uk/category/forest-school/>

Our school choir performed brilliantly at Young Voices; you can see what they got up to on page 2 of the newsletter and on our school twitter feed. Mrs Crust and Gareth were very proud of the children involved.

As an attempt to improve communication with parents, all the key dates for your diary are now listed on page 5. The key dates are now listed until the end of this academic year. As you will know, things crop up during the year, so we will update the list of dates regularly. Don't forget to check the live online calendar which can be found at the bottom of the homepage of the website, as this is updated as and when different events are organised during the year.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

Spring 1 2020

Learning Projects



Pre-School	Can we explore it?
Nursery	Can we explore it?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Moon Zoom
Year 2	Muck, Mess and Mixtures
Year 3	Predator
Year 4	Blue Abyss
Year 5	Scream Machine
Year 6	Tomorrow's World

We have redesigned our school curriculum for 2019-2020. Please visit the 'Our School Curriculum' in the 'About Us' section of website to find out more.

Healthy Eating and School Dinners

School dinners are still free for all of EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. Our school dinners include **sandwiches and a salad bar** and ensure children can have a healthy balanced meal.

We are now trialing jacket potatoes for Y1 and Y2 for those children who have packed lunches. See below for details.



Jacket Potatoes



Just to remind everyone that jacket potatoes can be bought for **60p per day** for children in **Y1 – Y6**

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This is a cheap and healthy way to help busy parents provide variety with children's pack lunches. Just send a filling of your choice!

Order at the school office.

If you would like to sponsor our newsletter please let the admin team know: **Telephone:** 02476454843 or **Email:** admin@ernesfordgrange-pri.coventry.sch.uk



Thank you to Princess Events Balloons of 562 Binley Road, 07871 726005, for providing all of the decorations for school functions.



Young Voices

Last Tuesday saw our much-anticipated Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena with our school choir having the opportunity to show off their singing skills as part of a choir of over 6000 children.

After rehearsing their vocal performance and dance moves in school, it was fantastic to rehearse and perform with a live band. As any of the children, who have been to this event will tell you, there is nothing like the moment the lights go down and they realise they are finally on stage. The atmosphere was incredible, and this year saw the return of Tony Hadley as a guest singer, who was joined by The Shires.

Thank you to all the children for their hard work and to all those parents and staff who kindly volunteered to help on the day. Everyone involved had a fantastic time even if there were a few tired children the next day!



The Natural History Museum Photography Exhibition

Twenty of our Y6 children had a wonderful time in London last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the photography exhibition and exploring the museum. Using the tube and walking through some of the busy streets of London, was a new experience for many of them but they were all a real credit to our school and their families. A big thank you to Miss Alex for organising such a successful trip.



Forest Schools

Den Building as a Tribe

This week, we teamed up with Mr Stevens and his Forest School group. We looked at a tribe who live in Indonesia. They build their huts above ground level to protect them from floods and dangerous animals. We then went outside and tried to build our own versions. We got very muddy, but we had a lot of fun!



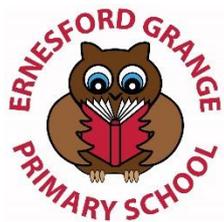
Expert Shelter Building

The weather can sometimes make finding warmth and shelter from the rain an impossibility during Forest School, but luckily we've learned some new skills in order to make these fantastic shelters to keep us warm and dry when the weather turns!

We used different types of knots to attach rope to the tree, tie two bits of rope together and to make holes for pegs to go into.

Finding the right height for our tarpaulin was important since they were all different sizes. We had to improvise with how we kept some of them up, but we were all really pleased with how they turned out.





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Key Dates for the Diary

2020

Saturday 1st February	Girls Football West Midlands Finals
Thursday 6th February	Y4 'Sparks' Visit from Fire Brigade
Monday 3rd February	Incubator arrives – chick eggs!
Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	EYFS Sponsored Event Week
Thursday 20th February	Planetarium arrives for Y1 and Y5
Thursday 20th February	KS1 Disco 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Monday 24th - Friday 28th February	Half Term – School Closed
Monday 2nd March	Children return to school
Thursday 5th March	Y2 SATs Information Evening 5:30pm
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 12th March	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 19th March	Y1 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 9th April	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13th – Friday 24th April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
Tuesday 28th April	Reception Trip to Brandon Marsh
Wednesday 29th April	Y4 Trip to Wroxeter Roman City
Thursday 7th May	Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	SATs Week
Thursday 14th May	Y3 Trip to Creswell Crags
Friday 22nd May	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half Term – School Closed
Tuesday 9th June – Saturday 13th June	Y6 Residential Visit to Dol-Y-Moch
Wednesday 1st July	Moving on/transition day
Monday 20th July 2020	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 21st July 2020	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 22nd July	School Summer Holidays Start – School Closed
Monday 31st August 2020	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 1st September 2020	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Children return to school

Please note School will be closed to pupils from Monday 20th July to Tuesday 1st September 2020

Please remember to check the online calendar and the noticeboard on the homepage of the website for other dates as they are added throughout the year.

Online Safety

At school we regularly remind children about the dangers of Social Media and how to stay safe on-line. As we know many children will have had phones, tablets and handheld devices for Christmas, we thought that parents should know about and fifteen Apps that primary school children are not old enough to use. All the Apps below could put children at risk. **The calculator App** is of particular concern as it hides other Apps that children may have on their device. If your child is using social media, please check that your children's accounts are set to private and that you regularly monitor their devices.

FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME  <p>MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.</p>	GRINDR  <p>GRINDR IS A DATING APP CEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.</p>	SKOUT  <p>SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17 YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.</p>
WHATSAPP  <p>WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.</p>	TIKTOK  <p>TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS, WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS. USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.</p>	BADOO  <p>BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.</p>
BUMBLE  <p>BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.</p>	SNAPCHAT  <p>SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24</p>	KIK  <p>KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.</p>
LIVE.ME  <p>LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.</p>	HOLLA  <p>HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.</p>	WHISPER  <p>WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.</p>
ASK.FM  <p>ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.</p>	CALCULATOR%  <p>CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.</p>	HOT OR NOT  <p>HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.</p>