

# Archibald First School Spring Term Newsletter 4 March 2022



#### Hello Spring!

Wow, we are now over half way through the school year! We are so proud of the progress that each and every child continues to make. Check out the 'Our Latest News' section on the website to read more about what we have been up to. We are already looking forward to exploring a range of topics within the Summer Term. Please visit here to read through our Curriculum Booklets via the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tabs, where our next topic will be added soon!

#### A Great Big THANK YOU!

In recent months, you, as our school community, have contributed to a variety of initiatives. Thank you so much for your contributions towards our appeal for Ukraine; online donations and items were both gratefully received. Thank you to those of you who helped in transporting goods too. A further thank you for donations towards library books — we have raised £680 at the point of writing! Thank you to those of you who volunteered your time during Science Week. The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed all the fascinating information you had to share! A final thank you to our library helpers; the children adore the opportunity to visit each week!



#### Gregg's Cancer Run 2022



Can you believe that the last time we ran the Gregg's Cancer Run was May 2019? It was amazing to see our school community come together and raise an amazing amount of money for a charity that is very close to our hearts. Early Bird

prices are soon changing; we encourage

you all to get involved and sign up under 'Archibald First School.' Please note: if your child is running the mini mile, you will receive ONE accompanying adult strip in with their entry. If your child is running 3 or 5 miles, and is under 11, then you **must** register yourself as an adult entry in order to supervise and accompany them on the course.

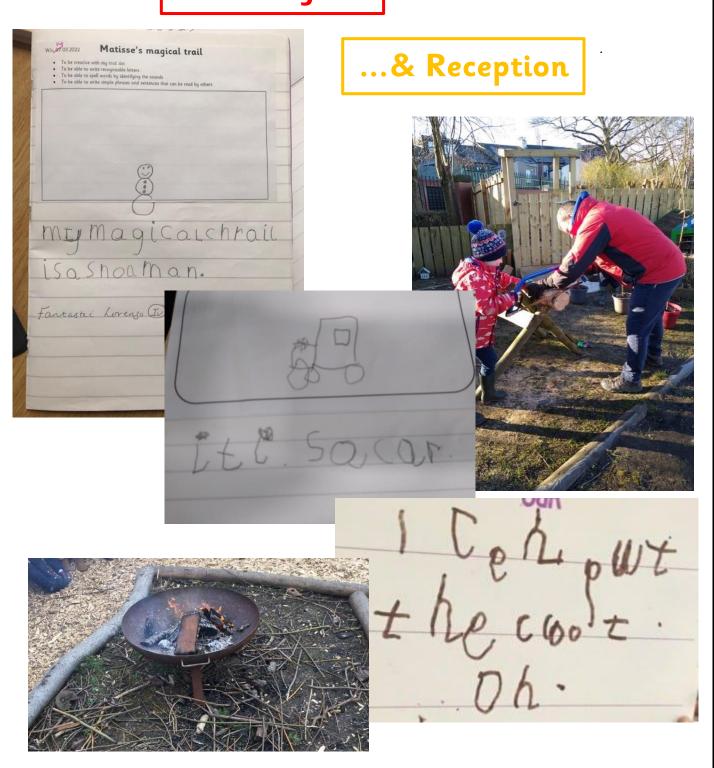




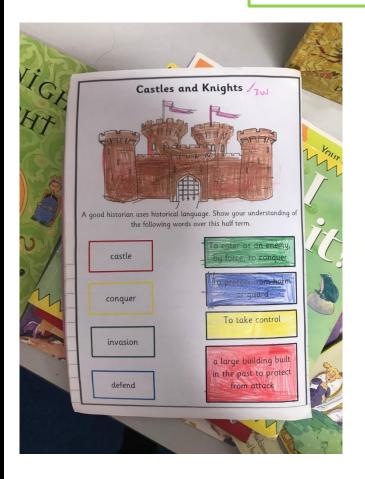
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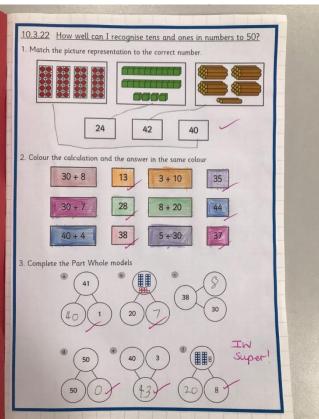
We continue to work our socks off each and every day at Archibald, and we have achieved lots in our extracurricular endeavours. Here are some pictures of what we have been up to!

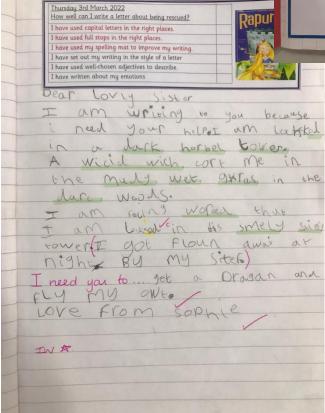
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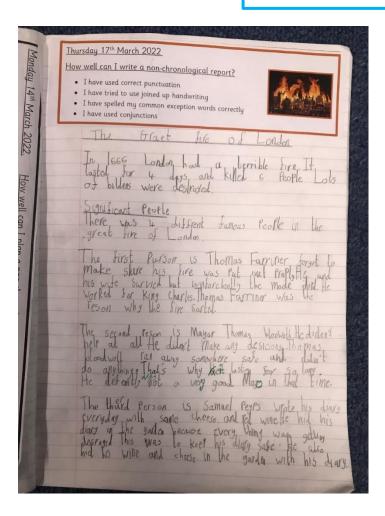
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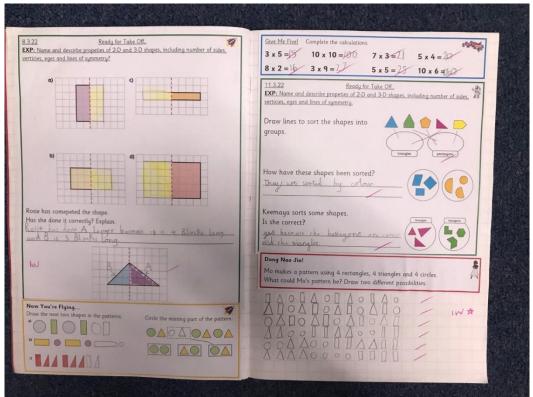






## Year 2







## Whole School Challenges & Competitions!

#### Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel



Ready, set... go! We're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 21 March to 1 April. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out more via the school website.

#### World Book Day Reading Challenge

Our Reading Challenge ends on 31.3.22. Any money raised from this will go directly to purchasing books for your child's classroom.





#### <u>Pumpkin Challenge</u>

From the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, we will be running a Pumpkin Challenge! Can you plant some pumpkin seeds at home? Come Harvest time, we will be looking for the largest pumpkin! Not only that, we will then hold another pumpkin carving competition, and you can use your homegrown pumpkin!

#### Sunflower Competition

From the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, we will be running a Sunflower Competition. Over the holidays, enter our competition by planting sunflower seeds at home. Tweet or email us your photos @ArchibaldFirst #AFSSunflowers by 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to enter! We will be looking for the tallest sunflower!



#### **COVID-19 Updates**



Although we are very much enjoying the "almost-normal" feeling we have around school to date, COVID-19 continues to play its part in our day-to-day lives. With this in mind, we ask our school community to continue to be mindful, and to follow current test quidance if feeling unwell.

### **Staffing Updates**

#### Welcome back, Mrs Jones!

Mrs Jones has been having some special time with her family after having baby Finley in October 2021. Year 2 have been lucky enough to spend some time with her already! Upon full-return to Archibald, Mrs Jones will be working with children across the school to further support their classroom learning. We can't wait to see you, Mrs Jones!



#### Mrs Miles



Mrs Miles has had such a great time working with Class 6, Year 3 and 4 over the last few months, that she is going to stay with us until we finish school in July! Mrs Miles will continue visiting Class 6 every Wednesday to complete weekly Science lessons, as well as RE, Handwriting, Music and Reading. Mrs Miles will also visit Key Stage 2 every Monday.

#### Watch this space...

We are busy organising coffee mornings and afternoons for year groups at the start of May. Dates and times to follow...



As ever, we are so grateful for the support and contributions, that you as families give to the school; thank you for the continued support!

The Archibald Team