



This term our Topic in Year 1 is 'Turrets and Tiaras'. Our stunning start was a very strange discovery indeed.....footprints, a note and a dragon's egg! We made a set of instructions on how to look after the egg. We kept it warm and read it stories. When the egg hatched the baby dragon had made quite a mess in our classroom but she did leave us an invitation to Warwick Castle. We have been busy learning about castles and castle life and our visit will help us to understand this more and bring our Topic work to life. Wonder what our 'fabulous finish' will be?



In their Science lessons this term Year 4 have been finding out about 'Sound'. They were lucky enough to explore the Science of Sound in the outstanding acoustics of the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. The girls listened to the pipe organ (with 6,000 pipes!) and they took part in an interactive workshop to discover how sound is made, how it travels and how we hear.





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PRE-PREP

The atmosphere in the Year 2/3 classroom has been distinctly frosty as the girls have been enjoying a Topic about Ernest Shackleton and his adventures in Antarctica. Basing our studies on the book 'Ice Trap', the class have followed the journey of the crew of Shackleton's ship, 'Endeavour'. Starting with the advert in the press that helped Shackleton to select his team, through the excitement and anticipation felt as the ship set off, to the despair and loneliness as the Endeavour became trapped in pack ice and the adventurers thought that they might not see home again. The class has completed some fabulous creative writing as they have imagined themselves on the Endeavour. The girls have particularly enjoyed the art work related to this topic and have had much hilarity when writing and performing inspirational speeches to encourage optimism amongst the crew.

Here are the girls having fun at Young Engineers' Club. Each week the girls have a different activity which incorporates Science and Technology. So far this term they have made their own catapults, balloon powered cars, pneumatic toys and battery powered torches.



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Reception have had a very exciting start to their new topic 'Knock Knock' this half term - building a new home for 'Suzie' - our resident squirrel, making a splash finding out which materials are waterproof, discovering lots of different types of houses and homes, recreating the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and producing some fantastic pastel artwork based upon their own homes!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 26th February – Reception – Year 3
Parents' Evening**

**Tuesday 27th February – Reception – Year 3
Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday 7th March – Pre-Prep Mother's Day
Assembly 9am – 10am**

Refreshments in the link before assembly

**Monday 12th March- Year 4 Parents' Evening –
all subjects**

**Wednesday 21st March – Year 4 Forest School
Day**

Thursday 29th March – Term Ends

OTHER INFORMATION

New Clubs next term:

**Embroidery Club – Year 2, 3, 4 – Mrs Churchill
(Tuesday Lunchtime)**

**Maths Club – Rec, Year 1 – Bluebell & Martha
(Friday Lunchtimes)**

**Computer Club – Rec, Year 1 – Miss Tonks
(Thursday Lunchtime)**