



### Key Dates:

#### March:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

#### April:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

#### May:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Spring Bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

#### June:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

#### July:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

#### September:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

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### World Book Day

World Book Day is a wonderful way to celebrate reading and everyone at Eastbury had a great day dressed as their favourite book character. It also helps to spark children's enthusiasm and get them excited about picking up a new book. Stories offer children so much and play a vital role in their growth and development. This special day provides a perfect opportunity to remind our children of the importance of reading. Please see the link which explains the impact of World Book Day <https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/our-impact/>. They have found that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.



### Parents evening

Thank you for all your positive and kind comments during parents evening. You shared how much progress your children had made and how happy they are at Eastbury. I was also pleased to hear that you and your family enjoyed tasting dishes from the school menu.

### Recitation Week

Recitation Week showcased children from every class in years 1 - 6 recite and perform poetry from across the world. The solo performances were very impressive and demonstrated the children's confidence to perform, in some cases in a different language, to a very large audience. We were all so proud of your children. Thank you for coming along to support them.

### Learning Outside the Classroom in Reception

As part of the topic "Farms" in Reception the children have been reading the book 'Click Clack Moo Cows That Type'. The children took their learning outdoors and they worked collaboratively and help each other to cook a nice, yummy meal for the animals in the farm. They did a fantastic job and had the best time preparing the meal. They were also able to talk about the ingredients and equipment they needed. It was wonderful to hear them enthusiastically sharing all the possible meal creations they were about to cook for the animals.



### Learning across the curriculum in Year 1

In science, Year 1 have been thinking about the Three Little Pigs houses and did an experiment to see which materials are waterproof and would make a good roof. On Pens Down Day the children played games in phonics and worked on their turn taking and team work skills. In computing they worked out the correct order for instructions to make a space rocket and what materials we would need to build one, using our understanding of algorithms. By carefully following instructions they made their own space rockets.



### Learning across the curriculum in year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed their learning this half term. They have made fairground wheels in Design and Technology. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience, especially when trying to make their structure stable! The children have also been writing instructions in English. They made a jam sandwich and wrote instructions on how they made it. The best part was eating all their hard work! This week they had a great day exploring all things Brazil. They created Brazil crafts (carnival masks, flags and rainforest animals), made chocolate crispy cakes and researched new facts about Brazil. A huge thank you to Isabel's dad for coming in to talk to the children about Brazil and answering their questions.





### Year 3 travel to Egypt

Year 3 have been studying Ancient Egypt in History. This half term, the children had the exciting opportunity to travel to Ancient Egypt through Virtual Reality. With their own tour guide, the children wandered the pyramids of Ancient Egypt. They met and observed historical characters including pharaoh's. They then travelled on the Khufu ship down the River Nile. It was definitely a unique experience that they will never forget.



### Year 4 visit the library

Year 4 really enjoyed exploring the library this half term. They asked inquisitive and engaging questions about how the library worked and what types of books can be found in there. They showed such enthusiasm when receiving their library cards and getting to choose their own books and it has been very impressive to see how quickly they have already read and are discussing the stories they chose.



### Year 5 visit the library

***'The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go' - by Dr Seuss.***

To aspire a love for reading amongst our Year 5 children, we visited the Barking Library in the beginning of the half-term. Children had a chance to sign up to the library, explore the variety of books on offer (including the famous football section!) and have a relaxing time reading their new books. We even had a blissful story time at the end!



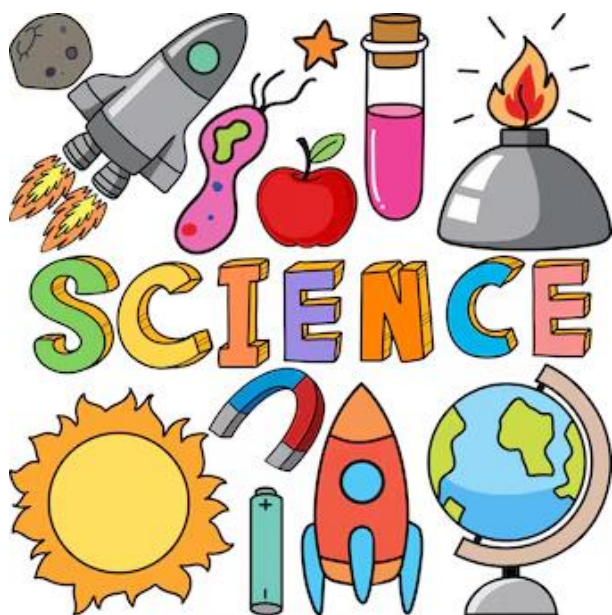
### Learning across the curriculum in Year 6

The year 6 team are very proud of the progress your children have made this term. From diving into captivating narratives with Michael Morpurgo's "I Believe in Unicorns" to exploring the world of electric circuits in Science, each subject has provided a great foundation for their learning. In Maths, they've confidently tackled equations and geometry, while Geography has broadened their understanding of diverse landscapes and cultures. Musical exploration has allowed them to express themselves creatively and develop an appreciation for the arts. World Book Day celebrations and Science Week activities have supported a love for reading and scientific inquiry.



### Science Week

The children have had a great time exploring so many aspects of science. Please see the [Science Newsletter](#) which showcases what a wonderful week the children had. We certainly have discovered some potential scientists.



### Red Nose Day

The children explored the challenges that children encounter across the world. With your support we raised £263.77 for charity.



### Times Tables

Your children are working so hard to learn their times tables. Along with their teachers they are giving up part of their lunch time to see if they can become a member of Emerald or Planet Club. If they achieve all the badges in each of the clubs they can become the "Ultimate Maths Star". Please support your children at home to learn their times tables, which will support them with their mathematical problem solving.

### Study Bugs

Don't forget to sign up for our on-line absence system which helps you to report your child absence and gives you lots of useful advice.

[Please click here for the link.](#)



### Eastbury Outdoor Gym

To support our children become fit and healthy we have created our very own outdoor gym. The building works have now been completed and the children will spend this week being shown how to use each of the pieces of equipment. I know just how excited they are to start using their new space and they will be able to explore this independently very soon.

### Easter Break

Have a wonderful break with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

