



friendship
aspiration
forgiveness
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hope



"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Friday 19th April 2024



Loving the world has been our focus this week with lots of amazing visitors and curriculum coverage to ensure that we recognise the importance of the amazing world God has given us.

This week, Mayor Emily led worship reminding us about how we can recycle - even soft plastics can be recycled (I did not know that). We had visitors from Teach First and DHL to share a 'Dragon's Den' style approach to sustainable living. A visit from Hope, support year 6 in their understanding of how to love themselves. Claire from the Methodist Church worked with some of Leopard class to create amazing, spiritual art around the theme of the environment.

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday to support our Love the World event, which is running from 2 - 4pm. You will have a chance to learn more about biodiversity and our planet as well as have fun and enjoy a wide range of activities. We will also be creating things for our spiritual garden. We were successful in receiving a grant from Tesco Stronger Starts and Love Wildlife to support these events.

We also welcomed my dad, Chris Dekker who is a keen Apiarist (bee keeper) who told us about the importance of bees. He will be there on Saturday to share more about how you can help the environment.

Click the link below to watch a short film below about the wonders of our incredible planet.

[One Earth- Environmental Short Film](#)

With every blessing,

Diane Wright

Headteacher



HOW TO MAKE A SIMPLE HEDGEHOG HOUSE

Help provide a safe habitat for hedgehogs to sleep, nest and hibernate in throughout the year by building them their own cosy little house. What's more exciting than inviting them into your garden and waiting for them to settle in?

You will need:

A large, thick cardboard or plastic box

Scissors

Dry grass or straw

A carrier bag

Twigs and dry leaves



Instructions:

1. Cut a 15cm x 15cm entrance, into your box. If you want to protect your little friends, create a tunnel using another piece of cardboard and attach it to the entrance. This makes sure predators can't get in and the hedgehogs will be safe in their new home.
2. Cut some air vents in the side of the box.
3. Put some dry grass, leaves or straw inside.
4. Put an opened-up carrier bag over the house to protect it from the elements. Make sure that it is attached well so that it doesn't fly away.
5. Find a quiet spot near a hedge and tuck the hedgehog house in (with the entrance facing south if possible).
6. Cover the house with twigs, sticks, dry leaves and soil to protect its residents and ensure the house is nice and sturdy.



Tips:

Make sure the house is in a quiet place and avoid disturbing your hedgehog guests.

Be patient – hedgehogs are shy and solitary, so it may take them a while to settle in.

Clean out the hedgehog house once a year. It's best to do it in April, after their hibernation – but make sure you do not clean it whilst the hedgehog is home!

EYFS Trip to the Farm

Butterfly class went to West Lodge Farm Park this week.

We saw what things lived on a real farm and met lots of animals, including pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and even a peacock!

We petted small animals like rabbits and guinea pigs and were able to stroke goats, sheep and donkeys!

We were even able to feed orphaned lambs- which was an incredible experience.

We went on an adventure where we found horses and cows, we did have to be careful where we put our feet though, because it was rather muddy!

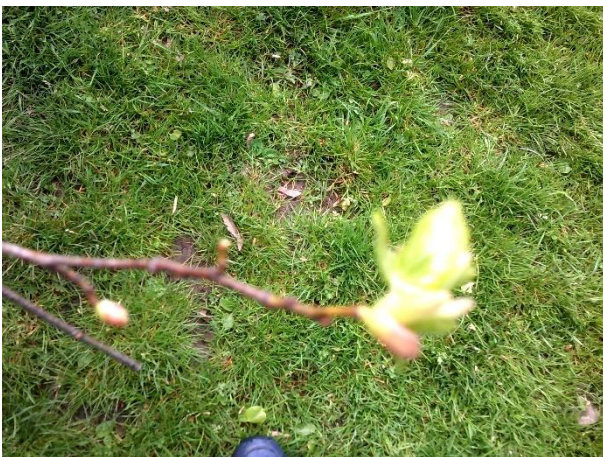
We thoroughly enjoyed the tractor-barrel ride and the incredible play area. The children all made us very proud with excellent behaviour showing the values of St. Mary's School. In fact, the children were SO amazing that a member of the public even wrote an email to the school congratulating the children on their behaviour.

Mr Middleton wants to say a special thanks to the grown-ups who gave their time to help on this trip.



Monday 15th April 2024

Today we went on our second walk of the year to the Pleasure Park to observe seasonal changes. During our Autumn visit, we noticed that many of the trees were starting to lose their leaves and the ground at the park was covered in fallen leaves. Our Spring visit was quite different, we noticed signs of new life all over the park! We saw new leaves growing on some trees, beautiful daffodils and blossom. We also noticed that the weather felt much warmer than it did during our Autumn walk.





Good evening,

I just wanted to send a quick email to pass on what a credit to your school the staff were on a trip to West Lodge farm today (16th April). I went along with my mum, son and niece and the staff represented your school in such a positive way, they were so friendly and courteous to others that were at the farm visiting. I spoke to a gentleman teacher and my mum had a lovely encounter with a female teacher. I'd like to pass on our thanks as positive experiences very rarely get shared.



Kettering
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LOVE THE WORLD



Help us create our wellbeing garden and learn more about the environment and biodiversity.

Saturday 20th April

2pm-4pm

St Mary's Primary School

Fuller Street,

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15th - 19th April 2024

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YEAR 1

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YEAR 1/2

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YEAR 5/6

JEGATH



YEAR 3/4

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YEAR 4/5

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