

## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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## **FEBRUARY 2024 EARLY YEARS NEWS**



Lapwings have been engaging in the project 'Dangerous Dinosaurs.' They had a visit from a paleontologist who shared amazing facts and models as well as some real dinosaur bones! Riley thought he had found the missing tooth from the T-Rex mouth when he went hunting



The class has been immersed in all things dinosaur, designing maps and exploring what it was like where dinosaurs lived, and constructing dinosaur lands. They've also read the text 'Dear Dinosaur' to create questions they

would like to ask T-Rex, but not up close!

Kirsty from Rhubarb Theatre brought her time machine to school and took the children on a dinosaur adventure. The time machine brought them all back safely!





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## **GRAINTHORPE NEWS**



Barn Owls were very lucky to have a dry day to complete their cycling proficiency course "Bikeability Level I" with the team who usually work with the older children. Every child who took part passed the test so well done Barn Owls!





This month, our RE question is "Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim?" Mrs Spencer helped answer our questions about Hajj.

Kestrels have been newspaper reporters, interviewing the character Adam, to understand how he feels about the Lord stealing everyone's land (hence the makeshift microphone!)

If you haven't read *Tyger* by SF Said you're missing a great story!





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## MARSHCHAPEL SKYLARKS' LEARNING



It's been a busy month in the Skylarks' class too. They completed their work on the Great Fire of London with an improvisation session facilitated by Kirsty from Rhubarb Theatre. She was blown away by the facts the children knew about this significant historical event and the children loved the chance to act out scenes from seventeenth century London.

The children have been learning about the four countries of the UK and programming the mice devices to explore the UK on a map.





Science this month has been investigating the functions of different parts of the body. The children enjoyed creating large pictures of humans to label the parts of the body.



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## **WORLD BOOK DAY and SPONSORED READ**

#### Thursday 7th March Parents share books and a cuppa!

We would like to invite parents to Marshchapel in the morning from 9:15am, and then Grainthorpe in the afternoon from 2pm for tea/coffee and cake and some super reading.

To celebrate World Book Day, the children will be treated to drama workshops based on William Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream.** We have a professional company coming to join us at both schools.

If children want to dress up for the day and come as sprites, fairies, kings or queens (or as a donkey), they may.

We will be sharing the results of the sponsored read on Thursday and hope to present prizes to children for participating, reading the most minutes and raising the most money. Everything raised will be spent on books to read in school.

We do hope to see you there!

#### **EASTER CELEBRATION at ST MARY'S CHURCH, MARSHCHAPEL**

On Wednesday 27th March at 10am we are pleased to invite you to a Church service for both schools with songs, music and readings. We plan for the junior children to walk with the infant children from Marshchapel School to the church, parading their Easter bonnets.

On 27th March, all junior children will start the day at Marshchapel and will be transported back to Grainthorpe by our minibus for lunch.

We do hope you can join us!

#### SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children in our community and you want to tell someone about them, the Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional (Mrs Turner) and a deputy designated safeguarding lead professionals, Mrs Manders.

Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.