

Hartest Church of England Primary School

It has been a busy spring term at Hartest Church of England Primary School, filled with exciting learning opportunities. The children have spent this week thinking and learning about Easter and the message of new life. On Monday we had a brilliant Easter Day across the school. Hedgehogs dressed up as characters from the Easter story, listening and learning through songs, as well as enjoying hot cross buns and making Easter cards. Squirrels wrote their own Easter prayers, some of which are displayed in the church for the community to read and enjoy. Kestrels wrote poems and made mini booklets illustrating and retelling the Easter story. Everyone enjoyed making the crosses that form part of the big cross on display in the church. It was lovely to see so many parents and members of the community attend our Easter service on the last day of term.



The children have had a lovely time the week beginning March 12th, learning more about science and taking part in a wide range of activities as part of British Science Week. On Monday, the whole school worked together in their house teams on our big 'Egg Drop' experiment. It was wonderful to be joined by many parents for this, working alongside their children. It was great fun to see the eggs being dropped from the top of the wall by Mrs Woozley and Miss Vaughan at the end! We also were joined by members of the press; Hartest were prominently covered in the local press!



Despite disruption due to the snow at the beginning of March, our children really enjoyed dressing up as a favourite book character, and it was great to celebrate reading at our rescheduled World Book Day on Thursday, 8th March. Children also brought in a book to share with a child in another class and enjoyed shared reading time. We also enjoyed a special Mother's Day Lunch that week which was attended by many of our mums and grandmas!



Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed visiting the Life Exhibition at St Peter's Church in Bury St Edmunds. This was a great interactive experience for children where they learned all about the life of Jesus during the season of Lent.



In February, as part of Safer Internet Day the children took part in activities in their classes all about keeping safe online. In Kestrels, children discussed online friends, and the importance of setting examples of good behaviour when online. In Squirrels children learned about their 'digital footprint'. In Hedgehogs, the children learned about keeping their personal information private. To end the day, Mrs Burford led a special assembly where children shared some of the things they had learned.

At Hartest we are pleased to be able to offer different extra-curricular clubs throughout the year. Children attended both Boxercise and Maypole Clubs this term, and Art Club has proved very popular!



As a Church of England school, we actively promote Christian values through RE lessons and collective worship in assemblies. Each half term the children look into a particular value and nominate certificates for each other; this half term, we have been thinking about 'courage' and what it means to be courageous. Children in Kestrels led a lovely assembly where they thought about what they had learned.



This term, we have been fortunate to have One Life Suffolk working with our children in Squirrels and Kestrels. Kat and Sarah came to deliver six sessions about healthy lifestyles.

