



Teaching and Learning

Spring term Themes

As well as observing English and Maths, it has been lovely to see the children engaging in a range of other curriculum subjects this week. For details about what your children are learning this term, please follow the link below;

<http://www.grantleyfountains.co.uk/Learning/Our-Curriculum/>

Here you will find information about the theme being covered and what the focus will be for each curriculum area.

Forest Schools

Year 5 and 6 were excited to be out for Forest School on Monday. They have been refreshing their fire-lighting skills and building waterproof 'A' frame dens to prepare for any wet weather ahead. We have begun talking about how to work as a team successfully, giving each other top tips for positive group work and successful dens. The children enjoyed some exploring time in the mud kitchen and hammocks.



Fountains C of E Primary School

Friday 18th January

Parent Forum – Thursday 31st January 2019

I would like to invite you all to attend a Parent's Forum on Communication on **Thursday 31st January at 3:30** in Class 4. The purpose of the meeting will be to collect your thoughts and opinions on our current methods of communication. I would like to hear about what works well and if you have any ideas about how it can be improved moving forward.

It will also be an opportunity for me to share with you some of my personal ideas for the school and federation moving forward.

Social, moral, spiritual and Cultural development

Crisp Packet Recycling

The Sun Parlour Cafe, in Spa Gardens is recycling crisp packets through TerraCycle. and will raise funds towards Christmas lights for Ripon.

Once received by TerraCycle®, your crisp packets are sorted and separated by material composition. The separated items are then cleaned, shredded, and made into new recycled products.

This is paid for by Walkers Crisps who will pay for ANY brand of packet.

This is not about encouraging your children to eat more crisps but for those who do, it is better that the packet is recycled and raises money.

TerraCycle raises £17,000,000 for charity through its various recycling schemes last year.

We would very much like to support this project so would like your children to bring in their empty crisp packets please.

Playground Project

Following a safety inspection of our outdoor equipment, we are now in a position where we need to replace many of the structures. Following a 'Friends of Fountains' meeting and a discussion I have had with Mark Reed who organises the 10K run, we would very much like to focus our fundraising this year on replacing this outdoor provision which the children love to use. Initially, the plan will be to get the School Council to collect ideas from the children in school which we can then present to you.

As someone new to the school, I am so impressed by the way in which the parents and local community come together to help us make a difference to the lives and learning opportunities for the children at Fountains. I am excited to be working with you all on this project.

Safety and Wellbeing

We have reached that time of year when forecasts of snow are being mentioned. Please take care and remember to wrap up warm.