



Chevening St Botolphs Class R



Date: 10/7/26

Theme: **Splash! continued**

SPLASH!

We have continued reading the story *Splash, Anna Hibiscus!* and really enjoyed using clues from the text to predict what might happen next. It was exciting to see how our ideas compared to the actual events in the story!

Inspired by the book, we wrote our own persuasive texts, encouraging others to come and play with us in the *laughing waves*. We also created postcards to send to Anna, or our friends and family. We were so pleased when Anna's family finally joined her in the sea.

Forest School



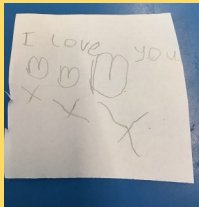
With all the splashing that went on in our Literacy lessons this week, we learned a little about where water comes from and explored the water cycle. We began our discussions in the classroom, where we watched a video showing the water cycle in action and learned some new scientific vocabulary, including *evaporation*, *condensation*, and *precipitation*.

At Forest School, we focused on evaporation. We used water to create decorations on paper and then watched in amazement as the water slowly disappeared. As if by magic, it was gone. It had evaporated! One of the highlights of the week was returning to the classroom to sing and dance along to the *Water Cycle Song*, which helped us remember the different stages of the water cycle.



Yeast

This week, we learned about the Parable of the Yeast from the Bible. Just like our school vision, the parable teaches us that something small can grow into something wonderful. A tiny amount of yeast may seem insignificant, but it helps dough to rise and grow. Christians believe that God's Kingdom grows in the same way, beginning with small acts of love, kindness, and faith that can make a big difference in the world.



We spent time discussing the many ways we can show kindness to others and how even the smallest actions can have a positive impact. During our VIP time, we put our ideas into practice by carrying out thoughtful acts of kindness, helping to spread happiness throughout our school community.

Swimathon

It's hard to remember now, but on Monday we took part in our Swimathon. We had so much fun swimming width after width across the pool and showed great determination and enthusiasm throughout the event.

A huge thank you to all the mums and dads who volunteered their time to count our widths and cheer us on.

Please remember to send in any sponsorship donations.



PSHE

This week, we learned about where babies come from. We read the lovely story *There's a House Inside My Mummy* and learned that the special place where a baby grows inside its mother is called a **womb**.

We talked about how children whose mums are expecting a baby can help prepare for their new brother or sister and begin building a loving relationship with them even before they are born. We shared ideas about being kind, helpful, and caring during this exciting time for their families.

During VIP time, we enjoyed matching baby animals to their mothers and making books all about our families.

Phonics: This week we have learnt the sounds *i_e*, *o_e*, *u_e* and *c (cycle)*. We have learnt the harder to read and spell words *water*, *want* and *very*.

Maths

This week, we have been learning to recognise and identify 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. We practised using these coins to pay for different items, carefully selecting combinations of coins to make the correct amounts. We also developed our problem-solving skills by calculating how much change we would receive from 10p after making a purchase. The children worked hard and showed growing confidence when using money in practical, real-life situations.



Learning Journal Task

This week I would like you to:

Help a grown-up with some shopping. You could help write a list of things to buy, find the items in the shop, put the items in the trolley or basket, help pay for the items and help carry them home.

Do you or a family member have any coins at home?

Do some coin rubbings with a crayon.

Can you name and label the different coins?

Reminders

•Swimming days are **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week.**

•Thursday is **Pirate Day!** Please come dressed as a pirate.

•There are a number of children coming to school without hat. Please remember to send one in **every-day.**

•Clubs are now finished for this term.

•Send in any sponsorship donations for the school Swimathon.

Dates for your diary

•14th July—Open classroom. This is an opportunity to come and see your child's work and meet their new teacher.

•16th July—Pirate Day (Get your costumes ready).

•17th July—Last day of swimming.

•21st July—Leaver's service at church 2pm.