

## **Weekly Highlights**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Middleton Parish has been super busy this week with lots of fun and amazing learning taking place.

### **Commando Luke**

Monday saw the arrival of a new team member as Commando Luke joined our ranks! He will work in school each Monday running an extra-curricular club and also support in lessons. The children are very excited!

### **Fund Raising**

Some children in year 5 have been raising money for the Make-A-Wish charity. After school today, they had a stall selling bookmarks, key rings, bracelets and loom band jewellery in the hope of raising more money. We wish them lots of luck in their 10 mile walk around Hollingworth Lake tomorrow.

### **Inside the Classroom**

The Nursery children have had a fantastic time getting to see the chicks. As well as this they have been looking at the length of things around them, wondering whether something is longer or shorter.

There has been lots of excitement in Reception this week as the chicks have now hatched. The children have loved watching this process and getting to touch the chicks.

In Year 1, the children have been learning all about the days of the week. They have been learning to order the days, have sang songs about them and talked about the different things they do on different days of the week. They have also been learning about Easter and why it is so important to Christians and they have produced some excellent art work linked to this.

Lots of fun has been had in year 2 maths where children have been using Smarties to help them learn how to create their own block diagrams based on exploring favourite colours.

In Year 3, the children have been working hard in their computing lessons where they have been looking at spreadsheets to record and calculate data using the 2Calculate programme on Purple Mash.

Year 4 have been finding out all about the interesting life of David Attenborough ready to write their biographies about him next week. They have found out lots of interesting facts and also watched some video clips from his documentaries. You never know we may have some future broadcasters, writers, and naturalists in our school.

Year 5 have been taking advantage of this lovely weather and have been designing and then going outside in Forest School and making their bug hotels. They have also been writing balanced arguments in their English lessons.

In Year 6, children have been learning how to find the volume of different 3D shapes. They did this by creating the shapes using cubes and then counting the number of cubes used to make the shapes. The children understood that it wasn't just the cubes you could visually

see but the cubes that made up the shape underneath also. They have also been writing their finalised letters from Hamlet to Horatio and begun to explore the features of play scripts.

### **Sporting Competition**

We had two teams in action this week; our Red football team played on Monday in and end to end game against Elm Wood which saw some fantastic goal keeping from both sides. Neither team could break the defense and the game ended in 0-0 draw. The team played again on Thursday against Hollin and were extremely unlucky to walk away with a 2-1 defeat.

The 5 a side football team played in the final of their tournament finishing just outside medal position coming 4th out of the 13 teams involved.

This weekend, as the sun continues to shine, I'm looking forward to spending some time in the garden with my family and friends.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,