

Dear parents and carers,

Today is the first day of Spring! Let's hope we see some warmer and drier weather soon! This week, Mrs Griffiths begins her new role as Deputy Head. She will combine this with her current Sen-co role and will be in school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Yesterday, we had a visit from our new Diocese Advisor Katrina Carroll. She is looking forward to working with us to further develop and embed our Christian Vision and Values. Next Friday we are celebrating World Book Day and are looking forward to seeing how many different characters we will have in school.



**Zoe Bear Award
To
Dillon
For compassion and kindness**

TERM DATES:

Spring Term

Easter– Break up Thursday
28th March. Return on Mon-
day 15th April.

EVENTS:

**08.03.24 World Book Day–
children come dressed as a
book character**

28.03.24 Easter Church ser-
vice and Easter Egg Hunt

Valentines disco

**A very big thank you to
Gemma King and FOCS for
a fabulous disco, which
raised £240.00.**

**Thank you must also go to
"A Very Magical Childrens
Parties"**

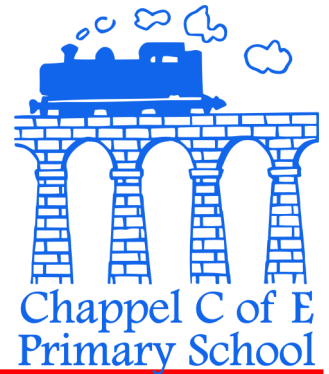
**Who did a brilliant job of
Keeping the children enter-
tained.**



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GOLD AWARDS

Class 1 **Robyn** for her amazing knowledge about dinosaurs

Class 2 **Levison** for becoming an independent learner and **Millie** for her consistent, excellent effort across all areas of the curriculum

Class 3 **Arte and Annabelle** for wonderful creative writing

Class 4 **Alania** for excellent rainforest artwork and **Gabrielle** for a detailed diary entry as a book character

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

CLASS 1 This week we introduced our exciting new topic, 'Dinosaur Discovery'. Class One found a letter from a palaeontologist who had heard there were some fossils in our school grounds so asked us their help! They used different tools to dig for fossils then discussed what kind of fossils they had found. Coincidentally, our mystery reader this week turned up in a dinosaur costume to share a hilarious dinosaur story! A fantastic start to our new half term.

CLASS 2 This week in class 2, we have begun learning a new story: The Tiger Child, which is an Indian Folk Tale explaining why we now have cats. This will help us write our own folk tales by the end of term. We have also been thinking about the differences and similarities between villages, towns and cities, by comparing Chappel, Halstead, Colchester and London.

CLASS 3 Class 3 have been having a fantastic first week back, working hard on their fractions in Maths and writing some amazing descriptive sentences reading for writing a narrative next week about the characters in their class text. They have created some really powerful posters illustrating the effect of climate change on the planet. A great start to the half-term.

CLASS 4 We have had a lovely week in class 4 writing poems about the rainforest and creating effective paintings using our colour mixing skills to create green using only blue and yellow. We have started our new science topic 'light' and looked at shadows and light sources.

Are you feeling creative? Exciting news! Zoe is launching another competition. This time she would like you to design or make a bonnet for her to wear at Easter. There will be three winners and this time there is chocolate for a prize...Who can resist? Entries need to be handed in to Mrs Horton by Friday 15th March. A poster will be coming out with further details.

