



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter


Friday 21st March 2023

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Monday 24 th April 2023	Full uniform
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	PE kit Whole school trip to Poole's Cavern
Wednesday 26 th April 2023 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday PE kit
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Full uniform
Friday 28 th April 2023	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 24th April 2023 - 28th April 2023

Monday 24 th April 2023	Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Thursday 27 th April 2023	Friday 28 th April 2023
Tomato pasta carrots and peas	Whole school trip to Poole's Cavern	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Chicken korma, rice, peas and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips, beans and peas
Sponge		Shortbread	Sponge	Ice cream

Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

Headteacher's Award	Emily
Star of the Week Sparks	Eleanor B
Star of the Week Flickers	Kallum
Star of the week Flames	Taya
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	Sam
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	Sophie W
Spark to a flame Flames Class	Ewan
Mrs Amos award	Dottie
Cook's Award	Eleanor B
Reading Award	Jack C
After school club award	Eleanor F

Well Done

A very big well done to Jack who won man of the match at rugby again!

Kallum won a competition in the sewing shop in Cheadle and won an Easter egg.



We're getting about!

Ursula went on holiday in the Easter holidays and stayed in a holiday cottage just around the corner from...

St Leonard's Road.

She was very excited and had to have her picture taken which she has shared with us.

Thanks Ursula and we hope you enjoyed your holiday.



Random reading spot!

We have received lots of fabulous pictures of the children reading in random spots over the Easter holidays. Thank you so much for sending them in.

We have seen James reading in what looks like a spider's web, Jack has been reading at a football match, Emily read to some lambs at Amerton Farm and they both read whilst relaxing on a sculpture. Kallum brought himself a fact book and read it in the rainforest at the Eden Project. He also read some of his sisters Harry Potter books under the famous Lands' End signs. Eleanor went on an Easter trail at Shugborough but still managed to practise her reading. Rosa Bella has also been reading to her horse Rimini.

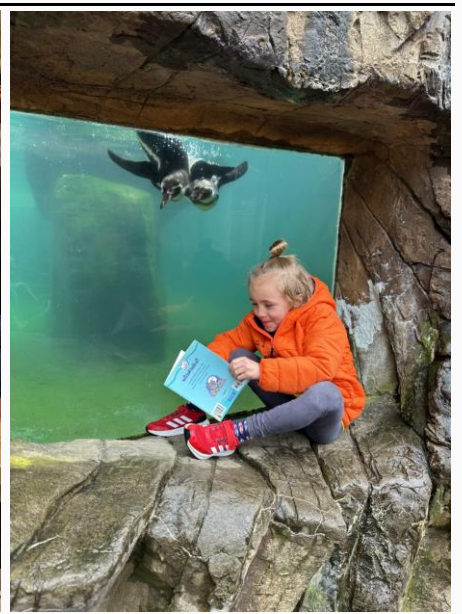
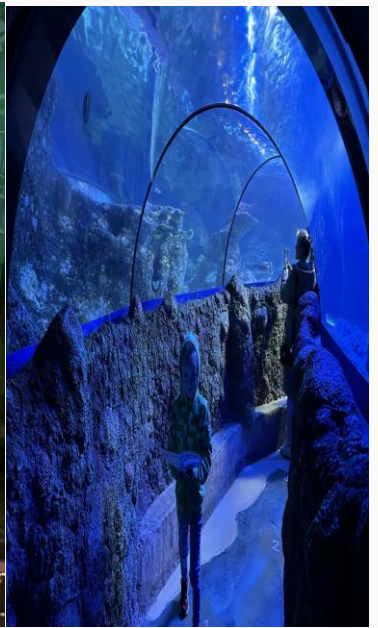
Wow, you have been so busy! Well done!

Thank you all so much once again for taking the time to send in these wonderful photographs we really do appreciate it and we enjoy sharing them too!



More random reading!

Dylan read in lots of different parts of a role play centre. He read near some shark teeth and in the under water walk way. He read in a lego super car and using a monocle and his favourite is reading to the Penguins, he loved how they look like they are looking at the book with him.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Taya who celebrates her birthday next week.

Have a great day Taya.



Street Detectives

This term's learning quest is "Street detectives."

This learning quest requires pupils to become 'detectives' like the famous detective 'Sherlock Holmes' and is designed to contribute to pupil's character development increasing their knowledge of their own backgrounds and their place in the world. Children will explore texts to find hidden meanings using their inference detective skills.

Pupils will explore their local area, the village of their school 'Ipstones' and the surrounding villages where they live. They will learn about the importance and uniqueness of the Staffordshire Moorlands and how they can help to protect it. They will find out about these villages in the Past and what it was like to live at the times when Ipstones was used for mining. Children will explore Historical sources such as local archaeological finds to become Historians and find clues about the past. They will design and make pop; up postcards or books to showcase the village of Ipstones.

Fieldwork in the local area will be used to allow pupils to study the geographical features of the Ipstones landscape and to use and make maps of their local area. They will explore where Ipstones is in the UK and in the world and compare it to other places such as the city of Derby through their exploration of the faith of Hindusim.

Children will use their detective skills to carry out investigations to discover the science of sound and light.

The Artist William Morris linked to our local town of Leek will be studied leading to children producing collage work based on his patterned designs linking to the natural world. This will link to exploration of natural artwork for the King's Coronation.

Children will learn the value of their community, how to look after it, protect it and contribute to it. How to keep safe within it and understand what to do if they are in danger.



Year 3 / 4 residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Please could we remind parents that deposits of £49 should be paid by 28th April to secure your child's place and the remainder of the balance paid by 26th May.

Thank you for the consent forms returned so far. Please could these be signed and returned to Mrs Amos as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Thank you.



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance 97.3-%

Trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery

On Thursday 25th May the children will be visiting The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery to see "The Staffordshire Hoard".

They will learn about how the hoard was crafted by using fine metalsmithing, but also how some items were treated with acid to make them look more golden. Some were even held together with glues, pastes and beeswax.

They will see the helmet which makes up many fragments of the hoard and was fit for a king! They will discover how it was rebuilt. They will learn all about Mercian Anglo Saxon life, study the weaponry, animal art and symbols of faith.

The trip is fully funded by the school fund as it is an educational visit. The coach will leave school at 9.15am and the children will be collected at 12.30pm from the museum and return for a slightly later late therefore dinner registers will be taken as normal in the morning (no need for packed lunches).

PM & AG Stoke-on-Trent Museums **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

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STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD
Treasure of Mercia
Visit our newly reimagined Staffordshire Hoard gallery.
Explore Anglo-Saxon Mercia with immersive sound and digital characters plus discover the latest research on this world-renowned treasure.

May Day Fun

MAY DAY
BIG BOUNCE
Giant Indoor Inflatable Play Event

BANK HOLIDAY 1ST MAY
SOUTH MOORLANDS
LEISURE CENTRE
Allen Street, Cheadle ST10 1HJ

90 Minutes Unlimited Play on a
Huge Indoor Arena Full of Supervised
Inflatables & Interactive Games

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Ideal for Toddlers - 13 year olds

Bouncy Castles - Slides - Free Fall Jump
Obstacle Courses - Sports Games - Rodeo Ride
Under 5's Zone - Speed Game - Disco Dome
Total Wipeout Sweeper Game - nerf guns
Helter Skelter - Wrecking Ball - Bungee

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Coronation Day - 8th May

CHEERS for CHARLIE

Free Community Event Celebrating the Coronation of
King Charles III

Monday 8th May 2023
12–4pm at Ipstones Memorial Hall
Church Lane, Ipstones. ST10 2LD

● Activities provided:
Bring & Share Tea Party,
Live Music, Children's
Games, Fancy Dress
Competition, Fun Fair,
Coronation Bingo

● Food & drink:
There will be a
'Bring & Share'
tea party.
Please bring food
and drink to share

For more information please contact:
Linda Malyon 07824 449178

Coronation Celebration at Manifold Primary on Friday 5th May

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III the children will be attending a Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary on Friday 5th May. The children will be collected from St Leonard's at 9.15am and return at 2.30pm in plenty of time for pick up. There will be a party picnic available of tuna, ham and grated cheese sandwiches, sausage rolls, garlic dough balls and vegetable sticks and Victoria sponge and ice cream.

Please complete the form to request a lunch for your child;

<https://forms.office.com/e/wkhgrecmMB>

The children will take part in various activities throughout the day including craft activities creating memorabilia for the big day, singing and a treasure hunt.

The have been practising their Maypole dancing in readiness for the day.



Flames concert at Victoria Hall

On Thursday 22nd June Flames class will be performing at Victoria Hall in a celebration concert. Year 3's and 4's will need to be at school by 8.30am that morning please. This year tickets are available via;

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CHRP>

The cost is £5 per ticket (£6 for the circle and free for non-performing children (in full time education) and will be sent electronically by email. They are on sale from 1st May 2023.



Mystery Guest

On Thursday Flickers class once again had a mystery guest who turned out to be.....

Jacob's mum!

Mrs Leeson visited us with Jacob's brother Elijah and his baby sister Matilda.

It was safe to say that Jacob was super surprised to see his mum in school!

Mrs Leeson read the book "You're called what?!" a story of "A unique and rip-roaringly funny, tongue-twisting story full of weird and wonderful real creatures and facts at the end that will amaze!"

She very kindly left the book for the children to read in school.

Thank you so much!



Dates for the diary

Summer Term

Tuesday 25th April - Trip to Poole's Cavern

May Day - 1st May

Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary School - Friday 5th May

King's Coronation bank holiday - Monday 8th May

Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery - Thursday 25th May

Term ends - Friday 26th May

Term starts - Monday 5th June

New reception transition morning - Friday 9th June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 8th June - Year 3/4 Residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 15th June - Father's Day afternoon

New reception transition morning - Friday 16th June

Thursday 22nd June - Victoria Hall concert

New reception transition morning - Friday 23rd June

New reception transition morning - Friday 30th June

Churnet View transition days for year 4s - Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 7th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 18th July

Tuesday 18th July - Whole school trip to the seaside.

Thursday 20th July - Leaver's service

Term ends - Friday 21st July

The list of dates is not exhaustive at this time of the year . We will, of course, keep you up to date.



National Online Safety

As of January this year, Fortnite was registering as the second most-played video game by pre-teens in the US, ahead of Minecraft and closely behind Roblox. Consider also that one in five (22%) Fortnite fans devotes a minimum of 10 hours per week to the game, and that 77% of Fortnite players have made at least one in-game purchase.

Clearly, habitual repeated Fortnite marathons and the likelihood of spending actual money on that 'must-have' new weapon or outfit are among the most frequent risks for young gamers. As this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide outlines, however, those aren't the only potential hazards in Fortnite that that trusted adults need to be mindful of.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

CHAPTER 4

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 12

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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Seaside trip - Tuesday 18th July 2023

On Tuesday 18th July we are taking the children on a special treat trip to Prestatyn to visit the seaside.

We will be dipping out toes in the sea and eating ice cream to celebrate the end of a special academic year where we achieved our "Good" Ofsted rating and the children's behaviour has yet again been outstanding.

The cost of the trip is £20 and payable via Parentpay. The deadline for payment is Friday 7th July.

It will be a late collection from school that evening but we will advise you of the finer details nearer the time.

More information to follow.



SCC mobile library service

Mobile Library Service — Fortnightly Service from 2023

Mobile 2 Route 8

Wednesday Week 2

Community	Stop	Times
Dilhorne	School Close	9.30-10.00
Consall	Village	10.15-10.30
Cheddleton	Grange Road	10.45-11.15
Ipstones	Memorial Hall	11.45-12.15
Cotton	School	1.05-1.30
Alton	Church	1.45-2.15

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Dates of visits 2023/24

APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
5, 19	30	7, 21	5, 19	2, 16	13	11	8, 22	6, 20	3, 17	14	13
	24			30	27	25			31	28	27



School photographs

On Thursday AP photography were on site to take Graduation, Leavers and Class photographs.

The proofs can be viewed on;

www.ap-photography.co.uk

How to order online;

- online ordering
- View images and online ordering
- Select St Leonard's group photos
- View gallery
- Enter your personal email
- Enter the password *****!

Reception parents will receive a separate password to view your child's pictures.



Teacher's strike action

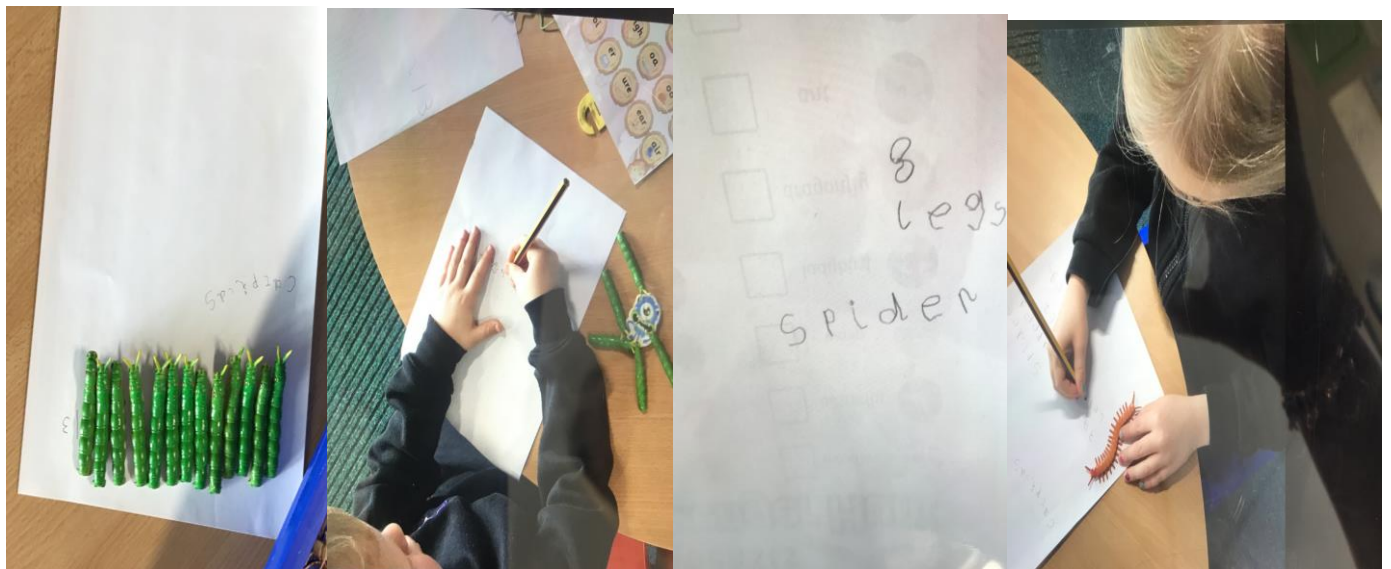
Just to advise that the dates of the next teacher strikes are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. St Leonard's will be open as usual.

BUSINESS
AS USUAL

Sparks

Sparks class have been learning and writing about mini beasts this week. They also did a mini beast scavenger hunt on the school field ticking off all the creatures they saw on their travels.

They were the first class to use the new prayer room (which has been transformed over the school holidays) for their RE lesson.

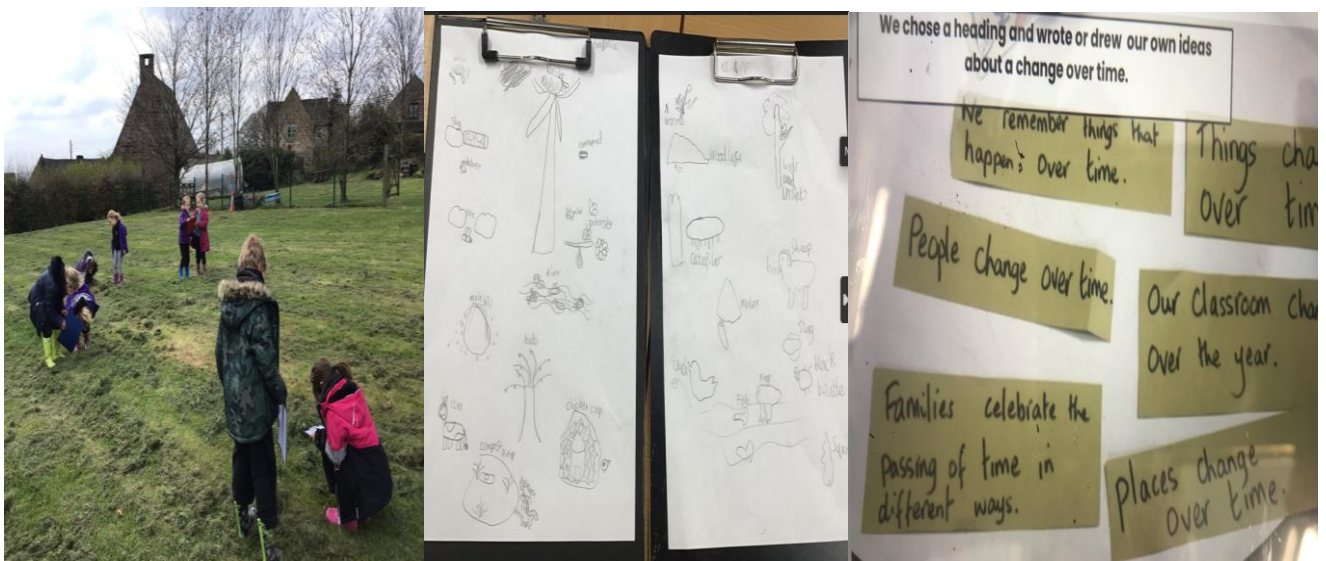


Flickers

This week Flickers have been studying the British textile designer, William Morris. The children have drawn flower pictures in the style of William Morris which was very naturalistic.

On Welly Wednesday they became "Animal detectives". They looked for animal habitats and matched them on the correct animal. They have also been learning about time lines and how people, building and things change over time.

Please could the children bring in their timeline photos and information by Monday in order that they can start their own personal timeline. Thank you.



Flames

This week Flames class have been learning "How to look after yourself".

They have been learning about the importance of keeping your teeth clean, looking after your skin, maintaining a healthy diet and about personal hygiene. They have produced their own booklets about staying healthy.

In their lesson they first learned about healthy teeth.

Each of the children chewed a blue plaque disposing tablet. They then checked their teeth to see where they had missed brushing.

They were given a toothbrush and toothpaste to brush their teeth for two minutes until they were squeaky clean!

