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We love having breakfast together every morning in our key worker groups. The children serve their own cereal and chat to their friends



Every Tuesday and Thursday, we open our 'Nursery Café'. The children have loved preparing and eating food with their friends. We have made biscuits, sandwiches, fruit rockets, cinnamon apple crisps and hot chocolate. Delicious! We would like to thank our families for their generous donations so these lovely experiences can take place.

As part of adventure week, the children were tasked with building their own aeroplane...and what a



wonderful job they did! We had wings, propellers, jet engines, steering wheels and some very brave pilots. It was a little scary when the plane broke, but the passengers worked together to repair it! We spotted a real aeroplane in the sky and we all waved to the pilot and passengers.

The children worked with an adult twice a week to make playdough for our malleable provision area. So far we have tried different recipes and methods to compared: hot and cold water; adding washing up liquid and bubble bath; creating colour with paint/food colouring -

"I like this one because it smells like fruit" said Izabelle.

'This is too sticky" said Ada. "It's not areen enough, put more paint in" said Orla.



We explored our key text 'Stick man' and created our own characters from the story. We also created clothes to keep them warm in the snow.

Reception

We have been learning about India through books and hidden clues. We spoke about similarities and differences between India and the UK.



We have been exploring the artist Paul Klee and worker together to create some art using shapes.

We worked in the style of Paul Klee to paint the Taj Mahal.



We learnt about repeating patterns and created these in the natural environment and using mark making tools.



WEAR ONE We have been busy making soft toys. We had to investigate

how toys are made, then we designed our own. Finally, we had to make them, we all found the sewing very tricky but luckily, we had some parents and grandparents to help us.



Year 1 have had a visitor this half term, helping us with character descriptions, different ways to write speech and so much more. Traction Man came to find our lost toys, guard the milk and rescue Damsels in Distress. He did an amazing job.

In his words, 'All in a day's work!'



During Conservation Week, we used our sense of sight to go on a scavenger hunt around the outdoor classroom and woodland. Look at all the different colours we found...





In Maths we have being comparing numbers and using the language less than, equal to and greater than. We used straws to make the correct symbols as well.



During the Autumn term we had the wonderful Mr Duffy in to teach us music. We learnt how to play the ukulele, xylophone and how to sing, and do it all at the same time!



Year 2 have been learning about the uses of everyday materials in science. We carried out an investigation to see how waterproof a variety of materials were. We worked cooperatively in groups and then compared their results with the rest of the class.

In Year Two, we made delicious smoothies in DT. We taste tested fruit, selected what we wanted in our smoothies, cut up the fruit and blended them. They were delicious! Year Five came to read winter and Christmas themed books to Year Two. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to see Year Five helping Year Two and making them smile. In science, we researched the nutritional value of food and how we obtain nutrients from the food we eat. We enjoyed finding out about nutirents in our favourite McDonalds item, the data gathered was then input into bar charts using a computer program.



YEAR THREE/FOUR

Year 3 had a spectacular day at Skelton Grange Environment Centre, diving deep into the past! The immersive Stone Age experience day was enjoyed by all, with children experiencing open fire cooking and eating... the freshly baked bread and mackerel were delicious! Children made their own clay pots to bring home, and experienced life as Stone Age hunters, moving quietly through obstacle courses. The whole day made us realise just how clever our ancestors were.



Years 3 and 4 commemorated Armistice by writing thought provoking poems which considered the experiences of the soldiers who fought and lost their lives in the first World War.



Year 3 and 4 went to visit Colton Lodge Care Home to share our carol singing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and the residents were so excited and the nurses told us it made their Christmas.





This half term, our unit was Audio recording. We recorded sounds using microphone and then used our skills to create a blog.





made our own Roman soldier with the correct uniform, including pilum, pugio, which are javelins and daggers.



During our DT topic, we tried and tasted food from different countries in South America which linked to our rainforest topic. We made our own fajitas.





In PE, we did multi skills then created our own games for other children to play! We had to create the game, make the rules and select our own equipment

In French, we have been learning new vocabulary so we can have a conversation! In UKS2, we have been having a push on learning our times tables. We are very proud of the progress they've made. Look at how many people are a rock legend and rock star!



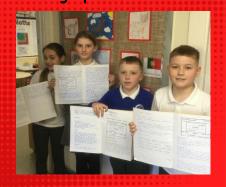
Year 6's History key question for this half term was How would Kalvin Phillips coped in the Maya game Pitz? Before we began learning about the Maya, we had a go at playing Pitz (with some sligh adaptations). The children were allowed to use their knees or elbows to keep the ball in the air. We discovered that, although it was an ancient game, it is similar to many playground games that we enjoy today, such as volleyball. The twist - sometimes Pitz games would go on for several weeks! We decided that Kalvin Phillips would be good at the game as it involved skill and good communication skills,



although he might struggle to keep playing it for longer than 90 minutes! In our Science topic, based on electricity, we created different types of circuits.



As part of our writing process, we interviewed Mrs Seton and Mr Weatherly about their lives and wrote their biographies.





We have been practicing our painting skills in preparation for our final piece. Frida tested different types of paint brushes and paints to decide what she would like to use on her final design.







school life

In November 6 girls from Year 5 represented school in a dodgeball competition. The girls had lots of fun competing against other schools and playing competitive games. In the end, they came 4th out of 10 schools and returned with some shiny medals and huge smiles. It was lovely to see the dodgeball skills that they have been learning in PE put into action!



Barney is our emotional wellbeing dog. The children love taking him on walks, playing with him and giving him treats. He is a great listener and loves cuddles. He is a very popular member of staff!

Four of our drummer's performed for Whitkirk Primary School and blew everyone away with their amazing talent and confidence!



Some children in Years 5 and 6 were chosen to sing on Heart Yorkshire Radio. Heart Radio came into school on to record 30 of our children singing 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. It will then be played as part of Yorkshire's Big Christmas Carol on the Heart Yorkshire Drive show with Dixie & Emma on 16th December, tune in from 5pm.



School Life

As part of our conservation week, all years helped plants trees this term, donated by the Woodland Trust! It will hopefully help reduce our carbon footprint as well as enhance our outdoor space!







Our PTFA Christmas Fayre raised £2,280 for school. Thank you for your support A group of Year 5/6 children represented school at a citywide football competition at John Smeaton. The children were fantastic! They showed off some superb football skills and teamwork and were unbeaten throughout the whole competition. After a nail-biting penalty shootout, which saw George M make a superb save - we won!! The children will be heading into the next round at Thorpe Arch next term. enhance our outdoor space!

Our Christmas lunch was a joyous occasion, with tables decorated, Christmas crackers and festive music. It was lovely to see children's faces as they entered the halls, hearing the excited chatter and singing along with the songs.







We have loved performing for you all with our Christmas shows, and hope you enjoyed them too.









Thurds Staff Panto - The Real Nativity

YEAR ONE

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Ask the children how Brian from Solar Tech UK saved th<mark>e day and his jingle.</mark>

home life

Eliana P, Y3, played a big part at Vincent's community panto, raising money for a good cause. She has been dedicated, learnt her lines and put on a great panto for the community. Eliana played Lucy, she went on an adventure to find her sister.

The Lion The Witch and The Fridge Freezer Lucas B, Y5, competed in the National School Diving Championships. He was chosen from his National Skills Final,

> where he placed 1st in July. He was then chosen to be part of team North East. He was placed 2nd in the 9–11-year group and in Team North East placed 2nd.

Eva and Ivy C, Y5/Y1, were very proud to.represent their Rainbows and Brownies division at the Remembrance parade from St Mary's Church Whitkirk to the Cenotaph on Selby Road





This is Kallie and Karter's, Y4, coding holiday card which is being sent out worldwide to other coders. To view the card directly, you can use this link https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/766 <u>984572</u> Kallie J, Y4, made this fabulous enjoyment collage.



Evie and Nate Cogan, received an invitation to meet Grimly Darkwood - Grimly is a local author who wrote 'The shop on peculiar hill'. It an absolute favourite in their house. Mum knew he had written a second book 'Stranger days on peculiar hill', so emailed him telling him about her



two reading ambassador children and their love of his book. Mum asked if he could sign the second book as the children's grandma had managed to get the first book signed. Grimly not only offered to sign it but invited the Cogan family to his home to sign it for them in front of them.

Grimly very kindly offered to give a signed copy of his first book to school, giving other children in school the opportunity to enjoy reading his fantastic story too.

Lacey P, V4, donated 10 inches of hair to The Little Princess Trust which is a charity for children/young people living with cancer who get a wig from donated hair. Lacey decided she wanted cut her hair short and donate it, she also raised £360 for the charity as it's costs £250 to make the wig so she has already covered the cost.



Evie C, Frida W, Y6 and Nate C, Y5 gave up their Saturday afternoon to help a local conservation group plant 2,000 trees in the Valley.



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