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Learning

Superstars



During the half term we took part in a very exciting art project. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 worked with the artists Peter Baldry on a large-scale art installation that has been placed in the KS1 break-out space. Using cardboard and paint, the children had to create patterns to represent leaves for the tress and scales on a huge fiery dragon. Each class had 2 sessions to work with Peter across the whole week. The final art is absolutely amazing and has turned the break out space into an incredible enchanted forest complete with resident flying dragon! We are very proud of the efforts of all of the children whose excellent behaviour and attitude was very much appreciated by Peter.



We have plans for a second art project later in the year involving Peter and we hope that our Early Years children will be able to get involved in this. We would also like to thank our PTFA and all of our parents as it is your fund raising and donations at our events that has helped to pay for the project to be completed.



Nursery



In Nursery, we have enjoyed our topic of winter. We watched the snow as it fell onto the school field. It was so exciting. We enjoyed leaving water outside overnight, it turned into ice. It was super fun using our hands and equipment to break the ice into tiny pieces!



In Nursery, we have enjoyed celebrating Lunar New Year. One of our parents kindly brought us some dumpling skins to make. We carefully followed instructions and used our fine motor skills to 'pinch' and 'fold' the dumpling skin.



In celebration of Chinese New Year, nursery have been making their own Chinese dumplings

The children loved the hands on experience even if they didn't all like the flavour.





RECEPTION

Magpies & Emperors



The cold weather has helped us further our understanding about the world we live in. We have had fun making patterns in frost and even set up our own science investigations!

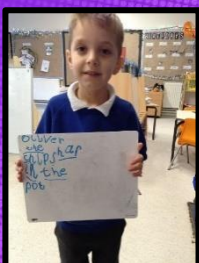
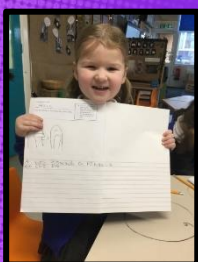


We have really enjoyed our music lessons with Mr Elvin and his guitar! He has taught us how we can change the pitch in our voices and helped us write some songs about animals. We have also explored how music can make us feel calm and relaxed.



In Expressive Art and Design, the children have really enjoyed learning about the artist George Seurat and Pointillism. The children have created some wonderful artwork and have even brought in examples of their learning from home.

We have been blown away by the children's writing this half term! They have been working so hard to form their letters correctly and use the sounds we have been learning in phonics. We are so proud of them!



We always love welcoming our families into school, and this half term we have had an abundance of fun with our Stay and Play afternoon and our Secret Readers. Please speak to a member of the EYFS team if you would like to join in the fun!





YEAR ONE

Admirals & Starfish

This half term for ICT, Year 1 have been using robots to give commands and directions to. We have learnt we need to, first, cancel the previous command then we can input our own using the forward, backward, left, right and go buttons. The children have really enjoyed this unit and worked in small groups to make predictions and have turns in giving commands.



We have started to introduce 'Zones of Regulations' in school and we have discussed what each zone means. There are 4 zones which we describe how our mind and body feels. Green is calm and in control, Blue is down feelings of sad or tired, Yellow is feelings like being worried or embarrassed and Red is intense feelings such as anger. We will continue to learn about the zones and what to do if we need help getting back to Green.



In February, we have spoken to the children about internet safety and what to do if they are using programmes that continue to play videos we have not requested. The children showed good understanding that they should seek help from an adult if they see anything that worries them. Further to this, we spoke about how we should not speak to strangers, even online. We don't know them and can't be sure they are who they say they are.

In Maths, we have been exploring Place Value and understanding numbers to 20. We have been able to do some outdoor learning and took our 10 frames with us to find 20 objects. We were asked 'how many do we have now?' and 'How many more do you need to make 20?'



SUPER!

YEAR TWO Wildcats & Moorhens

In Computing we have been learning about algorithms. We have been using our friend E.A.R.L to help us create clear instructions for moving the floor robot around the classroom.

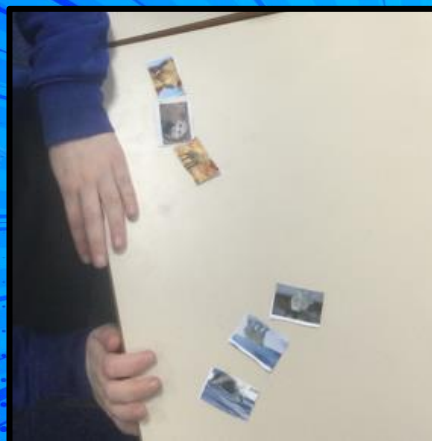


COOL!

We have been working hard in Maths this half term to identify and use different coins and notes. We have begun our topic on Multiplication and Division and the children have made an excellent start. Here is a photo of a group of children creating equal groups.



Our topic in Geography has been about hot and cold places. We have revisited the world map to identify the North Pole, South Pole and the Equator. We have discussed the climates at these points and how animals adapt to live there.





YEAR THREE

Dolphins & Woodpeckers



In science we have been looking at what fossils are and how they are made. To explore how fossils are made the children made an imprint fossil using plasticine and plastic animals/creatures.



In DT the children have been exploring pneumatics and how they can be used as part of a toy. They have explored how air causes a push and pull movement. They used this to make a pneumatic system involving two syringes and tubing. This then became part of their design to make a moving toy.



In geography with Mrs Clough the children have been learning about North America. They have enjoyed exploring the climate zones and it's human and physical features.

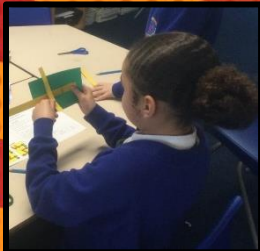
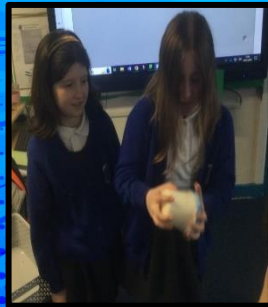




YEAR FOUR

Owls & Wolves

Our Science topic is States of Matter. We investigated changing cream (a liquid) into butter (a solid). We did this by vigorously shaking it in two-minute intervals. We made a loaf of bread to taste the butter.



In DT we made mechanisms using a lever. We investigated fixed pivots and loose pivots. We used these mechanisms to make a moving picture about the Titanic.



This half term we have been taught music by Mr Elvin. We have used The Beatles song, "Twist and Shout", to perform and even compose our own melodies.



YEAR FIVE

Bees & Glow-worms



As part of our Forces learning in science, we investigated which material would make the best parachute. We thought about how air resistance and gravity would affect the time in which the parachute would land.



In English, we have used *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell as our text. We became investigative journalists when a small plane had crashed in our outdoor area. We looked for clues about what had happened, who was involved, when it had happened, where it had happened and why. We then wrote newspaper reports.

Year Five have been very fortunate this half term as we had a visit from the fire officers from Killingbeck Fire Station. They talked to us about fire safety in the home and gave us lots of information about how to stay safe.





YEAR SIX Grasshoppers & Lizards



We are very lucky to have been part of an art project for the KS1 breakout area. An artist came in and we all helped paint different parts of the design. We can't wait to see it when it is all ready and hung up. What a special thing to be part of.



Children in Year 6 have been working hard this half term on DT projects. The idea was to use their DT skills to create 'Frame Structures'. Using wood and other materials, children had to design and make a stable structure in the style of playground equipment. Children had lots of fun using saws, glue guns, sandpaper and drills to complete the task. Finished models had slides, ladders, rope swings and even a miniature climbing wall. To test the stability some children even sat on their models to prove the strength of what they had built.... and, yes, it did support



Eleven Year 6 girls are part of the M2 (movement and mindfulness) project, aiming to encourage girls to stay active. During one of the sessions, a journal task was to say positive things about the other girls in the group. We drew around our bodies with chalk and everyone said something positive about each other. The girls said it was nice to hear things from others.





ACHIEVEMENTS

Onadi participated in the Spring Swimming Gala 2024 held by City of Leeds and won 2 bronze medals for breast stroke and individual medley!



Iris has completed her very first ballet exam and passed, progressing from prep ballet to primary class!

Lucas in Year 6 came 11th in Europe, only 3 points away from 10th at his first international in Eindhoven, Holland.



Youth Board Update

On Monday 15 January, we held our sixth Youth Board meeting, welcoming pupil representatives from each of our 14 schools. On the agenda this term was potential rewilding projects for our school grounds, our Trust-wide sustainability progress and how we can improve attendance. You can read all about it here [Youth Board Update \(rklr.co.uk\)](https://rklr.co.uk/youth-board-update). The ideas and views of our young people are shared with the Trustees and Leaders in our Trust, influencing what we do and how we work together as a community.