# TEMPLENEWSAM LEARNING SUPERSTARS

#### autumn 1 2028



One of our key texts in Nursery is Owl Babies. The children have really enjoyed bringing the story to life, and what better way than to make an owl nest! The children enjoyed collecting lots of natural treasures such as leaves, twigs and conkers to make their very own nest.





The children have enjoyed their 'squiggle while you wiggle' sessions. The children get comfortable on the carpet, pens in hands and move to the music. They have created some fabulous pieces of art.



The children have made sandwiches as part of our 'nursery café'. We spoke about knife safety and the importance of washing our hands. The children were then asked to spread the jam onto the bread independently. To grow £5 Nursery have had a pumpkin competition to celebrate Halloween. The children used different media, paints and colours to create their pumpkin. There have been some amazing designs!







The Reception children have loved getting to know each other over the past few weeks. We have seen some lovely friendships forming and it is super to see how settled everyone is.





In our Creative Art and Design lessons, we have been learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. The children can tell us some brilliant facts about the artist and have even recreated one of his famous pieces of art that is displayed in the classroom. We have started our 'secret reader' sessions in Reception. The children love to see who our surprise special guests are each Wednesday afternoon. Who will join us next half term to share their favourite books with the children?



In Expressive Art and Design, the children have really enjoyed exploring the Bamboo Tamboo instruments. They are now experts at keeping to the beat when we chant our rhythms.



### YEAR ONE

Year 1 enjoyed an autumn walk to Primrose Valley. We discovered many signs of autumn including pine cones, different coloured leaves and berries.



Vear 1 have been using practical resources to practice their maths skills and apply them with addition and subtraction questions.

This half term we have been learning about weather. As well as looking at maps to find hot and cold countries, we have been making weather predictions and acting like weather forecasters on the TV.





In RE, Year 1 have been learning about why some books are special. We looked at stories from the Qur'an, Bible and also fables. All of these stories had a message about how to live a good life.

We then worked as a team to sort items and stories into the correct category.



Chris from Artforms has been coming in weekly to teach us how to play rhythms on the Bamboo Tamboo. He has taught us different rhymes and chants to lay and we have been learning how to play the Bamboo Tamboo in time with each other.





It has been great fun!

In DT, we have taste tested different types of fruit and thought carefully about which fruits would make a delicious smoothie. We then designed our smoothies and the children came up with some fantastic design ideas. Last week, we made our smoothies by first chopping up the fruit and then blending it together with milk. The children loved their smoothies! A special thank you to Mr Warner for providing fruit for us to taste test and for our smoothies.



Throughout this half term, we have been learning about Living Things and their Habitats in our Science lessons. This has given us a few opportunities to use the outdoor area to identify the habitats of the insects that live there. The children love wildlife and they have thoroughly enjoyed linking their learning in the classroom to reallife insects that they could find outside.

#### YEAR TUREE

In English, we have explored 'The Lost Words', a beautiful poetry book about nature written by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris. We read poems about wrens, adders and conkers. The children have enjoyed writing their own acrostic poems about conkers and have supplemented them with pieces of watercolour art. We hope you agree with us that the children's learning is gorgeous!



This half term year 3 have been focusing French in MFL. We have learnt a range of new vocabulary including, numbers to ten, colours, body part and the verb 'to have'. The children then used this to give instructions to a partner to draw their monsters using all the French vocabulary they have learnt.

In PE Year 3 have focused on Gymnastics. We have learnt a range of patch and point balances and learnt different ways to jump and travel. The children have then put these into practice on equipment to make some fabulous routines.





#### YEAR FOUR

In Year 4 during Science we have been learning about electrical circuits. We investigated how to light a bulb with a partner and although it took us quite a while, we discovered that to light a bulb you need a complete circuit! We managed to turn the light bulb on and off by creating our own switches.



In the Summer term of Year 4, all children have to do a multiplication recall test online. The questions have to be answered in 6 seconds so we have been doing lots of practise in the computing suite using TT Rockstars.



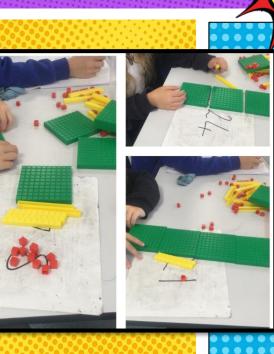


In DT, Year 5 have been exploring Fairtrade and how it affects the rainforests. Our final product was to create our very own snack bar made with Fairtrade ingredients. It was very sticky... but lots of fun!



In Geography, as part of our rainforests topic we made our very own Rainforest in a box. We explored the different layers of the rainforest and the ecosystems within those layers. The children used a range of natural products to create some excellent end results.





In maths this half term, we have looked at place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We have used a range of concrete resources to help and support our learning. We have enjoyed trying new and exciting methods to help us with our calculations and recapping some of our previous learning in memorable maths.

#### YEAR SIX

This half term we were able to share our learning with our parents For this assembly, we worked in groups to create a presentation about a topic of our choice. We also used this opportunity to raise some money for our enterprise project! As part of Sinfield week, and with the new playground equipment, we came up with our own games that we could play with each other. The focus was on creating games that promoted friendship and teamwork.

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In our science learning, we have been learning about electricity. We have been employed as electricians! We have made circuits, identifies errors within the circuits and drawn them in our books using the correct symbols.





School Life

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, a group of year 6 children represented school in a Leeds United competition. They returned unbeaten and the winners of the tournament. The children conducted themselves with brilliant sportsmanship and represented TNHPS excellently. They will be playing in the next round at Thorpe Arch in the near future, where hopefully they can continue their winning streak! We have enjoyed using the brand-new scooter track this half term. It has been fantastic to see children cycling and scooting to school and enjoying more active playtimes. School now have a set of scooters that can be used by children on their class day too!





This half term, Leeds City Diving visited school and worked with years 2 and 3. The children completed a series of activities that would be used to talent spot young divers. The coach reported how well our children conducted themselves and was impressed by the children's abilities.



This year we have started a nurture lunch with some of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 children. Year 6 'Food Friends' have been helping and have been fantastic role models supporting our younger children with cutting up food, pouring water and helping them to clean their spaces afterwards. After lunch the children all play games together making it a lovely calm and happy place to be.



Visitors to school got a bit of a shock when they entered at the end of term as they were greeted by a group of scarecrows! We had lots of entries and some brilliant designs for our competition organised by the PTFA. All of the children who entered won a prize with 4 extra special prizes going to winners selected by Mrs Seton and Mr Weatherley. TNHPS hosted a Harvest coffee morning at the end of the half term. It was lovely to see lots of parents enjoying a chat and a slice of cake! The event raised around £50 which will go towards projects in school. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



On Friday morning Year 3 had a French breakfast to celebrate the French they have been learning this half term. This included baguettes, croissants, pain au chocolate and Port Salut French cheese!

## **HOME LIFE**

A huge TNHPS shout out goes to Sonny in Year 3 who is taking part in 'Choctober' and isn't eating or drinking Chocolate products for the whole period of October! This is to raise money for The MND Association and Parkinson's UK. So far he has raised over £600! Well done Sonny you certainly have more will power than Mrs Seton and Mr Weatherley!!



Well done to Freya who has passed her British Gymnastics Proficiency Award for Level 3.



Well Done to Harry in Year 3 for achieving the title of 'Beaver of the Week'.



Congratulations to Emilia in 4W for completing her Theatre Craft and Juvenile Tap exams. Well done to her and all of the dancers at Janina School of Dance who were completing exams over the weekend.



Well done to Kallie and Karter in Year 5 who have been busy at home producing some fantastic art collages. We continue to be amazed by your talent and look forward to seeing what you do next!



Lucas also won the award for 'Diver of the Year' Huge congratulations from everyone at TNHPS. We are all really proud of your achievements. Lucas in Year 6 has been competing in national diving competitions this term. Lucas secured a 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the 5 and 7m platform. This was even more of an amazing achievement as he was competing in the 11-13 age group despite the fact that he is only 10! He also got the single highest single score for a dive in the under 12's category, getting 50 points from a single dive.





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