

TEMPLENEWSAM

LEARNING

SUPERSTARS



WELL DONE To all of our Year 6 for their hard work and efforts leading up to and during the SATs. You should be so proud of yourselves as we know we are.



We have some amazing budding musicians in our school! Charlie and Arthur recently sat their 'Rock-school' Premiere Drum Exam and both achieved distinctions! An outstanding result for them both! Brilliant effort and hard work paying off!



What could it be?

This seemingly random 'jigsaw' of art will soon be part of our new-look library. The children across school have been working with artist Peter Baldry on the project. More details will follow once it is all complete!

Trips this half term:

Y5 Pen Y Gent

Y3 Howsham Mill

Trips coming up next half term:

Rec Eureka Science Museum

Y2 Filey

Nursery



This term we have had so much fun! Following our theme of plants and growth, we loved inviting our special adults into Nursery. We enjoyed playing outside, and we enjoyed planting some sunflower seeds. The children have enjoyed watching them grow.

We have loved using the school field to enhance our learning opportunities, we took our own "collector cards" to the outdoor area and enjoyed creating patterns with our finds!



We can't wait to see our seeds grow to flowers!

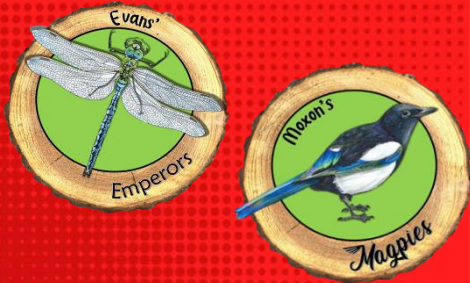
**LOOK AT
THOSE
SMILEY
FACES**

We love to explore new ways to paint, we enjoyed using our feet to paint! It was super slippery and slimy!



RECEPTION

Magpies & Emperors



This half term the children have really enjoyed learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and studying his work. Have a look at our own attempts at natural art.



Whilst reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, we became rather hungry ourselves and dived into some fruit tasting. Some were very popular and others made us pull some very peculiar faces! Afterwards we voted for which one was our favourite – apple was the clear favourite! What is your favourite fruit?



strawberry		(3)
pear		(1)
melon		(5)
apple	o	(7)
pineapple		(5)
tomato	o o	(2)
orange	o	(3)
lime	o o	(2)
plum	o	(2)
banana		(3)
mango	o	(2)

As always, it was wonderful to welcome our families into school for our Stay and Play session 'Potting and Planting'. We hope you had as much fun as we did planting seeds, making bird feeders and filling the plant pots. Our outdoor area is now bursting with colour!



YEAR ONE

Merlins & Starfish



In Geography Year 1 have been learning about the local area. We mapped out the local area on the playground to see how close other features were to each other. We have also been learning about 'urban' and 'rural' settlements and continuing our understanding of human and physical features.



In Science we have been learning about plants. We tested the children first to see if they could tell us what they already knew. Then we have learnt the parts of the plants and how they grow. We understand how they use things like light and soil to make food. We have also planted some seeds as a class to watch how they grow over the half term.



Our art project this half term has been based on Temple Newsam House. The children have explored how to join materials together and which were the most sturdy. Then they have used junk modelling to recreate the house. They worked well as a team and had their own part to play in the final design. Thank you for all your recycled boxes!



We have loved Maths this half term! We have been hands on with learning about measurement. We have used rulers, scales and water trays to understand length, weight and capacity. We have also been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and beginning to learn about multiplication and division.



YEAR TWO

Wildcats & Moorhens



As a hook into our new class text, *The Green Ship*, we used natural materials and clay to make our own model. The children loved the opportunity to sculpt and craft their own ship and it created a fantastic buzz about the new story.



We have had a huge push on reading at home this half term and the children who have read 3 times or more have enjoyed some extra playtime. They can choose whether they would like to use the playground equipment or just spend some free time in the sunshine. This has been very well received by the children and each week we have more and more reading records so keep up the hard work!



In RE we have been learning about the life of Jesus. We explored the story of his baptism and made paper plate doves to symbolise the Holy Spirit. We also thought about how to be a good friend and made friendship banners to decorate the classrooms.



In Maths this half term we have been looking at measurement and the different ways to measure different things. We took our learning outside to measure some of the items in our environment and discussed whether we needed to use cm or m to measure them.



YEAR THREE

Dolphins & Woodpeckers



Year 3 have been studying the features of rivers. They had to work as a team against the clock to match definitions with photographs. Alongside this, they went outside in small groups to construct a river using drainpipes and water. Some children included tributaries and were able to see how water 'meanders' as it flows. The children communicated well with each other and had great success with their matching activity.



This half term Year 3 and 4 did a collaboration focusing on the text 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carol. Year 4 wrote narratives from the perspective of Alice and Year 3 wrote instructions for how to get to wonderland. The children then worked across the year groups to create a diorama of a scene from the book. They also created some lovely artwork focusing on the characters. This was all displayed and shown in a showcase to parents and carers for the children to show off the work they did independently and collaboratively.



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Howsham Mill. They created water mills, read and annotated maps and roasted marshmallows over an open fire. The location was beautiful, a tiny island surrounded by the River Derwent. Despite a great visit, it will be a long time before we are sold on the idea of composting toilets! Year 3's behaviour was great, and they were extremely responsible when roasting their marshmallows. Well done Year 3



YEAR FOUR

Owls/Admirals & Wolves



Year 4 really enjoyed working in partnership with Year 3 to create the Alice in Wonderland showcase. Everyone worked very hard to pull the whole event together and hope all the parents had fun looking at all our artwork and writing.



In DT, Year 4 have been designing, making and then eating pizzas. The children choose which toppings they wanted to include on their pizzas, and then they made them independently. They learnt how to grate cheese and cut using both the bridge method and the claw method. Everyone agreed the pizzas were delicious!



YEAR FIVE

Bees & Glow-worms



Year 5 went on their school trip and challenged themselves to climb a mountain. We visited Pen-Y-Gent in the Yorkshire Dales and took a 6.5 mile walk which took us up to around 600 meters high! The walk was a HUGE challenge, but the children were fantastic. Every single one of them faced the challenge head on and showed resilience and team work to make it up the mountain. It was a fantastic day and we are very proud of everyone's achievement.



Our Geography focus in Year Five has been mountains. We have learnt about the features of mountains; different types of mountains; how mountains are formed and mountains around the world. As a hook lesson at the beginning of the half term, we created our own mountains in our wooded area and labelled the different features.



YEAR SIX

Grasshoppers & Lizards



This half term, we are rewriting a story we wrote at the very beginning of Year 6! We are hoping to up-level our previous learning and show off all of the writing skills we have learnt this year! To refresh our memories and hook us in, we have tried to recreate the music of In the Hall of the Mountain King using percussion instruments.



Having listened to "The Hall of the Mountain King" by Edvard Grieg, Year 6 enjoyed creating their own soundscape to inspire their writing.



We are very proud of our Year 6 children and how they conducted themselves throughout SATs week. They demonstrated resilience, motivation and commitment. We celebrated on Friday with a pizza party, which everyone enjoyed! Thank you to the PTFA who funded this treat!



ACHIEVEMENTS

Outside of School



A huge well done to the Year 4 boys who played in the Colton Sports and Social Club football tournament and came 1st!

Lucas, Braylon, Harry, Alfie and James, all had the chance to play on the pitch at Elland Road for a tournament with the Whitkirk Wanderers. They all played amazingly and came away with a medal.



HAPPY HALF TERM!

SEE YOU ALL ON

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