



Newsletter



Spring Term 1

This has been a busy term with lots of special events, trips and even a residential. We also have great visitors including poet Ian Bland and professional graffiti artist Kieran. We've also enjoyed 'stay & plays', reading workshops and Valentine's movie night.

Volunteering

Can you spare any time each week to support our school? You could listen to readers, prepare resources, or help with the school garden. Get in touch with Mrs Cairns if you would like to find out more.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This half term we are offering another great range of after school clubs. Many of them are free and others remain at £5 for the whole half term. Sign up on School Spider.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social & emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness, absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis. Holidays taken in term time will be subject to a fine. Where attendance falls below 90% for any pupil, we will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support needed. Persistent absence can also result in a fixed fine. Punctuality has been really good this term. Thank for ensuring your child is on time – gates open just before 8.40am and shut promptly at 8.50am. School finishes at 3pm. Please avoid collecting your child early as this disrupts their learning and that of the whole class.



Nursery

Nursery have especially loved exploring outdoors this half term. From mixing and pouring in the water tray to making recipes in the mud kitchen, lots of fun and learning has been had. In class, we've enjoyed reading traditional tales. When we shared 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', the children loved exploring their senses to make porridge. During Chinese New Year week, the children got to try Chinese food and some went to 'visit' the class Chinese restaurant with their friends, writing down their orders and doing the cooking.

We continue to focus on weekly nursery rhymes, numbers of the week, letter sounds and rhythm and rhyme. We appreciate your support with this at home.



Reception

Reception has taken delight in the tale of 'Juniper Jupiter', which sparked their interest in superheroes. They delved into the question of whether anyone could be a superhero and pondered over the essential qualities they need. The book 'A Superhero Like You' by Dr. Ranj further enlightened the children, revealing that police officers, firefighters, medical professionals, and others are real-life superheroes. Meeting actual firefighters and exploring their fire engine, as well as the police and investigating their police car, were highlights for the children.

Reception embarked on a marvellous trip to Imagine That! They relished the journey on a coach and had a splendid day immersing themselves in science and unleashing their creativity. Creating snow, slime, and decorating fridge magnets were just a few of the enjoyable activities. They particularly revelled in the imagination village, eagerly assuming the roles of construction workers, bus drivers, news anchors, chefs, waiters, and vets.

Year 1

Year 1 have been really busy this term. In Mathematics, the children enjoyed printing with 3D shapes to find the 2D shapes that they would make. In English, the children have loved creating their own detective narratives based on 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. Some brilliant independent writing has been produced. The children have also thrown themselves into Art learning about LS Lowry. They have learnt the different skills using pencils and shapes to create some industrial inspired pictures. In Dance, the children have learning all about being in control of their movements and enjoyed growing like flowers to music and poetry. We have definitely got some super dancers in Year 1!



Year 2

During this half term children had lots of fun learning about the role of a Monarch and the royal family tree. In English, we focused on the book 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. The class thoroughly enjoyed narrative writing, focusing on using adjectives to describe their own creatures. During Mathematics, the children have been developing their understanding of shape and money. Focusing on plants in Science, we completed many exciting investigations, such as seeing whether a bean would grow without soil and looking at what plants need in order to grow.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Year 3

In English, we studied the book 'Jemmy Button'. Children considered what type of character Jemmy was and created some writing. They have focused on improving their handwriting and the difference is phenomenal. In Mathematics, we continued developing multiplication knowledge; the class improved their accuracy and speed with their 4 and 8-times tables, looking at the link between them. Keep practising TT Rockstars.

In Design Technology, the children have designed and created pencil cases, using a running stitch. History focused on Ancient Greece, including Greek culture, such as what women and men wore and how the Olympics came about. We also discussed how democracy and how it has changed.



Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been transported back to the Viking times in English with their class text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope.' They have masterfully described the heroic main character, the villainous wolf and retold the story with amazing detail. Year 4 have been working hard to conquer their times tables in maths, looking closely at many tables before venturing into the links to division and working their way up the leader boards on 'Times Table Rock Stars.'

Year 4 have created beautifully intricate work in Art based on the local artist Phillip Gornall, carefully examining the architecture of Liverpool's iconic landscape to produce marvellous masterpieces. They displayed their love for the Viking mythology in DT, creating mesmerising pop up books showcasing their monstrous mythical beasts.

Year 4 have been exploring sound in science. They have been wonderfully curious and excited to deconstruct exactly how we hear sounds day to day and how the noises of the world around us affects our day to day lives. They have also been exploring the Anglo-Saxons in history, looking at who they were, how they shaped our country and how their legacy left us with many places names today. They particularly enjoyed using atlases to discover how many places today originate from the Anglo-Saxons.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the Spring term filled with lots of exciting things. In English, the children have been enjoying the story of 'King Kong' and will be writing their own dilemma narrative after February half term. 'Shadow Forest' has been the class novel and the children have shown great interest and enthusiasm with this wonderful book and have been eager to find out what happens next. The children have focussed on learning their multiplication tables through recall and have made good improvements with this alongside their usual power maths lessons. They have enjoyed working with gaming designers to design and create their own game. Earlier in the term, the children were visited by a graffiti artist who worked with them to practice their spray paint skills. Safety Central was another exciting visit for the children where they enjoyed learning about how to keep safe in an interactive way. As well as this, the children met poet Ian Bland and received a wonderful workshop with him which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The half term was finished off with a wonderful residential to Conover Hall where the children had the opportunity to participate in many fantastic activities.



Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work really hard on their writing and have been studying 'A Story Like the Wind' by Gill Lewis. The children have learnt how to use a semi-colon in their writing and have developed their use of figurative language to build powerful images for the reader.

Mathematics lessons have focused on fractions, decimals and percentages. Pupils have also been developing their understanding of how to calculate the area and perimeter of shapes as well as converting grams and kilograms.

In History, the children have been learning about the Ancient Mayans. They have watched video clips which showed what life was like, have found out what houses were like and know about the famous wonder of the world – the Chichen Itza.

We have been lucky enough to take part in cricket sessions this half term and the children have been able to develop their hand-eye coordination skills when batting and fielding.

DT week has been another success this half term. Everyone developed their sewing skills, learning how to use different stitches such as back stitch and blanket stitch and made their own bags.

