



News & Events

This half term has absolutely flown by and we can't believe there are just seven weeks left to go! We hope you have a lovely restful break and the children return on Monday 3rd June raring to go for what promises to be a very busy half term. Have a lovely time!



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Kaiden
- Class 1 Leo Y
- Class 2 Alekks
- Class 3 Charlie
- Class 4 Callum
- Class 5 George

Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery, we have been swinging through the jungle with the story 'Monkey Puzzle'! We have had a busy week exploring all sorts of fun activities related to the story. The children have been looking at the similarities and differences between the jungle animal mummies and their babies. The children took part in a directed drawing of a monkey, they listened carefully to the instructions and were able to follow the step by step guide to create their own drawings. This helped to develop their listening skills, fine motor and hand-eye coordination. The children used their handprints to create beautiful jungle scenes, they explored textures and colours whilst producing some fantastic artwork. We journeyed deeper into the jungle world by reading exciting non fiction books about real monkeys and their rainforest habitats. We celebrated National Numeracy Day by counting jungle animals, playing matching games and singing 5 Little Monkeys to reinforce mathematical development.



Reception have really enjoyed their last week of the half term. In literacy, we completed our work on the book 'My Shadow is Pink' and began our new book 'So Much'. On Wednesday we joined the rest of the school in celebrating National Numeracy Day. In the morning we watched a live discussion about maths in space and then used our

Number blocks to compare numbers by using the less than sign. In the afternoon we explored symmetry and used paint to create symmetrical butterflies. In science we identified and described different minibeasts and sorted them into 'insects' and 'not insects'. Insects all have six legs. On Friday morning we practised writing the a, d, n, m and h to ensure we are forming them correctly.



Summer Term Dates

Monday 3rd June

School reopens
Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mr Hair's class)

Wednesday 5th June

Sports Day 1.30p.m.

Friday 7th June

Nursery Sports Day 1.30 p.m.

Monday 10th June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class

Monday 17th June

Whole school creative weeks

Friday 28th June

Whole school performance
2.30p.m.

Tuesday 2nd July

Miss Bayly's class visit to Paxton House

Friday 5th July

Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse's classes visit Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden

Thursday 11th July

Mrs Straughan and Mr Hair's classes visit Dynamic Earth

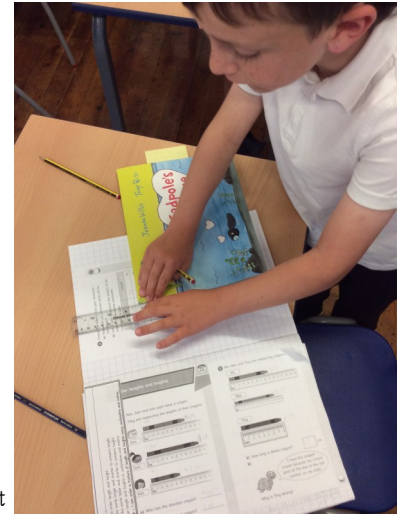


Class 2 and 3

This week Year 1 have been busy in Literacy creating a story map for their own story based on 'Pig the Pug' and had to make substitutions to the original story to make it their own. In Numeracy we have practised sharing in to equal and unequal groups. The children recognised odd and even numbers and explained how they knew. During RE the children have learnt the importance of a meal time blessing to Christians and created their own. In art the children used clay to make their own leaf pot by pinching and smoothing the clay. They worked collaboratively with Year 2 to make their own pot and finish it to a high standard. The children took part in National Numeracy Day on Wednesday where they undertook a range of practical maths activities, including measuring mass using scales, dancing, creating shapes and patterns, making their own clock and measuring the length of objects.



This week Year 2 have been busy in Literacy writing an explanation text describing the life cycle of a frog. In their writing they used time adverbials to order the events, interesting verbs and subject specific vocabulary. They then began their new book 'The Dragon Machine' and went on a dragon hunt around school. They used prepositions accurately to describe where they found the dragon's tails and then recorded this in full sentences. In Numeracy the children continued their work on length and height. They used the words longer, shorter, taller and smaller to compare measures and continued to accurately measure objects with rulers. They also ordered a variety of lengths and heights in the classroom. During RE the children discussed the meaning of the word 'community' and looked at how a church is a community building. They then thought about the 'school community' and how we make people feel welcome. In Art the children used clay to make their own leaf pot by pinching and smoothing the clay.



Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy we have been learning how to upgrade simple sentences with conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, prepositions and openers. We have also been using the pictures in our book 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' to describe settings with the suffix -ing. In numeracy we have started learning about money. We have been learning how to recognise different coins and how to count an overall amount. We all took part in National Numeracy day on Wednesday. We listened to how maths is important in lots of different jobs and how maths is especially important in trying to get to space. In R.E we have been learning about the objects in a Christian church and how the church may perform outreach work to the community. In P.E we have been developing our rugby skills and learning how to utilise our teammates.

Class 5 have completed studying 'The Matchbox Diary' within their literacy lessons and did some super biographies relating to the book. In maths we have been looking at how to solve time problems. On Wednesday we celebrated 'National Numeracy Day' by doing a range of activities which use maths including dancing, designing flags, playing dice games and bingo. The children had a great day investigating and celebrating how we use maths in our everyday lives. In history and science we have been completing our assessment quizzes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their rugby training with Mr Hall which has sadly now come to an end. In art we have been drawing and learning all about Anglo-Saxon gods.

