



March 2021 Newsletter

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BRIGHT FUTURES



Just a few snapshots from our end of term annual egg rolling event...

It wasn't quite the same as normal, we couldn't all go outside as a whole school or bring in hard boiled eggs from home.... We had to go in our bubbles and use pretend eggs—but we still had good fun!

Reception:

It was so lovely to welcome the children back on March 8th and to see them skipping through the gates, smiles on their faces, keen to catch up with their friends and get busy in the classroom. They have amazed us with their resilience and adaptability, and we are very proud of how they have just slot back into our old routines.

After spending the first week getting back into the swing of things, we have enjoyed exploring the theme of Easter and new life, observing daffodils, decorating egg pictures, using eggs in our maths investigations, making Easter cards and writing Easter messages and rolling eggs outside. We finished the term with a wonderful Water Street Reception class tradition...a visit from the Easter bunny and an Easter egg hunt... A lovely end to a term that has been like no other!

The children have also been showing us just how well they are doing with their reading, writing and maths work – the amazing support of parents during the lockdown really shows and we have been so impressed by what the children are able to do. We have been embedding our phonic knowledge by playing lots and lots of phonics games as well as taking part in lots of reading and writing activities. In Maths we have been exploring the patterns and relationships between the numbers 1 to 10 by doing lots of partitioning and recombining of numbers, exploring part-part-whole (as in the photos!), investigating number bonds and learning to count in twos using pairs of socks as our inspiration!

We would like to wish all of our families a very happy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back in April where we will be exploring life cycles as we have a few visitors in the classroom and Mrs Busfield gets all green-fingered outside!

Mrs Roberts & Mrs Busfield



Great maths
work
Reception!

Due to children & adults in our school with nut allergies we kindly request that you do not include nuts or nut related products in your child's packed lunch or mid morning snack. Thank you



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Year 1:

March began with a lovely observational art activity where the children looked at some spring flowers which they then drew carefully looking at the sides of the flowers and stems. Once they were drawn there was a lot of concentration mixing different shades of greens and colours of the flowers to paint. We were amazed by the care and concentration that they children showed as they drew and painted. We used the paintings to be made into our beautiful Mother's Day cards.



March has been about measuring height and lengths in non-standards units and standard units. We have measured the children and compared their heights from when we did it last in September! Everyone has grown at between 2-6 cm! We measured lots of different items in the classroom too even our heads, wrist, leg and thumbs!



The Emperor of Absurdia has been a great book that we have been focusing on for our English work. Looking at what is real and not real, creating fantasy characters and looking at positional language. Their imaginations



have run wild with creating characters and has been a lot of fun!
Mrs Stodart-Hall and her daughter, Evie, have an 'eggciting' project happening at their home and they have been showing and telling us all about it every time something new happens. They are incubating some hen eggs at home and have 'candled' the eggs to see how the chick is growing inside the egg. It has been absolutely amazing to see. Mrs Stodart-Hall brought the eggs in and candled an egg for us to see. They are going to hatch at the weekend and after Easter we are hopefully going to see the chicks and possibly handle them. We can't wait to see the process from egg to chick. This has fitted in really well with our science topic of animals.



Ball skills and using both sides of the body have been a focus in PE with Adam. They are using footballs to develop a lot of catching, throwing and kicking skills. Using both sides of the body is an excellent way to develop coordination and sometimes quite a challenge as you tend to use the side that is easiest. The children have really risen to the challenge of using both their sides.



Red Nose Day was a lot of laughs with our in-class joke telling – there were a lot of 'why did the chicken cross the roads...!' After voting for their favourite we then went through to the final against the other classes in school. Well done Wynn for telling your joke so well!



A fantastic return to our learning in school, Year 1!

Mrs Balderstone and Mrs Stodart-Hall

Year 2:

It's been a busy 3 weeks in Year 2 and all of us have enjoyed getting back into our school routine. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown and progressed and we have been busy doing all sorts of lovely things.

In maths we have had lots of fun with fractions and finding out what they are in relation to maths and numbers as well as enjoying thinking about sharing sweets or fruit or pizzas!

In English we have been exploring the Traditional Tale of Little Red Riding Hood. We have read 3 different versions together and have enjoyed each one immensely. We have learned how to compare different books and also how to 'magpie' great ideas that we could use in our own stories.

In Design and Technology we have been focusing on sliders and levers and have just finished a wonderful project together where the children had to design a moving picture using some different techniques. Have a look at these! Aren't they brilliant?



We have recently acquired some playground equipment and the children have had so much fun finding new ways to use it and enjoying doing something different outside.



To start off our Easter holiday we began our last day in Water Street tradition by having some fun doing egg rolling. Of course it was egg rolling with a twist—beautifully decorated polystyrene eggs and gusty winds meant that for our first egg rolling experience we were in our classroom. Nothing stopped us having fun and it was brilliant to

see how far we could roll our eggs!

Have a wonderful rest with your children.

We look forward to seeing you after the Easter Break.

Mrs Munslow and the Year 2 Team

PS We have a new head teacher in the making!



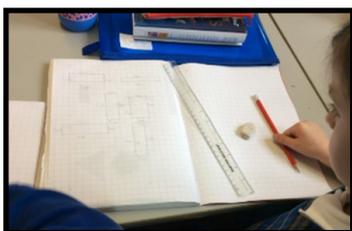
Year 3:

We have had lots of fun with our writing over the past few weeks looking at the Nothing to See Here Hotel – we have been gripped by the characters and they really have worked hard to produce some fabulous diary extracts and have now moved on to learn newspaper reports. We have a great drama session recreating part of the book and they loved trying out the different characters. We have been working hard learning how to write in a more formal manner to start to write a newspaper report and incorporate quotes in their writing. Their imagination has run wild!

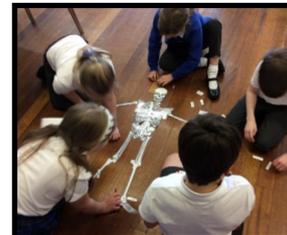


We really enjoyed Red Nose day and the joke off was a particular hit. It was really hard to choose a winning joke to put forward. Well done to Felix who told his joke brilliantly to the whole school. Mrs R learnt lots of new jokes to tell the Rimmington boys.

In maths we have been learning about measuring using cm, mm and m and converting measurements into the same unit. We then had fun learning about perimeter and carried out some good investigations working out the perimeter of different shapes. We have started our new unit on fractions and they really impressed me with the knowledge they had retained from last year. We will be continuing fractions after Easter.



In Science we have been continuing our work looking at humans and investigating the scientific and common names for bones in the human body. We had great fun in the hall putting the skeleton back together and their team work was brilliant to see. We have also met 'Mr Bones' the class skeleton and have got quite good at putting his skull back together when he has got knocked over!



We really enjoyed designing and making Mother's Day cards, the concentration and creativity was lovely to see. I only hope they made their way to you in once piece!



Their geography skills over the last three weeks have been truly impressive as we have learnt so many new skills. Their map reading has been super looking at maps of the world, Europe, Great Britain and Skipton. We have learnt which foods are 'in season' in the UK during which months and about the different hemispheres and why this affects food production. We looked at what can be grown where in the world, and which countries we import food from onto our supermarket shelves. We have had some super discussions thinking about why food is imported from different places in the world and debating whether this is a good thing. We then learnt how to use scales to calculate distance and food miles. Their maths measuring and calculating skills were put to the test and their addition was really brilliant. I did go home marvelling at their skills, not to mention pinching myself that they are only 7 or 8 years old!

After an unusual and at times challenging term the last three weeks has been a joy and they have been as brilliant as ever. I hope you all have a great Easter holiday and look forward to new learning in the Summer term.

Mrs Rimmington & the Year 3 Team



Year 4:

Through our Pole-to-Pole topic in Geography, we have been finding out about the polar regions, how their climates vary to ours and why, and about some of the animals that live (and survive!) in these harsh conditions. Two weeks ago, we discovered a bag from the Year 5 classroom, inside of which were some very large rubber soled and thermal lined boots, a fur lined hat, some double-layered leather mittens and an orange coat ... with Frank written on the pocket ... who is (or was) Frank?! We had great discussions about who might wear the items of clothing and why. The best moment was sharing with the children that Frank was very much alive and that, thanks to Zoom, they would be able to meet him ... it was literally a jaw-dropping moment!



Mrs Bownass kindly arranged the meeting with Frank, and Year 4 thought up some fantastic questions to ask him including what was it like? Did you get to see the Midnight Sun? Did you manage to stroke any wild animals while you were there?

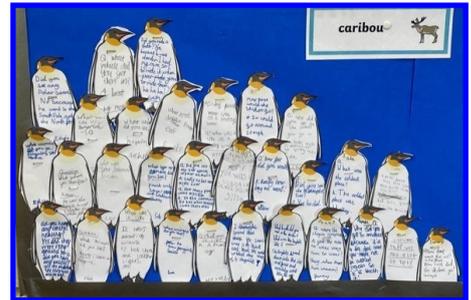
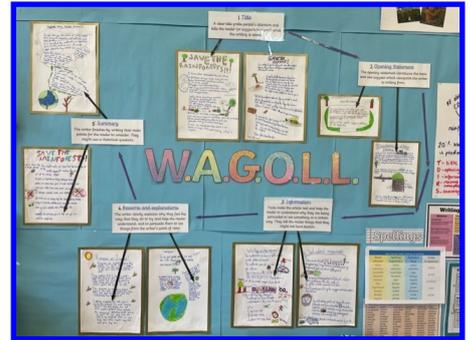
On Wednesday we zoomed Frank and he answered our many questions. He was great fun to talk to and we learned so much! Frank had been a doctor for a research trip in the Antarctic. He was out there for about a year, and it took five weeks to get from Hull to the Halley Research Centre, which was constructed on thick ice covering the sea! He told us his time there was AMAZING, that he and his colleagues would lie on the snow wrapped up warm with hot chocolate and watch the southern lights, and that he managed to stroke some seals. He did experience the midnight sun, and apparently the first day the sun came up (only for 15 minutes!) it was so exciting they had a party!

Frank did assure us that he had to do lots of work too, in and amongst all the fun things that they got to do! He encouraged all of us to take any opportunities that we can in our lives, to read lots, and to care for our world. He talked about how many of us use more than we need, and encouraged us to reuse and recycle as much as we can.

This fed very nicely into our English, where we have been learning how we can write persuasively. We found some facts about the rainforests and used them to persuade people to look after them. The children came up with some excellent reasons and explanations, and became more fluent with some persuasive vocabulary.

There have been so many other things that we have been up to, from sensational science about solids, liquids and gases with Mrs Stinton, to circuits and running in circles (literally!) in PE. We have been discovering decimals in maths, coding letters in ICT, drawing figures with movement in art, perfecting our handwriting each day ... Year 4 you have all come back with such enthusiasm, you've made the last three weeks an absolute pleasure. Have a wonderful Easter, and we can't wait to see you back for loads more fun in April!

With many thanks and best wishes to you all,
Mrs Jackson & Mrs Procter



Year 5:

What a busy month in Year 5. It is amazing to think that we have only been back in the classroom for three weeks. It feels like we have achieved so much.

The children have all settled into life back at school smoothly and are working harder than ever, which is great. We are proud of each and every one of them.

In English the children have been studying examples of persuasive letters and reports; finding features and vocabulary which makes them persuasive. We have now planned and written our own letters of complaint and persuasion to MP Julian Smith regarding the litter situation in Skipton. The children feel very strongly about this and it has been great to harness that passion and use it to support their learning. We hope that he has chance to read all of our letters and that we get a response as a class. It has also given us the chance to voice our opinions to an MP and hopefully have our views listened to. This follows on from the work we have been doing in PSHE where we have been learning about Democracy. We have been on a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament and learnt about how democracy works in the UK. We are hoping to have some visiting speakers (via Zoom) next term to follow on from this.



In Group Reading we have been reading and answering questions about Biomes and Vegetation belts to support our Geography knowledge. It has been a great chance to link back to various topics the pupils have covered in previous year groups. Some lovely reminiscing has been going on.

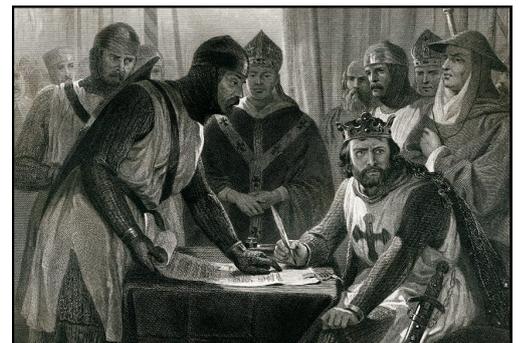
Maths lessons have continued from the remote-learning we were doing. Adding fractions, including those with mixed numbers and more recently we have moved on to subtracting fractions and we will continue with this after the holidays. We have also worked hard to master short division methods.

During remote learning we created our own games in ICT. We have finished these and created a blog to show them to each other. A lot of the children left lovely comments and helpful hints for how to improve the games. The blog is still up and running if they want to try out the games at home over the holidays.

In History we have been learning about the Magna Carta and the significance of it and how it impacts on our lives now. The children were very interested to learn the story of King John and the Barons and how the Magna Carta was created. We also had great fun listening to and trying to learn the Horrible Histories Monarchs Song.



Science lessons have been focusing on life-cycles. We have been learning about, and comparing, the life-cycles of a variety of living things. We have learnt all about plants / flower and explain how they reproduce. We have planted some seeds and bulbs and also re-potted Spider Plants and hopefully next term we will try to grow some potatoes.



On top of all this we have kept up our fitness levels in PE, created personalised art work in the style of YouTube artist ZCH and had lots of fun at playtimes learning new skipping games.

Easter Holidays is definitely well deserved Year 5! Enjoy

Mrs Smith & Mrs Bownass

Year 6:

March in Year 6 has seen us return to school and get back to business as usual! It's been just wonderful to be together again!

We've been learning some new maths games including- Make 37, Tricky Triangles, and Factor and Multiple chains. Y6 like a challenge and have loved having a go at some new games, as well as lots of practical tasks around measures.

Last week was National Shakespeare Week! We celebrated by acting out parts of Macbeth, watching the BBC Version and drawing cartoons to tell the story, as well as descriptive writing about Cawdor Castle, and finally giving each other some Shakespearian Style Insults!

Having found out lots about evolution and adaptation during lockdown, we have moved onto more practical activities including the "Bird Beak Buffet"- where each child has a different type of beak, and as a result, various degrees of success in collecting their bird food. I was especially impressed with the way in which the groups decided to record their data at the end, using their understanding of bar graphs and calculating mean averages. We all agreed that the peg made the best beak of all, and those given the straw were very hungry birds at the end!

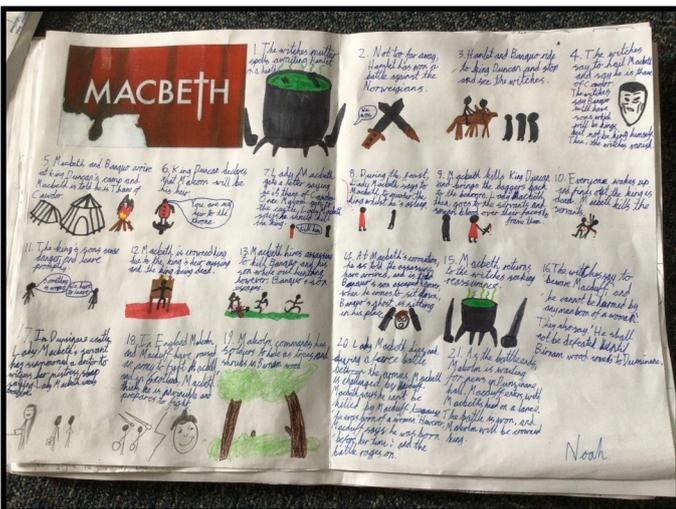
We have started our creative art project using different types of paint to paint poppies as remembrance symbols to our local and family WW1 heroes. It's been great to get out into the spring fresh air- we have really enjoyed starting tag rugby again, and getting together on a Friday after school for some Fun Friday Football at Sandylands.

Well done to all the school council for organising our Comic Relief Fundraising events including: Design a Red Nose Competition, Non Uniform, Collecting and counting the money and the Joke a thon. We had a great day and raised over £200.

Our next episode of WSNTV is about to go on line this week- we hope you enjoy our latest production on the School You Tube Channel.

Next term we are looking forward to beginning lots of new topics including- Geography- Natural Disasters and the Americans. DT- Bridges and Fairground Rides, and our Charles Rennie Mackintosh Art project, and of course beginning rehearsals for this Years KS2 production!....More news on that to follow shortly!

Wishing all Year 6 and their Families a very Happy Easter.
With our Best Wishes, Mrs Macnab and Mrs Hopewell





FAIRTRADE

**WE SUPPORT
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Well done to Alex in Year 1 who has won the Skipton School's Fair Trade Competition for his age group. Alex's winning design is opposite—a collage of the Fair Trade logo made from Fair Trade materials!

This certificate is awarded to

Alex Rogers

Best entry in age group

in the Fairtrade Competition for Schools 2021

“Can you make a Fairtrade mark using recycled materials?”

Signed *Liz Roodhouse*

Date 22nd March 2021



School re-opens for pupils on
Tuesday 13 April at 8.55am

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Stars of the Week...

Reception:	Cecily & Adam
Year 1:	Wyn, Jake & Peter
Year 2:	Christie, Jacob & Reuben
Year 3:	Lucy E & Eva
Year 4:	Archie & Charlie
Year 5:	Millie & Connor
Year 6:	Lucy, Antonia & Milo



The winners for March 2021 are:

50-50 CLUB

- 1st Prize of £25 Sarah Sutcliffe (Number 79)
2nd Prize of £12 Christine Mortimer (Number 23)
3rd Prize of £7 Katie Morgan (Number 13)

Thank You and Congratulations!

If you have any questions or would like to join the club please email Jo Nixon
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