



March 2022 Newsletter

WE
create
BRIGHT FUTURES

Here are a few photographs from our end of term activities, including Spring competitions, Easter bonnets, whole school egg rolling and more...

SPRING



The photos above show just a few of the many entries for the Spring Competition.



Presentation of certificates in the special Easter Assembly today for the winners of the Spring Competition.

Of course we couldn't finish the term without singing....
"SPRING CHICKEN"



Whole school egg rolling, the way we always end the Spring Term,

Well only at Water Street ...



Reception:

Where has March gone? Time certainly does fly in Reception. We have had another super month in and out of class. It is really noticeable how grown up and independent the children are becoming, and all the Reception staff are very proud of the super sharing, teamwork, co-operation, confidence, concentration and independence that the children are demonstrating!

March started with a week of activities based around 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' when Mrs Busfield's pancake café was a hit once more. How she gets 30+ pancakes out in just over an hour always amazes me!

March also saw us learning to ride our bikes with Ed from 'Pedal and scoot' AND performing in front of a real life audience at Skipton Music Festival. We were so proud of the confidence and enthusiasm the children showed during their performance.

And then it was Spring! We've been loving the outdoors and planting strawberry seeds, beans and wild flowers. We have been discussing what might be happening under the soil – great ideas Reception! We will cross our fingers and wait and see...

In phonics we are now quite the expert sound-blenders, developing fluency and confidence week by week. In Maths we have been investigating time and money and loving counting in ones, twos and tens. We have also been exploring odds and evens and how numbers to ten can be made by combining two numbers together.

We will end the term having a special visit from the Easter bunny and our traditional Easter egg hunt in the playground! We will then enjoy eating our yummy eggs whilst watching a movie – a wonderful end to the term!

Have a restful Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new term when our first theme will be based around the story, 'Yukky Worms'!

Mrs Roberts & Mrs Busfield



Looking for the signs of Spring...

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:

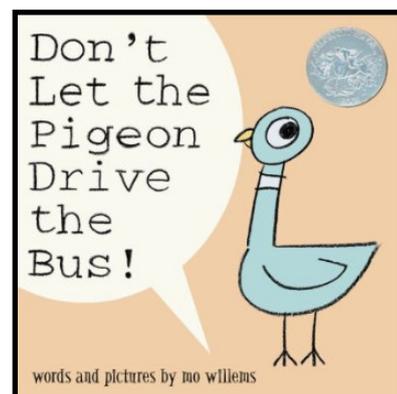
It's been a busy month but we have had quite a few highlights in our learning!

Our biggest one was the fun we had this week on our History Day when we flipped the switch and went back in time 100 years ago and experienced some of what it was like to live back then. The children (and adults) all had a great day. We did rote handwriting on ACTUAL slates with chalk, learned some time tables and then had fun learning some traditional games including: hopscotch, leapfrog, Oranges and Lemons. Mrs Stodart-Hall made an amazing Victoria Sponge for us to share at the end of the day, all washed down with delicious traditional lemonade made by Mrs Balderstone!

In maths it has been mostly about measuring. We have been busy finding out some of the different standard and non-standard units that you can use to measure different things: height, weight and capacity. Lots of practical learning and lots of fun!

In English we have been focusing on the wonderful books about the Pigeon by Mo Willems which went on to inspire lots of wonderful writing of our own versions of this book - all very persuasive!

In art the children created AMAZING printed tote bags for their Mum's on Mother's day. They were really beautiful and each and every one unique. The children worked hard combining what they had learned about lines and cross hatching for their cards too.



All in all a very busy time!

Have a wonderful Easter Break!

Mrs Munslow and the Y1 Team



**The school value
for next half
term is**

Teamwork

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Year 2:

Year 2 have continued to work so hard this March!

In Maths we have really enjoyed finding out about the properties of 2D shapes. We talked about the number of sides and vertices that the shapes had and we thought about the length of the sides – which were longer and which were shorter. We then thought about how we could make the same shape but in different ways using a computer-based geoboard. The children used some fantastic vocabulary to compare the shapes!



We have also been using measures and had fun investigating mass. We weighed five objects using a balance scale ordering them from lightest to heaviest. The children had great fun and put a lot of thought into comparing the weights!



In PE the children have enjoyed their sessions of Yoga. We have done some of the Cosmic Yoga sessions and their balances have really improved over the last few weeks. Great work Year 2!

In DT the children have been thinking about moving vehicles and had a great time using different construction kits to make a car to carry school children. They had to think about using wheels, axels and axel holders, as well as finding out which parts moved and which did not. It was lovely to see the range of vehicles produced from similar materials and see them be able to help each other problem-solve as we worked.



In ICT we have been looking at branching databases and explored how to sort animals using 'yes/no' questions. We had to think carefully about what we could actually see in front of us and ignore what we might know about how they live, which wasn't always easy!



Year 2 – you really deserve your Easter break! Have a wonderful two weeks, and come back bright and ready for an awesome April!

Mrs Jackson & the Year 2 Team



**Great work
Year 2 ...**

Year 3:

We have had a fun month of active learning in March and the sunshine has enabled us to enhance our learning outside.

In maths, we gained a better understanding of measurements whilst measuring objects in the playground with metre rulers. This included how to calculate perimeters. Currently, we are enjoying finding out how to find a fraction of an amount.

Initially this half term, our work in English was inspired by the poem 'Walking with my Iguana' by Brian Moses. We had lots of fun writing and performing our own poems. Hopefully you will be able to come to school for our class assembly in May and hear some of these! The focus of our work now is centred around the enchanting book 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel'. We have been writing in the style of the author and describing how not all cats are nice!

Science lessons have helped us to reflect on healthy eating and how check that we are choosing a balanced diet. It is super to see so many children now bringing a piece of fruit into school for morning break times.

As Covid restrictions have relaxed in school, it has been fabulous to sing together again and have whole school assemblies. Year 3 have also enjoyed joining up with Year 1 to take part in paired reading. All the children have loved this!

In PE we have benefited from tennis sessions with a coach from Skipton tennis club and continued our sessions with Mr Mukherjee. We have some very talented sports stars in the class and it is super to see the range of activities children take part in outside school.

In DT the children are busy learning how to carefully thread needles and stitch! You will soon see the outcome of their hard work.

Learning about Europe has been the theme in Geography. This has been beneficial to think about and discuss when we have been sharing our thoughts about the devastating war in Ukraine.

It has been a pleasure to teach the Year 3 children this half term and we wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.

The Year 3 team.



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uniform is named.
Thanks**



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Year 4:

We have had a fantastic month in Year 4. The class have excelled in fractions. Beginning the maths unit with lots of puzzled faces and unhappy noises and ending the unit with cheers at the thought of a maths test!

In English we have been studying a few different books: The Butterfly Lion, Lob and Peter and the Wolf. We have finished with some independent writing of a new chapter for the Butterfly Lion. The children all thought about what they had wished had been different and have produced some fantastic, creative writing in the style of Michael Morpurgo's.

The class have really been loving our swimming sessions and have progressed in their abilities over the course of the last term. Sadly, we will not continue with our Wednesday swimming sessions after Easter but will instead have two PE sessions in school throughout the week.

The computing topic this month has been such fun – animation. With children even spending time at home creating their own animations in their own time – it has been lovely to see how inspired you have been by our computing work. I wonder if we will have any famous stop-motion animators amongst us in the future?

Thank you for another lovely month Year 4!!

Mrs Taylor & the Year 4 team.



MATCHDAY MASCOT



LUKE

Luke contracted meningococcal meningitis just before Christmas 2019. Unfortunately due to the sepsis which ravaged Luke's body, he is now a quad amputee.

He has a long rehabilitation journey ahead, and will need many sets of prosthesis before he reaches adulthood and quite a bit of specialist or adapted equipment (wheelchairs, bikes, different prostheses for sports etc).

Any help from the Sharks Family would mean the world!

Age: 9, Favourite player: Tom Curry
Favourite TV show: Deadly 60 / Teen Titans Go
Hobbies: Rugby, Lego, Playstation

SALE SHARKS   **SAT 9 APR - KO: 1PM**
AJ BELL STADIUM

Luke is the Matchday Mascot for Sale Sharks tomorrow – Saturday 9th April.

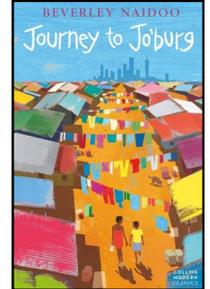
You can see him on Channel 4 or BT Sport.

**School re-opens for the
Summer Term on:
Monday 25th April**

Year 5:

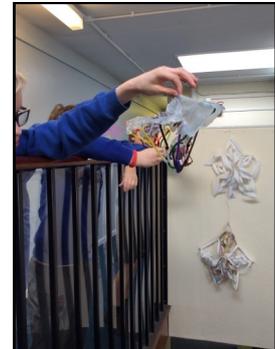
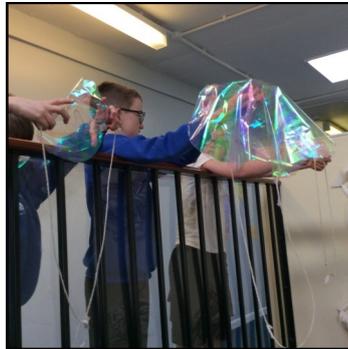
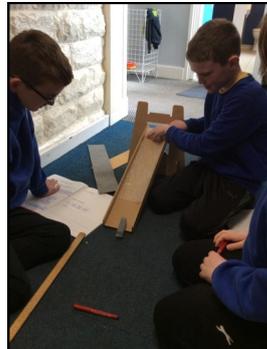
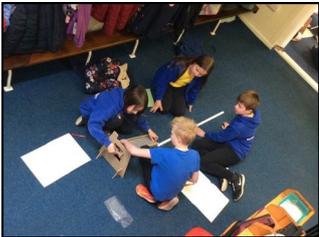
The weather may have been up and down over the last few weeks but the effort and attitudes of Year 5 have stayed constantly high. We have taken on the responsibility of becoming the Playground Squad, helping to organise games and equipment for younger classes. We have shown great maturity and set a good example to the other classes. Playtimes are looking busy, active and fun which was our aim and we still have lots more ideas to put into action during the Summer Term.

In English we have been enthralled by the experiences of apartheid that Naledi and Tiro faced in our novel *Journey to Jo'Burg*. It has led to some interesting, thought provoking conversations and has inspired some amazing pieces of writing. We are definitely a class of budding novelists, the staff had to get the tissues out when reading some of them, such emotional story endings! This week we are planning and writing our own stories set in another culture, we can't wait to read them (tissues at the ready!). We have developed our knowledge of different spelling rules and worked hard to learn the spellings and apply them in our writing.



Maths has been all about everything that could possibly be related to Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We are now experts in the topic and have been amazing at seeing the links between the 3 and applying our knowledge to solve problems.

We have been carrying out lots of practical experiments in our Science Forces topic. We have dropped objects into water tanks to investigate objects shape and how they impact water resistance, planned and carried out fair tests to learn about friction and designed and made see-saws to learn about levers. The most fun we had was using our levers and mechanism knowledge to design a mangonel (type of catapult/ trebuchet). With ping-pong balls flying we adapted our designs before competing to see whose could fire the furthest. We are continuing this challenge over the Easter break to see who can design and make their own catapult and we will then compete to get a class winner. Watch this space to see how far we manage to fire them.



In History, we have completed our Ancient Egyptian work by deciding which is the most significant achievement of the Ancient Egyptians and answering our own questions about an area of interest. It was great fun researching and writing out our findings.

As always we are keeping ourselves active as we know how important it is for both our mental and physical health. We all attended a football festival where we joined in with a range of activities alongside pupils from the other Skipton schools. In PE we have been improving our rugby skills by working alongside Hedley from Upper Wharfedale and improving our net skills with Freddie from Skipton Tennis Club.

We always write the monthly news and feel amazed at how much we have managed to fit in and this month has been no different. The monthly news only shares a snippet of what we have done; our days really are varied and jam packed!

Mrs Bownass & Mrs Smith

Year 6:

Without a doubt the highlight of March had to be our Bewerley Park residential! This was our first residential for 2 years, and the first school residential that our Year 6s had been on - so the anticipation of the trip was immense! We were "lucky" to experience just about every type of weather: from splendid spring days, to snow, hail and rain!

During the week we packed in some great activities including: gorge walking, canoeing, the leap of faith, a night walk, rock scrambling at Brimham, orienteering, going down a mine, river studies at Troller's Ghyll, local history at Scar House Reservoir, along with snooker, table tennis, a disco, and the final evening's campfire sing song and sharing our proud moments.

We were incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils, not only in their resilience, energy, enthusiasm and courage, but also the kindness and support they showed of each other. Undertaking challenges and moving out of your comfort zones was achieved by all the children!

We hope you enjoyed following our adventures on Facebook and the Bewerley Park Twitter.

This week we have been putting together some photo posters for the children to take home to share with their families.

We have also started some follow up work including some enquiry based learning on Scar House reservoir and will shortly begin some persuasive writing, encouraging others to visit Bewerley Park.

Next Term will start with lots of hard work in preparation for our Sats tests in May, which will swiftly be followed by starting to plan for our summer term production, lots of DT work including electricity and bridges topics. We will also continue our geography work with further focus on the National Parks and Nidderdale. **Mrs Macnab**



Well done Year 6 ...

Stars of the Week...

Reception: Luna & Florence

Year 1: Pippa & Eva

Year 2: Iris & Presiyana

Year 3: Isla & Finlay

Year 4: Evie & Luke

Year 5: Evan & Cassius

Year 6: Whole Class



The winners for March 2022 are:

50-50 CLUB

1st Prize of £25 Patrick Protheroe (Number 229)

2nd Prize of £12 Hamish Wills (Number 122)

3rd Prize of £7 Kate Browne (Number 82)

Thank You and Congratulations!

If you have any questions or would like to join the club please email Jo Nixon (jo@philandjo.co.uk) or speak to anyone in the Friends of Water Street School.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

