



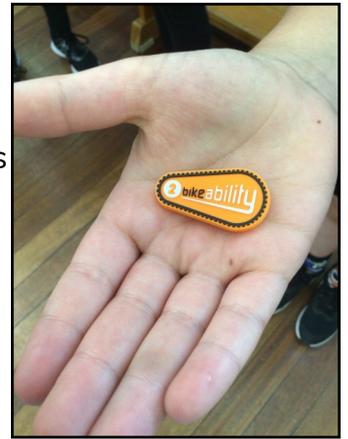
# May/June 2021 Newsletter

WE  
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BRIGHT FUTURES

Well done to those Year 6 pupils who passed their 'Bikeability' course before the half-term holiday.

Here they are with their certificates and badges modelling their new Water Street Leavers' Hoodies!

Next week Year 6 are spending day visits at Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre.



**FRIENDS and family of eight year old Luke Mortimer will be setting out on a 127 mile, under 12 hour fundraising bike ride next weekend along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.**



The event, the first organised by the 'This is Luke' fundraising team since the start of coronavirus lockdowns, will include an open day at Skipton Fire Station when people will be able to drop in and keep track of the cyclists as they ride along the towpath.

**For the full story:**

<https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/19343998.can-do-luke-inspires-127-mile-canal-towpath-challenge/>

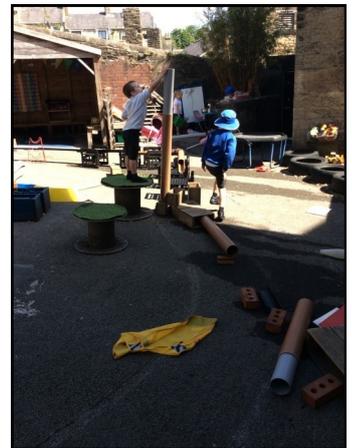
# Reception:

Summer is here and May into June is all getting outside and learning in the outdoors. We are loving using the bikes and scooters, taking care of our growing plants, building anything and everything on a bigger scale than the inside provision allows and lots and lots AND LOTS of water play! Reception LOVE water play. They work together to build the most amazing water factories, channels, chutes, car washes and boat runs. The teamwork, co-operation, sharing, turn taking, negotiation not to mention critical thinking and problem solving skills that goes into these projects is amazing to see. The children are also loving outside art, small world play, reading dens... anything that can be learned indoors can be outdoors too!

In Maths we've moved onto the 'teens' numbers and loved learning that eleven in one ten and an extra one; twelve is a 2x6 and a 3x4 array; thirteen has an irregular number name as well as being both taller and more than 12; 14 is double seven as well as seven lots of two; and 15 is both three fives and the total of numbers 1 2 3 4 and 5 together! As always the number blocks series helps us to visualise the maths and see the patterns and relationships that exist within the number system.

In phonics we have been revisiting all of our digraphs and trigraphs and playing lots of lots of games to help us to become confident readers and writers. We love phonics bumps, the noisy box, digraph detectors, odd one out, rainbow ladder and well as being super silly sentence readers and writers!

As we move towards the end of the year we are starting to get the children Year 1 ready as well as making the most of our remaining weeks in reception.



Enjoy the photos of us at work and play!

Mrs Roberts & Mrs Busfield

**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:

Another busy month has whizzed by in Year 1. We have been continuing with our plants topic in Science where we all had go at pulling a range of plants to pieces using tweezers and looking closely with magnifying glasses. We really got to see the roots, stem, leaves and on some: flowers and bulbs. The children all planted a bean that we watched grow in a bag to start with. Once we could see roots and a shoot coming out we transferred them into so special pots that were biodegradable so could just be transferred to a bigger plant pot. The children have been telling us how much more they have grown since they have gone home – maybe we will get to climb a beanstalk like Jack did!

Continuing with the theme of plants we looked at the artist William Morris and how he used elements of nature to inspire his wallpaper designs. We went on a nature exploration into the science garden finding some different leaves, flowers and seeds to inspire us in our designing of a print. There was a lot of careful looking and designing happening on paper first, then it was time to get the potato pencils out and transfer the designs onto a potato. It was trickier than we thought it would be, drawing our designs onto the potato but everyone tried their best and produced some brilliant printing designs. We had a go on paper first and learnt that the first one after paint has been put on isn't always the best one. After testing and trying on paper we then printed onto some fabric. The results of these will become clear next week!

Jam sandwiches has been the high light of our fractions work. They all found it fun and also a bit tricky to cut your slice of bread right down the middle to make 2 equal parts. After the halving and spreading we then talked about different ways we could cut them again into 2 equal parts – as squares or triangles. After the children had chosen the way they wanted they cut them, those that wanted to ate them! Delicious!

We have had a fun time completing different turns: turns to the left or to the right, quarter turn, half turn, 3 quarters or even a whole turn! We have followed directions from our friends to direct us around the playground and the classroom. We have looked at different positions such as: on, in, under, below, above, next to, behind, in front of, beside, left and right!

We are so proud of all of the year 1's and how they try their best in all that we do! Well done Year 1!

Mrs Balderstone and Mrs Stodart-Hall



Great work  
Year 1

## Year 2:

A busy few weeks as ever with loads of wonderful learning moments and plenty of fun filled activities. Highlights for Year 2 have been:

The introduction of Skipping: Mrs Smith has organised for every class to have a whole set of skipping ropes. We try and get out as much as we can and have amazed ourselves with being able to not only have a go at the individual ropes but also with the long rope! We have become skipping mad and the children are getting better and better! PE continues to be lots of fun ball skills as well as learning some easy cricket type games.

In maths we have been practising what we know and using our skills to solve lots of practical activities. Here we are doing our Fabulous Four where each of us visit each activity and solve or do the problem that's in the box.



In English we spent a lot of time being inspired by the book Instructions by Neil Gaiman. The children did a lot of work around this story and then did some AMAZING writing of their own in the same questioning style. I have been so impressed by their thoughtfulness and imaginations!



In Design and Technology made some FANTASTIC vehicles which had axles and wheels. All the children are getting used to experimenting and adjusting their plans and models to improve them if they need to. Such a super project which culminated in making a self propelling axle/wheel 'tractor' which saw HUGE concentration and AMAZING results!

We are settling well into our last half of the summer term already and will have lots of exciting learning to share with you soon...

Enjoy these summery days!

Mrs Munslow and the Year 2 Team



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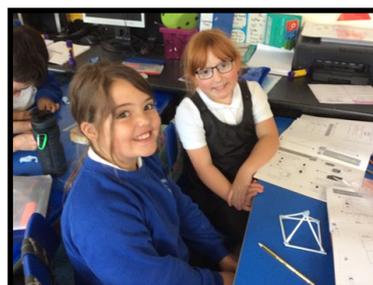
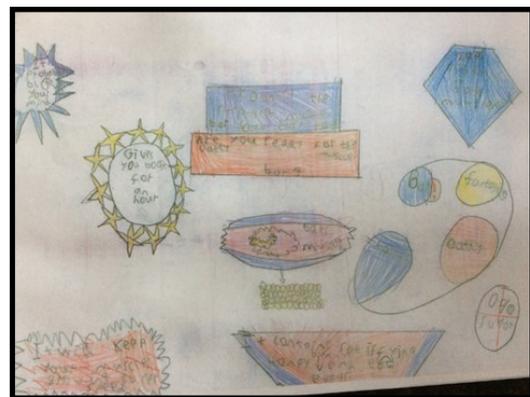
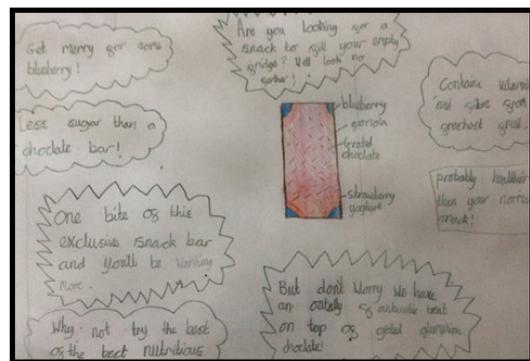
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# Year 3:

Well where did May disappear to? It has been a great month in Y3 full of new topics.

In English we have been learning all about persuasive writing and have looked at the language used in adverts. We then went on to have a go at writing our own adverts for a healthy snack. They really enjoyed using puns and rhymes and had some brilliant ideas. We will be putting these skills to good use when they write about their European Sandwich in June.

In maths we had great fun learning about shape, angles and lines. We learnt all about parallel and perpendicular lines and have some really good ways of remembering them. We also went outside to see where we could find right angles in the playground and looked for obtuse and acute angles. We then revisited 2D and 3D shape before having a go at making some 3D shapes using straws and bluetack. They made some super models and were much better at getting the straws to stick together than me! We also had a go at puzzle maths investigating different ways to count money. It really got them thinking and trying to be more systematic in their approach to problem solving to see if they had found all the different alternatives



In Geography we have moved on to a new topic looking at the continent of Europe. They have been busy finding out the names of the different countries and how they fit together. We also looked at the Oceans and seas in this continent. We're looking forward to finding out more in the coming weeks.

In Science we have started a new topic looking at plants. We started the month looking again at what plants need to survive and set up an experiment to look at how plants coped with different conditions. The children carefully monitored what was happening to their plants throughout the month. We also really enjoyed learning about the different parts of a plant and how water is transported through a flower. We loved turning the roses blue and seeing how the liquid moved up through the different parts of the plant. We then went on to examine in more detail the different parts of a tulip and learn the names of the different parts of a flowering plant.



We were sad to have our last music session with Mrs Turvey and they had great fun in their last lesson putting all their skills together. They were really impressive drummers keeping to the beat really well. We also finished our table tennis and the children had really improved in their skills which was great to see.



We're looking forward to continuing our learning journey through the last half term where they will without a doubt continue to wow me their enthusiasm and fantastic approach to everything they do. Mrs R, Mrs Wilson and Mr Roberts

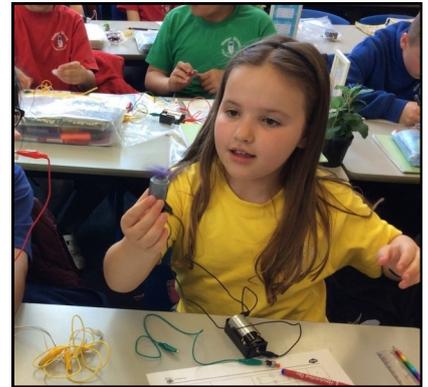
# Year 4:

What a 'Marvellous May' we have had in Year 4! We've started to learn about William Shakespeare and to learn about his play, 'Hamlet'. It was great fun looking at some of the words that he made up, and some of his phrases too. Did you know that he created the words 'bare-faced', 'lacklustre' and 'bedazzled'? Or that some of his phrases were 'eaten me out of house and home', 'wild goose chase' and 'seen better days'? We had an amusing time working out how we might define them today – one of Mrs Jackson's favourites was the definition of 'as dead as a doornail' being 'as dead as dead can be'; how true!



May has seen us doing a lot of exciting work in art.

We looked at how people make press-prints, and then combined the techniques with what we have learned about Colour Theory to make prints with two colours that included colour mixing. It was quite tricky to understand how two prints would work in 'negative', but the looks on the children's faces when they saw it all come together were an absolute delight!



We have also looked at Skipton and Whitby in Geography, and the children designed some really creative tiles combining some of their landmarks. We spent a lesson learning how we could manipulate clay in different ways and the limits we could push it to before it crumbles or starts to dry out. We then learned how we could join pieces of clay securely using scratching, a special watery 'clay-glué' called 'slip', and moulding the two pieces seamlessly together so they stayed together when they were dry. We really enjoyed it and our end-product tiles were fantastic!

In PE we have continued to enjoy tennis with Jonny and cricket with Mr Mukherjee. We are going to be starting rugby in a couple of weeks, so we are looking forward to that too!

In Science with Mrs Stinton we have been learning about different materials that are insulators and conductors, and how we can make a working electrical circuit. We loved the session when we had rotating motor and we investigated what happened when we used them to make spirograph patterns - it inspired a lot of us to have a go at home!



In PHSE we looked at how different sugary drinks can affect our teeth over time using eggshells. We were quite surprised at how much the eggshell was affected by the sugar and acids!

We finished the month on a real high, all earning our Green Blue Peter badges after being inspired by Erin in Year 5. We had to carry out pledges at home and school to help look after our planet and think about the climate. Now we can all apply for our Blue Peter cards and hopefully gain free access to some sites around the UK. I wonder what badge we might work on next?!



Really well done this month, Year 4. You are all superstars!

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

# Year 5:

May was an especially busy month for Year 5. We have managed to regain some form of 'normality' and have actually left the school site! We had a very successful day visit to Nell Bank and have also re-started our weekly swimming lessons.

We had a fantastic day at Nell Bank, just before half term. Our day was filled with lots of different team-building and problem-solving activities. For some of the activities the class were split into smaller groups and taken off with either Sam or Rachel (our tutors for the day). The activities included rolling a ball along small pieces of guttering, crossing the lava and getting everyone through the hoop as quickly as possible. Each activity required a lot of discussion, compromise and teamwork. The children were fantastic at listening to each other's ideas and made sure that everyone was heard and took part. The children especially enjoyed creating their own dens in the wood. They all listened very carefully to the safety instructions and created amazing dens. They then had to 'show off' the selling points of their dens to the other groups. They were great at this and had come up with some very interesting features including South facing gardens, grass carpets, fire pits with seating and even coat hooks! They certainly enjoyed the estate agent role play.

After lunch, the children were sent off in pairs or groups of three with a map, a sheet and a pencil. They were shown how to use the map and then went off to find the different points and the letters that were there. They all really enjoyed the orienteering and were very successful at it. It certainly got everyone's hearts racing.

It was a great day and the Nell Bank staff were especially impressed with all the children; how well they got on with each other, how patient and kind they were towards each other and how well they all worked together. We were very proud of them all!

We have been lucky to get outside a lot this month. Tennis with Jonny, rugby with Hedley, speed walking back from the swimming pool, we have enjoyed our time being active in the fresh air. We have also been outside to practise our singing for 'What A Knight', performing our PSHE peer pressure role plays and we have all enjoyed our daily skip, developing how many skips we can do and completing the challenges set.

In Maths our Fractions work continued but moved onto finding fractions of amounts and quantities and we used all the knowledge of fractions that we had learned to solve some problems. We have also been learning about angles. Recognising the different types, measuring and drawing them and working out the missing angles in shapes.

In English we have used our knowledge of the four Ancient Civilisations studied to write a non-chronological report comparing the different aspects that we have studied. The children used the information that they researched in RE about the different Gods in the religions as well.

In History we have begun to learn about Ancient Egypt in depth. We have created a class timeline and looked at the events and achievements of the civilisations. We will continue to learn about the Ancient Egyptians for some of this half term.

Science lessons this month have been very practical as we have investigated the properties of materials. We are now able to plan and carry out our own investigations independently. We have investigated thermal insulators to make the best lunch boxes as well as learning all about dissolving.

As always Year 5 have been amazing in everything they have done and we look forward to another busy month ahead where we hope the sun continues to shine. **Mrs Bownass, Mrs Smith, Mrs Gaunt & Ms Reed**



# Year 6:

Have you watched the latest episode of WSNTV (Water Street News TV)? Our latest, and penultimate addition of the show is now available on the school's YouTube Channel. On it you will be able to find out all about Bullet Journaling, see some sneak previews of "What a Knight", and find out about what happens on the Bikeability Course. Our final episode this month will be a Bewerley Park Special!

As Year 6 embark on their last 7 weeks of Primary School, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. Children have already started to meet staff from the schools they are going to, and find out all about what life at their new schools will be like. Children are also looking forward to transition days, when many children get to visit their new schools and do some taster lessons.

We are pleased to report that Bikeability Training went very well. Children who took part should now be very competent in riding their bike on the road and signalling to traffic. Well done to all 24 children that took part!

Rehearsals for our production are going well! Everybody is doing a great job with learning words and getting costumes ready. We are looking forward to making scenery in the next few days as well.

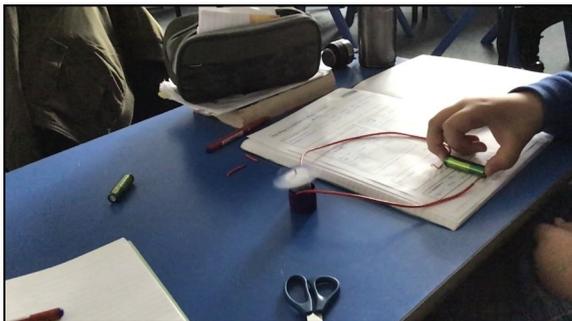
Although we haven't been able to arrange to stay overnight at Bewerley Park this term, we are able to go for the day- so next week we are going on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to do all sorts of exciting outdoor activities in Nidderdale. On the last day, we are coming back to school for a bit of a celebration to the end of the week.

Our main geography topic this term is "Race Across the USA"- well done to everyone for planning such great places to visit- including: A USA city, A National Park, A Bridge, The location of a natural hazard and a river. We can't wait to discover more about the places we are going to- and planning the cost of the trip!

Our Maths work will now focus on Financial Understanding- we will be looking at financial planning, savings, and how to make budget. As well as this we will also be taking a look at careers and planning for the future. We are really looking forward to Castle Week- including lots of exciting activities going on in school, and our "What a Knight" Performance!

So that's it from Year 6 for now- keep a look out for news from our Bewerley Park visit. We are looking forward to telling you all about it!

Mrs Macnab & Mrs Hopwell



Have you watched the latest episode of WSNTV?

# Stars of the Week...

Reception: Imogen & Phoebe-Mae

Year 1: Emmeline & Phoebe

Year 2: Amelia & Eli

Year 3: Lucy E & Seph

Year 4: Mikah & Sara

Year 5: Liam & Eleana

Year 6: Stan & Gabby



## The winners for May 2021 are:

# 50-50 CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £25 Helen Knapp (Number 29)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £12 Patrick Protheroe (Number 229)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of £7 Jo Tamsons (Number 203)

## Thank You and Congratulations!

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