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***We're Year 5, get us out of here!***

Over recent weeks, Class 5A have been learning about nutrition, finding out about where food comes from and different types of food. The children also recorded food diaries of what they ate over a few days. Their lessons have been taught by nutrition students from MMU and the children have learnt a lot.

The lessons finished with a visit to MMU. Everyone, including 5A staff, were surprised to learn that our visit to MMU would include tasting other types of food which are high in vitamins and protein! It sounded a bit like 'I'm a Celebrity!'

When they arrived at MMU, they were given an introduction to the University and then the food tasting began. The food on offer included mealworm burgers, cricket crackers, buffalo worm fried rice and caramel grasshopper. These foods were included because they are an alternative source of protein and vitamins. Some children tucked in and swallowed happily but others decided they couldn't face such unusual food.

After this they had their final nutrition session and everyone was impressed with how much they had learnt. After eating their packed lunches (tuna sandwiches, apples and biscuits - no grasshoppers) the children had a short tour of the campus. Their final session was to encourage Year 5 children to think about their futures: high school, college and university, maybe MMU...

Everyone had fun and will remember the trip with the strange food!

Breakfast

Club.

Breakfast Club runs every morning (Monday to Friday). It starts at 8.15am and closes at 8.45am. We provide toast, cereal, fresh fruit, hot chocolate, milk, orange juice and water for only 80p a session.

There are lots of activities to take part in too including board games, reading, arts and crafts and Lego.

If your child has any special dietary requirements please let us know. There is no need to book, just pay as you go.

It is a great way for your child to start the day with their friends and have a healthy breakfast too.

In Year 1, we have been enjoying our topic - 'What Lives in Our World' and we have already found out about lots of different animals and plants. We visited Hulme Garden Centre, where we planted our own seeds which we then brought back to school with us. Why don't you pop into our classroom and see if you can guess what we are growing? We will also be visiting Stockley Farm this half term. We'll get to feed the baby animals, take a tractor ride and see the milking parlour too. Look out for more photographs on our school blog!



Reception News

The children in Reception have made a good, settled return to school after the winter break. Our new big question for this half term is; "Who is your favourite author?"

We have set up a Story Shed within the classroom, where the children can explore the idea of writing their own texts and adding illustrations.

In number time, we are learning about different measures, weight, height, length, time and capacity. The children have developed their thinking about these measures, through fun and practical activities both in the classroom and outside. We are also going to focus on addition and subtraction, which will include solving simple money problems.

On Monday the 18th of January, we held a Foundation Stage maths workshop for parents. We discussed with the parents the mathematical topics that their child will cover whilst attending our Foundation Stage, and shared some of the practise that takes place. It is always great to have parents involved with our learning and we want to say a big thank you to everyone who came along.



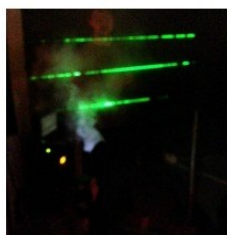
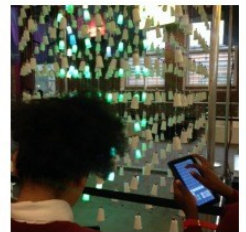
Who keeps us safe? Ask nursery, they know!

This half term we have been learning about people who keep us safe. We have had visits from the school nurse, Manchester fire fighters and the police are also visiting us. The school nurse talked about washing our hands and showed the children the different equipment they use. The children role play with equipment and dressing up clothes in our nursery hospital. The fire fighters brought their fire engine and everyone got to sit in it and spray water from the hose. The firefighters also brought their uniform with them and talked about how it keeps them safe. We like to role play in our outside nursery fire engine. We are really lucky to have had so many visitors to come and help us with our learning. Remember that parents are invited each Thursday morning to our Stay and Play sessions between 9am and 10am. you can join in with special activities and see how much fun we have learning in our nursery!

Year 6 - Light Fantastic

Year 6 took part in an amazing day at the Museum of Science and Industry on Friday 23rd January. In the pictures below you can see us using the latest technology:

Using a tiny microscope linked to an iPad - the blue dots on the screen are actual cells from inside Xanico's mouth! Malika was using an iPad to control an amazing display of hanging lights. Lots of children made their own kaleidoscope and you can see Salma writing Minecraft code here! We watched a brilliant laser-cutting machine make a cardboard shape with our name on it and if you are wondering why Mr Brown made these students put giant coffee cups on their heads - they're actually pin hole cameras! The green lasers you can see are part of a light beam drumkit...there was so much to see and do. We also had a planetarium show, a session in the 'Experiment' gallery and lots of other brilliant things to look at and learn about - what a day!



Have you visited our school website and class blogs?

Each year group has their own blog page to share news, work and general goings on from our classes. The children and teachers are always online commenting on things that are happening in school, it would be great if parents could add comments too. Let us know if there is anything you want to see on the website or on the class blogs! Visit the website at **rolls-crescent.manchester.sch.uk**

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Ordsall Hall in the first week back to school. We were amazed to step back in time and experience a little of what Tudor life would have been like. We were greeted at the hall by Lady Radclyffe and her maid Mary, they showed us around the hall and grounds and told us lots of fascinating facts. We tried on some Tudor outfits, prepared a Tudor wedding feast, wandered round the kitchen gardens and we even tried out a Tudor bathtub and a Tudor bed. The children were amazing with their brilliant knowledge about King Henry VIII and his wives - we are making quizzes about him in Computing this half term too - keep your eyes out on the website for them coming soon so you can test out your knowledge!



Year 2 go down under!

This term Year 2 have asked the big question 'What is it like Down Under?' We have been finding out about Australia, its inhabitants and its surroundings. We have also been learning about the weather, the landscape and the animals that live there. In Computing we have been learning about branching databases and have been investigating ways to sort the different kinds of animals that live in Australia. We have also been using our descriptive writing to write about them!

Year 3 learning

In Year 3 this term we have been exploring our topic 'Why were the Romans so powerful?'. In English we have written some great poetry using the inspiration of the poem *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright and the inspiration of the Romans, which we are very proud of. In Maths we have been learning about fractions by using tortillas and sultanas, which has been both fun and tasty as we have been able to eat them after we have used them! In Science we have been focusing on Forces and Magnets, we have undertaken investigations using different materials. As part of Art and Design we have given the children the opportunity to decide upon a Roman object that they have first sketched and will be creating out of clay. We will be visiting Chester soon too, where the children will dress up as Roman soldiers and find out more about what life as a Roman soldier was like!

Is there anything you would like adding to the newsletter?

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