

What a fantastic start to 2018! We have been learning about the Great Fire of London, how it started, how long it lasted, who wrote about it and what it destroyed. We read Samuel Pepys's Diary and his recount of the Great fire and wrote recounts ourselves. We have learned how to write different types of sentences such as exclamations, commands, questions and statements with correct punctuation in the past tense. We also read and wrote poems about the Great Fire of London, and made a book on the computers all about it.

We were lucky enough to visit Staircase house in Stockport where we saw a 600 year old house and dressed up in different characters to role play the Great Fire! We made real Wattle and Daub and Fire marks. What a great day we had!

In Maths we have been learning how to solve problems involving money, shape and fractions and we took part in some quizzes at the end of the term to show what we have learned.



Year 4

Our topic centres around the Romans in Manchester and we are currently looking at historical narratives in our English and we have been looking at answering questions around the Roman Empire in topic and how and why they travelled to the city of Manchester. We have made really good links in our art with looking and designing Roman Mosaics. There has been lots of opportunities in other curriculum subjects to make links including ICT, Re and guided reading. We have planned a trip to walk in to Castlefield to look at some of the Roman Remains and give the children in year 4 opportunities to explore and investigate different things.



CLIC AGM meeting

We would like to hear your views on how you have felt being part of the CLIC Academy Trust this year. How would you like to see us develop? We would like to invite all our parents and carers to a CLIC AGM meeting that will be held by our Executive Principal—Mr Watson on Wednesday 7th March 2018. Two meetings will be held and you are welcome to attend either. The first meeting is at 9am and the second meeting is at 3pm. We hope you are able to attend one of the meet-

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If you would normally put dead batteries in the bin, please think again. Recycling is now possible. Why is this good?

- it reduces how much goes to landfill
- it saves the resources and energy needed to produce new products
- it stops poisons polluting the environment

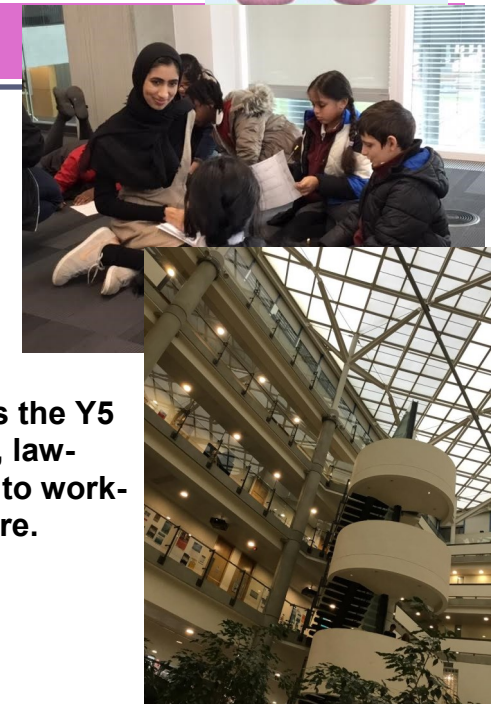
and.... it might help Rolls Crescent to win some prizes!

Please send into school any used AAA, AA, C or D type batteries to



Year 5—Thinking about our future.

Year 5 recently had the opportunity to visit Manchester Academy and Manchester Metropolitan University as part of their work on transition from primary school to high school and beyond. The pupils were asked to reflect on what they would like to achieve with their lives and how they would set about realising this. We were shown around both institutions by friendly and helpful student ambassadors, who acted as positive role models. Some goals the Y5 pupils wanted to realise included becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers and even scientists! We look forward to working with both MMU and Manchester Academy in future.



Reception—What do you know about dinosaurs?

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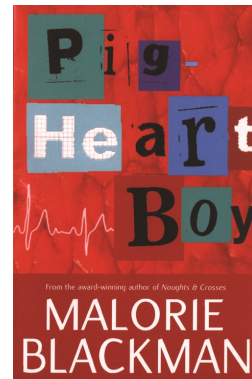
When researching our new big question, 'What do we know about dinosaurs?' Reception have carried out lots of investigative work and challenges! We have learned the names of dinosaurs, found out what they eat – we discovered that some dinosaurs eat other dinosaurs! We went on a dinosaur safari outside and even worked as archaeologists in our dinosaur museum investigating dinosaur fossils. During PE, we moved around like dinosaurs we flapped like pterodactyls and stomped around like brachiosaurus', we had lots of fun!

Year 6—Having a heart.

This term Year 6 have been reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. They have really enjoyed it and we have been writing persuasive letters, and discussion texts around the controversial issues raised in the story. In Science we have also been looking at how the heart works and the circulatory system. Linked to this, in PE we have been devising our own aerobic games that exercise specific muscle groups and then teaching other children how to play them.

In topic we have been asking "Is our Kingdom United?" and identifying key physical geographical features of our country - as well as studying major events in history .

We are lucky to have some Loreto College students visiting us to run workshops in Maths each week and the children are having lots of fun exploring and developing key maths skills.



Year 1— What lives in our world?

Year 1 are enjoying their topic 'What lives in our world'. We visited Hulme garden centre this half term to explore the different plants that grow and to learn more about sewing seeds and how to care for a plant.



In Maths we have been exploring 3D and 2D shapes in our school environment, I wonder if your children have been spotting shapes at home too?



Year 3—Who was the first Iron Man?

We are all glad to welcome the children back after a relaxing break. Our 'Big Questions' this half term are: 'Who was the first Iron Man?' and 'Do you have the force?'

As you may have guessed, we are looking at the Iron Age for our topic. We have been getting some inspiration from a Ted Hughes Book, The Iron Man. (I'll let the children tell you all about it)

From this book we have been creating some interesting and detailed character descriptions as well as using charcoal and chalk to make sketches of The Iron Man.

Science has been all about forces. There will an upcoming experiment involving: cars, ramps and different surfaces. Watch this space.

Luckily, we have had a guest dance teacher in. The children have been bustin' a groove and it has been fantastic to see them get fitter and learn choreography whilst having fun. Who knows?



We might have our next 'Dancing with the Stars' champion here!



Nursery – Who keeps us safe?

We have had a busy start to the new year in Nursery!

Our new big question is 'Who keeps us safe?' and we have been talking about who keeps us safe at home and around school. We had a visit from the E.L.F.S (Early Learning For Safety) team from Manchester Royal Infirmary who taught the children about dangers around the home. Thank you so much to all the parents who attended their first-aid workshop! It was great to see so many people there.



We are looking forward to visits from the dentist who will show us how to keep our teeth healthy, and the local firefighters who will tell us all about how they help to keep people safe.

We have started our Book Share sessions on Fridays when parents can come and choose books to read with their children. We are focusing on learning how to handle books in the right way, finding the front and back covers and turning the pages. Look out for information about Play and Stay which will be starting after the holidays.

We have certainly packed a lot of learning into this short half term!