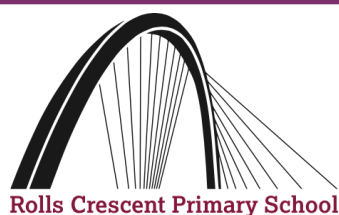


Headteacher's word.



It has been a short five week half term but we have a packed newsletter to share with you. We need to make a special mention and thank you for all the fundraising you have supported us with this half term. We have raised £1,075 for Comic Relief which has been our best year ever. The school council's idea to have each class choose an event to complete has been a very successful idea! We also raised £420 towards the Red Cross Ukrainian fund. We are sure this money will be of great benefit to many deserving people and the pupils feel very proud that they have been able to do their bit. We are looking forward to holding a parents/carers evening after Easter. This will be the first face to face parents/carers evening we have held since the pandemic. Please look out for the letter coming home and ensure you send the slip back with the preferred time slot you will be able to attend.

We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday. The summer term begins on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Best wishes,

Mr Reynolds and Mr Turner

Sports News

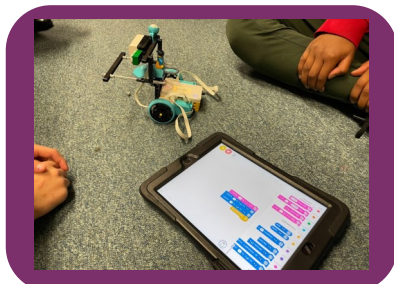
What a busy term it has been for PE at Rolls Crescent this term. We have said goodbye to Mr Kennedy and Mr Hannon has come out of class to deliver PE sessions alongside the class teachers. The children have been great with the transition and are making great progress!

We have had our inaugural lunchtime competition. It was a big hit and enjoyed by all. In the end there can be only one winner. Congratulations to Team Panther for taking the glory. Next up is basketball. Let's see who will be crowned victors.

A big thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our 'Parental PE Forum'. There was good feedback so watch this space for another one in the future.

There has been so much going on after school as well. Some of the clubs we have run are: dodgeball, multi-skills, football, skateboarding, baseball and dance. We have spoken to the student council and will be running some clubs that they have voted for next term.

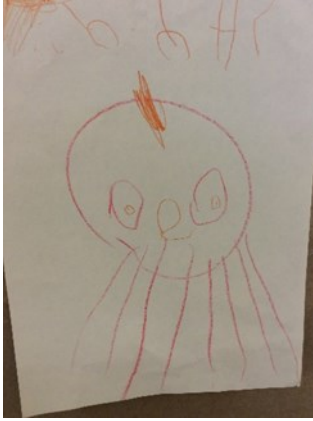
It has been great to see so many of the children being so active. Make sure we keep it up over the break and we'll see you soon for a new term full of new activities. Stay active.



Lego robotics club.

This half term some year 4 children have been taking part in a LEGO robotics club. They have been using Spike building sets to make all manner of strange robots. They have made robots that can drive around, remind you to keep fit and even one that can breakdance.

Nursery



In Nursery we have been learning all about 'Who lives under the sea?' The children have been reading 'Pete the Cat, Scuba Cat' and learning the names of various sea creatures. We have named and labelled a crab, a whale, a sea horse, an angelfish, an eel, an octopus, a jellyfish and a swordfish.

We have looked at poems in the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' and been learning lots of new facts about different sea creatures who live under the sea. The children have been drawing some lovely pictures of the different sea creatures from the story and have been practising writing labels to go with their picture.

We had lots of fun on 'World Book Day' and there were some very imaginative costumes. We enjoyed reading lots of our favourite stories and talked about our favourite characters.

After the Easter holidays, our Big Question will be 'What Changes?' where we will be learning all about lifecycles and growing. Hopefully

we will have some lovely weather after the holidays and we can get outside and plant some beans!



We are looking for volunteers who could listen to our children read. If you can spare an hour a week to help out leave your name and number at the office.

Reception

This half term in Reception we have been answering our big question "Where does my food come from?". We have looked at various foods (milk, cheese, bread, eggs, chocolate etc) and researched where they come from, what they look like and what happens in order for them to get to the shops. We have been sorting fruits and vegetables and looking at what plants and trees look like and the different ways they grow. We have made bread from scratch, and the children enjoyed taking this home. We have been also investigated the changes that happen to different foods if they are left out – the bread got mouldy, the milk separated and the fruits and vegetables started getting squishy (some got smelly too!). Also, we really enjoyed Science Week this term, we have been doing many experiments and making predictions of what is going to happen! Next term our big question is "Can I explore the natural world around me?", where we will be looking at the different seasons, changes in the weather and the changes in the natural world around us.



Year 1

This half term Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about seasons in Science and weather in Geography. We also loved science week! We did an experiment to investigate which items floated then we designed and made our own paper boats to see if they could float- some of them could even hold a weight! We also enjoyed answering science questions on the I pad.

We have started work on numbers to 40 and we are also learning about place value. We are practising counting in 10's from any number every day to help us with this.

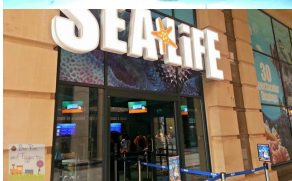
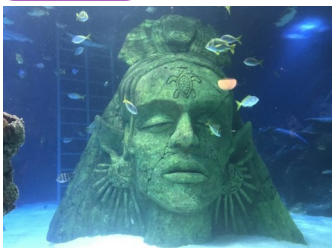
We wrote about the story 'The Curious Case of The Missing Mammoth', the story kept us guessing right until the end. We predicted what would happen when the clock struck 1, and we all liked the twist at the end. Can your child tell you what happened at the end of the story?

**Year 2**

What a busy half term! We went on a lovely class trip to RHS Bridgewater to learn about plants and habitats. It was great to get out in the fresh air! We saw farm animals and looked for insects in their natural environment. In Science we have been learning about the life cycle of a plant and have been growing seeds. We grew cress which we took home to enjoy and we have been finding out what a seed needs to grow. We also planted seeds in different conditions to see which one will grow the best.

In DT we made some finger puppets to practise our skills ready to make our own hand puppets- we had some really creative designs from the children. It was so much fun!

In music we have been creating our own Rainforest rhythms and recording our music with symbols and pictures.

**Year 3**

This half term, Year 3 have been really enjoying learning about volcanoes in geography which has linked into our science topic, rocks. We have looked at where volcanoes are found and how they are formed. In science, we have found out about the different rocks and how they are made in the rock cycle as well as looking at how fossils are formed with a very, hands-on experiment, and, what makes up soil. We mixed soil and water and saw how the layers separated.

In our English lessons, we have been exploring the depths to learn about whales. We will be finishing off our lessons with a leaflet all about whales and why they need to be protected. There has been so much enthusiasm to learn as many facts as we can about them!

Our history topic will be all about the stone age. Looking at prehistoric life and how the earliest people had to survive! The children are very excited about this.

Year 4

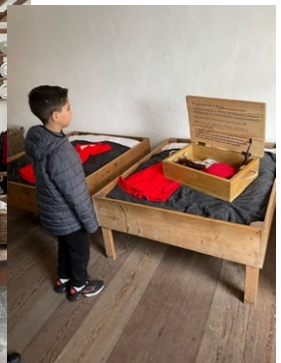
In Year Four this half term, our main area of learning has been about 'Mountains'. To complete this topic, we recently went on a trip up Mam Tor and along Cave Dale in Castleton. It was an amazing experience for the children and they all made it up and down the mountain without a single complaint! As part of Science Week, we made rocket balloons, with the furthest going nearly 6 metres. In DT we have been baking healthy snack bars and the children enjoyed baking honey and banana flap jacks last Friday. For Comic Relief, the children raised a very large amount of money doing a one-mile run! It's been a lovely half term and the children have been brilliant!



Class 5



Year 5 went on a trip to Quarry Bank Mill to experience what it was like for children working in a cotton factory during the Industrial Revolution. Whilst visiting, the children were given a tour of the apprentice house, which was where the children spent their non-working hours, and were also shown the machinery, which would have been operated by the children who worked at the factory.



As part of our work in school, we have been working on fractions in maths and looking at biographical writes in English where the children are writing from the book *The Darkest Dark* which is about a boy who wishes he could become an astronaut. After Easter, we will be starting a history topic looking at the difference between being a Viking and an Anglo-Saxon.

Year 6

In English, year 6 have been writing using all our persuasive features and exploring writing in role as we did it. World Book Day was a great success, as always. In UKS2, we enjoyed a zoom event with Michael Rosen and everyone received a free copy of Marcus Rashford's book.

In geography, we have been finding out about South America, while in science, we have been investigating how scientists classify all the living things on earth. We have even had a go at classifying animals ourselves – not easy; the words are in Latin!

Year 6 enjoyed fund raising for Red Nose Day with some pretty impressive timed planking, sponsored silences and 'standing up' days!

