

Headteacher's word.

Our first newsletter of 2023 highlights lots of trips, events, learning and fun your children have taken part in during this half term. We have also highlighted events going on around the world. We looked at how people celebrate Chinese New Year, Martin Luther King day and looked at ways in which we can look after each others mental health during Children's Mental Health Week.

Now, with the tragic earthquake events that have happened in Turkey and Syria over the last couple of weeks we are coming together, with your support, to raise critical relief money funds to send off to families and communities who have lost so much and are desperately in need of our help. Thank you to all who donate or help in any way they can.

We hope you enjoy reading this half terms newsletter, please particularly look at the article on punctuality below. Please remember that school opens from 8:50am and registration is from 9am.

Have a lovely half term break when it comes.

Mr Reynolds and Mr Turner

TURKEY - SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Punctuality.

When your child arrives late for school they may miss the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They may feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom or assembly late. They also miss out on interacting with their peers. Worse still. If they continue to be late for school, their academic achievement could suffer.

Minutes lost per day	Equals days missed in a school year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
25 minutes	20.7 days



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Nursery

Nursery have had some visitors this half term! Can you guess who came to see us? They left lots of muddy footprints on our floor! Yes, you guessed it, we had a visit from the 3 little pigs! They scattered straw, bricks and sticks on our floor, what a mess! Then Goldilocks came to visit and broke a chair in the home corner and left porridge everywhere!

Nursery have loved listening to the story of the 3 little pigs, we have dressed up as the wolf and the pigs and have enjoyed creating a wanted poster to try and capture the big, bad wolf.

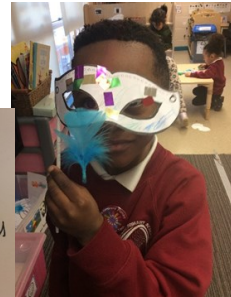
Our big question this half term is Can I talk about a story? We have been reading lots of different fairy tales including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In Maths we have enjoyed comparing size, weight and length and we had a very special treat celebrating Chinese New Year. Nursery counted out 3 chocolate coins to put into a special red envelope to take home and enjoy. We also made colourful lanterns and tasted Chinese food which was delicious!



Reception

This half term in Reception we have been answering our big question "What is this building?". We have been looking at different landmarks in London (the Big Ben, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, London Eye), as well as different types of buildings (houses, hospitals, fire stations). We have been building models of buildings with Lego, Duplo and wooden blocks inside and outside. Our book this half term has been "The naughty bus" and we enjoyed looking at the different places that the bus has been. We couldn't believe it when we saw that the naughty bus visited our school and was cheeky enough to go into Mr Reynolds office – what a cheeky little bus! In Reception we have enjoyed our Think Equal lessons – as they teach us how to talk and manage about our feelings but also how to make sure we are kind and nice to other. We have enjoyed growing a kindness garden where for every good deed we plant a kind seed which grows into a beautiful flower! We have also been decorating our "Anonymouse" masks, which we wear in order to stay anonymous when we are doing a good deed! We can't wait until next term, where we will be answering our big question "Where does my food come from?"



Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been enjoying our class story 'The Lion Inside', we have created some brilliant art work to make the Lion. We cut out strips of animal patterned paper to make a mane and then separately created the face of the lion. We think they look greeaaaaattt!!

We were so impressed with the children's behaviour when we went on our trip to Hulme Library, they listened really well at the library and they were so excited to pick and book and bring it back to school. They are all welcome to go to the library to get their own card and borrow books to take home.

In Geography the children are getting really good at knowing their own address, some children could even show us their house by looking on Google Street view. Please can you check if your child knows their own address and help them if they are still unsure. They have also learned the compass points!



Next half term we will be looking at 'How has Hulme Street has changed?' If anyone has any pictures of Hulme High Street in the past please bring them in or send on Seesaw or send to year1team@rolls-crescent.manchester.sch.uk.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy half term. Our big question has been 'Who rules the United Kingdom?' We have been learning all about the British royal family, looking at their family tree, finding out about the different palaces and royal residences they have in the United Kingdom and also learning about Queen Elizabeth I and what life was like during her reign. We had a visit to Ordsall Hall to find out more about what life was like during Tudor time. We looked at how life was different for rich and poor people, what types of toys children might have played with and also looked around the kitchen and house to find out all the differences in life then and now. We decided that being in a kitchen in the Tudor times was a lot more difficult than it is for us nowadays! Martha the maid told us that she had to walk 20 minutes to get to the river for water and she had to do that at least 5 times a day! We are happy that we can just turn on the tap when we need water at home.

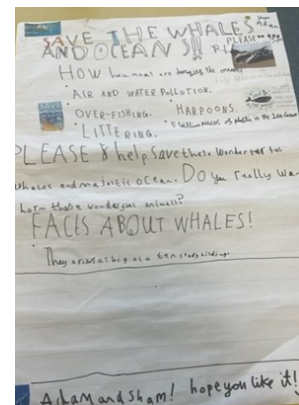
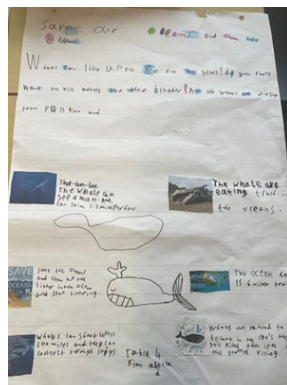
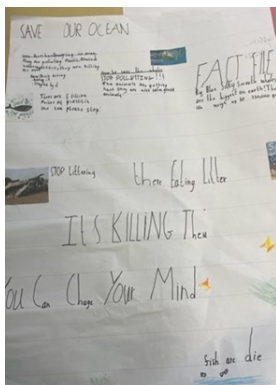
In Maths we have been working on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and the children are getting really confident with these times tables. We have also revisited addition and subtraction facts and have started to work on measuring including length, temperature and mass.

We made a very exciting discovery on the playground when we found some mysterious eggs, they hatched into dragons who caused havoc around the school. We did manage to work out that they weren't really naughty but were just looking for friends. They left us a book called 'The Dragon Machine' and the children are busy sharing

**Year 3**

Year 3 have had a busy half term we have continued looking at forces and magnets. We are starting to apply the knowledge we acquired in science to our designing skills. We have been designing a game which uses magnets to work. All the children have been very engaged and have loved designing their games. We plan to be making them in the coming weeks. History has been centred around the Bronze and Iron Age. Bridging back to our Stone Age topic the children have been very good at comparing life between the three eras.

This half term Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed finding out all about whales. We have been reading non-fiction texts and trying to write in non-fiction as well. This has included looking at persuasive devices that we can feature throughout our writing. They have adapted well to writing for different purposes.



Year 4

This half term in Year 4, we have been learning about the 'Roman Empire'. This will lead us into our unit on the 'Romans in Britain' in the Summer. We've looked at when and where the Roman Empire was and learnt about Julius Caesar so far. For our artwork, we've been creating pieces inspired by Kandinsky. We have used a variety of stimuli, including: Holst's Planets, Hadrian's Wall and Roman soldiers. Science has consisted of learning about 'Sound'. The children have had a lot of fun completing hands-on-activities, where they've learnt about sound waves, pitch and investigating whether sounds can travel through solids or liquids.

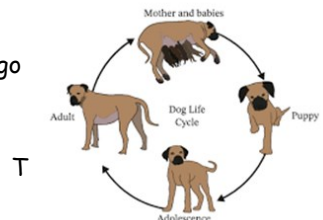


Class 5

In our English lessons, we are reading *Arthur and the Golden Rope*, based on a Norse myth. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division of BIG numbers! In science, we are finding out about the lifecycles of different animals. Our history topic this half term is 'Who Won the Struggle for the Kingdom of England?' which is all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, while in our DT we have been designing Viking longboats.



Year 5 have also been lucky enough to go on several visits to Manchester Academy, where we have been experiencing high school lessons, including trampolining, chemistry, -shirt printing and food technology.

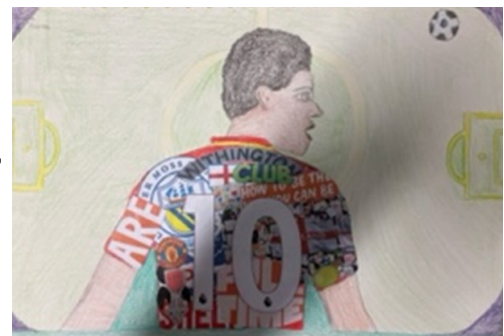


Year 6

In Year 6, we have been reading a story called the Selfish Giant and writing this story from the perspective of one of the children within the story using dialogue created from Victorian English. During maths lessons, the children have been exploring decimals, relating them to fractions as well as learning to multiply and divide



them by both whole numbers and other decimal numbers. In



art this half term the children have been looking into the works of Archim Arcimboldo who created paintings using different food types and other materials naturally sourced. We have created our own Marcus Rashford collages using a similar style.