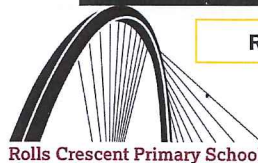




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### **A word from the Headteachers:**

*We would like to start this half terms newsletter with a big thank you to all our parents and carers who sent donations for our Sports Relief collection. Together we raised £244 that will be a massive help to the cause. We hope the children enjoyed using their pedometers, it is brilliant to see a lot of our children still calculating their daily steps. We would also like to start inviting our parents and carers along to our special assemblies on a Friday. It is a chance for you to see our pupils' achievements over the week and congratulate your children on their hard work and efforts. We will send more information in a letter shortly.*



*Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner*

### **Year 1—Why we love Manchester.**

This half term children have been working towards writing their own story from another culture, we have been reading 'Handa's Surprise' in preparation for this. We acted out the story in groups and performed for the rest of the class. We have also been enjoying our topic 'Why do we love Manchester', and are looking forward to our trip to Manchester United next week. In Maths we have started to learn about multiplication, it would be helpful for children to practice doubles and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's at home to help with their understanding. We have been doing all our lessons as whole class lessons now to prepare for work in year 2 and the children are working really hard! Well done.



### **Do you know how your child is growing?**

Each year in school, **CHAMP** (Children's Health and Monitoring Programme) collect information about your child's height and weight. Once parents have logged in to the CHAMP website, they can see the information for their children. This can then help parents to understand their child's growth and to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Every parent will have received a letter with their child's results and their login details. If you need help to register, please see Mrs Graham in the office, or Mrs Lord in Nursery. We currently only have 21% of parents registered, and we'd like to improve that number!

[www.champ.cmft.nhs.uk](http://www.champ.cmft.nhs.uk)





This half term we have been learning all about Superheroes! We wrote superhero stories and learned about Superheroes from the past such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We got to dress up as superheroes and train for the Superhero academy.

We were Superheroes in maths too as we prepared for our SATs tests. We have been doing lots of revision on topics such as money, times tables, calculation, shape, position and direction and time.



### Nursery—Growth and Change

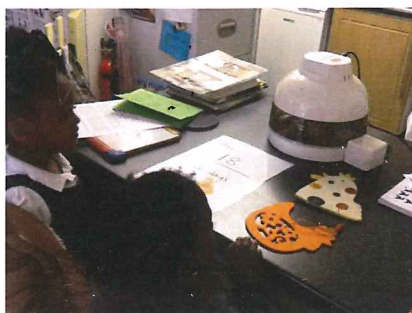
Nursery are really enjoying their topic this half term which is all about growth and change. We are reading, 'The very hungry caterpillar', learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are enjoying observing our butterfly gardens and look forward to seeing our caterpillars turn into beautiful butter-

flies. In Maths we have been on a shape walk and have enjoyed sorting the large 2D shapes in the outside area. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who are attending our stay and play sessions on Tuesday mornings and our Book club on Friday mornings.



### Reception—

What an exciting half term Reception are having! We are busy learning about growth and change, answering the big question, "what is a life cycle?" We have been reading the story Christopher's Caterpillar's and we have written new stories ourselves! We have planted beans and of course we have the eggs waiting in the incubator! Come and see the new arrivals soon!



We have been solving problems in maths, doubling, halving and sharing. We are singing a doubles rap to help us to remember the number facts. Outside, we have a garden centre and a car wash. We have been using our imaginations and developing language. A fun half term!



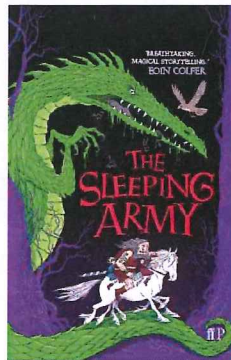


## Year 4– Friends or Foes?

This half term Year 4's big question is '**Anglo Saxons and Vikings. Friends or Foes?**' In English we have been writing Adventure Stories, using fronted adverbials, determiners and quantifiers. The children have been using a story by Francesca Simon (the author of the Horrid Henry series of books), called *The Sleeping Army* as a stimulus for their writing. We have seen some great writing so far in preparation for writing our own adventure stories and even posted some examples on our school Twitter page. The children are really enjoying the topic and have been doing lots of research about the time period, some children have created presentations for homework (these can be found on our school blog!). Please try and find time to visit our school blogs with your child so you can see some of the great things that are going on in school, we would welcome your comments on there.

In Design and Technology, we are creating our own Anglo Saxon brooches using clay. We have looked at examples, exploring the patterns and symbols on them and drawn our own designs. During the creation stage, we rolled out clay and used tools to make markings and symmetrical patterns on them. The children are looking forward to painting them and gluing backs onto them so they can wear them home.

The start of term has been great, behaviour and enthusiasm for learning has started well and we know it is going to continue. Well done Year 4!



## Year 5– Quarry Bank Mill

This half term in year 5, our topic question is: 'What was life like for working children during the Industrial Revolution?'. To give the children a chance to explore their research and to have a context for our class novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Our first trip was to Elizabeth Gaskell's house which is very similar to the lord's house that Jim Jarvis (the main character) visits. Children were able to explore the house by sifting



through the rooms to find clues to who lived there. Our second trip was to The Quarry Bank Mill, which was a great chance for children to explore the difference between working at the mill as a child compared to a workhouse.





### Up Up and Away

This week Year 3 got our tickets ready, made sure our passports were in order and boarded a plane to the sunny Mediterranean. After taking our seats about Rolls Crescent Airways, we headed south to soak up some sun and see what life on the Med' was like.

Cruising past the coastal towns we took in the sights of Italy, Croatia, Albania, Turkey, Egypt and many others. We finally landed and got to visit Italy, Spain, Greece and Morocco.

During our stay we sampled some of the local cuisine. This included feta cheese, pita, pizza, pasta, olives, hummus, couscous, chorizo amongst others. Maybe you can find out which dishes were most popular? We also learned some common phrases, how to count from 1-5 and saw some sights of the respective countries.

A good time was had by all and maybe we'll get to explore these countries for real one day.



## Year 6— Preparing hard!

Year 6 have been working amazingly hard towards their SATS which take place in just 2 weeks! We are so proud of them all and how they are applying themselves and thank parents for their continued support.

In English we are sharing a class novel *The Nowhere Emporium* which is developing our reading skills and also developing our vocabulary. This is helping us to write a spooky, eerie story with a similar setting- including lots of mystery and suspense. We are using a video called *Alma* to inspire us.

In Maths we have been learning to read 6 figure Grid reference points using maps, to help us with our Geography topic comparing Hulme and Bollington.

In our Science lessons we have been studying classification of animals and the work of great Scientists such as Carl Linnaeus- trying to answer our big question 'Is a whale a kind of fish?'

Keep up the hard work Year 6!

