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Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year. It has already been a busy half term with many events we hope our pupils have enjoyed being part of.

We would like to welcome some new staff this year we are sure you will get to know throughout the year.

Miss Chapman—Site manager

Miss Higgins—Reception teacher

Mr Fisher—KS2 teaching assistant

Mr Donaghue—KS2 teaching assistant

Our first fundraising event this year has been the 'Jeans for Genes' campaign. We have managed to raise £201.70 for this worthy cause.

Our pupils spent the week finding out about some people who had different genetic disorders and how the money we raise can help them. We all enjoyed wearing our jeans to school on Friday 20th September. Thanks for your ongoing support, we hope to see you all at our Harvest events on 10th and 11th October.



Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner

Nursery

The Nursery children are settling in well and they are enjoying learning how to play in all the exciting and different areas. They are learning to remember important rules like listen to the teacher and be kind to your peers. The teachers are encouraging the children to become more independent now they are at school and you can help at home too! Encourage your child to become independent putting their jumper/coat on and off, taking their shoes/wellies on and off, eating with their knife and fork and drinking using a cup. We will soon be starting shared reading where your child will come home with a book bag with two books to read. Reading to children will help them learn new words and

build early literacy skills like rhythm, rhyme and understanding about story

structure and print. Children who read regularly will be rewarded with a weekly toy bag!



Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed settling into their new classes. We have been learning the names of trees and plants in our School grounds in Science lessons. We also went on a trip to Hulme Garden centre where Kath taught us how to sow a seed. We explored the centre and hunted for different plants.

The children were very well behaved, well done!

We hope you can come to our Maths workshop on Monday 14th October at 3.15pm to learn more about Maths in year 1.



Members of our PTA will be at our Harvest celebrations on the 10th and 11th of October. Please chat with them to find out how you can join and help with our exciting plans.

Year 6

The Year 6 children have settled into their new classes and are working hard. Our first topic this year is all about how Greater Manchester was affected by World War 2 and we began with a trip to the Stockport Air Raid Shelters. There, we found out about the lives of ordinary people and the changes they had to make to survive.

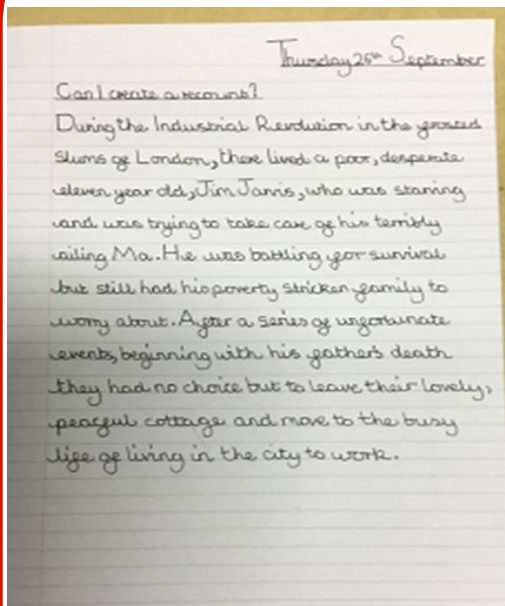
In English, we are reading "Letters from the Lighthouse," which is about evacuees.



The theme of light continues in our science topic, while in maths we have begun with place value and using really big numbers.

Our older pupils have enjoyed visits from the local high schools. Now is a good time to go to open days and find out about secondary schools for your children .

Year 5



It has been a lovely start to Year 5 and both teachers have enjoyed welcoming the children back, as well as seeing some new faces. The children have made a fantastic start to the year and it has been a pleasure to teach them so far.

We have begun the year learning about the Industrial Revolution and the impact it had on the children of Manchester. A lot of our studies have been based around 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The children have been writing a recount about the life of our protagonist, Tim Jarvis.

It has been great to see the children take such an interest in

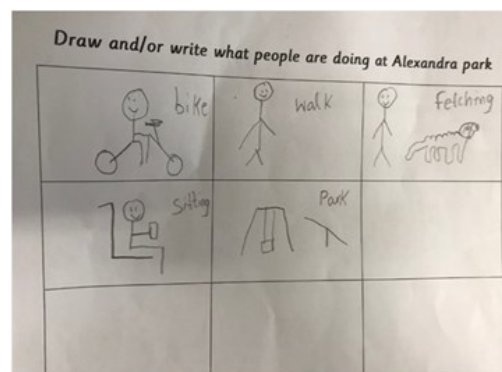
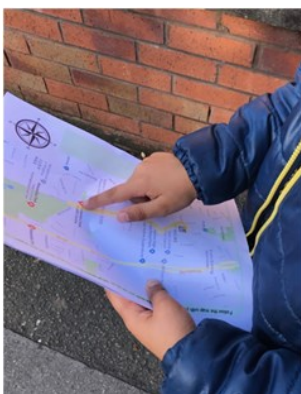
this topic and a few were quite aghast at the conditions the children were subjected to at the time. Living in Manchester gives us a great insight to the life and time, and why Manchester was so important to the Industrial Revolution.

I am sure the children are as proud as we are of their work and effort so far.

Ask our pupils about the new handwriting activities they are practising at school.

Year 2

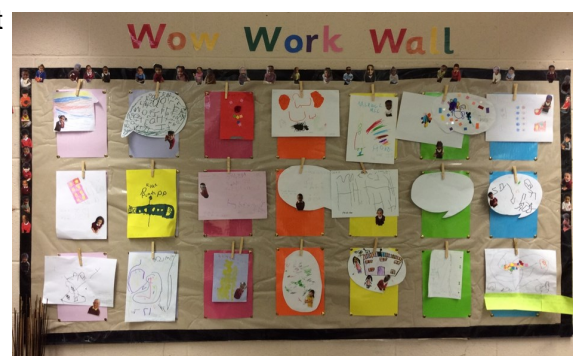
What a fantastic start to Year 2! We have been learning about green spaces with our BIG question 'Why has Manchester got so many green spaces?' We went on a trip to Alexandra park. We followed a map and walked all the way there and back. Our poor little legs! At the park we had the chance to map the features we found during a walk round the park, and observed how people used the park. We also got to play in the playground. It was so much fun.



Reception

Reception have made a brilliant start to the new year. We have been doing lots of independent writing and using the sounds we have been learning in our Phonics lessons. We have made a 'wow work wall' where we put all of our favourite pieces of writing. We are so proud of our work and can't wait to get more pieces on the wall!

ready to make the day a super learning day. We have a really interesting page about just some of the sports clubs we have been able to offer our pupils this year. Pupils continue to love being part of the clubs and we intend to continue with them for as long as possible.



Year 3

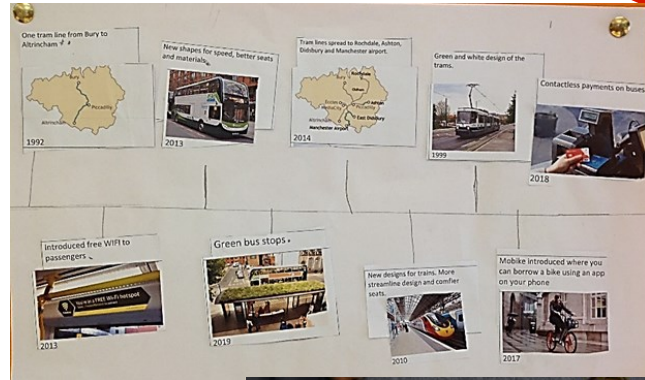
Year 3's Big question for topic is **'How has Manchester changed since the year 2000?'** We started by doing some research on the iPads into what different types of transport we have in Manchester. Then debating which mode of transport was our favourite and why. Following on from this we have compared the differences and

looked at how transport has changed over the years.

Our Big Question in Science this half term has been **'What do animals and humans actually need?'**

We have been studying what is a balanced diet and the importance of the different nutrients. Sorting different foods into groups and dis-

cussing the benefits of eating them. We have also been exploring the different bones in our body and doing research into animals that have different types of skeletons or no skeleton at all.



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Year 4

Our topic this half term in Year Four has been 'Contrasting UK Localities', where we have been learning all about Llandudno. The children are really looking forward

to the visiting Llandudno in the coming weeks. We have also been looking at fairground rides and have started making some rides of our own.



As well as this, the children have been enjoying the start to their swimming lessons.

Year 4 are looking forward to visiting Llandudno later in the term.