

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter 2022

We want to say a massive thank you for all your support for our charity initiatives: Ukraine Red Cross—£420, Ramadan collection—£263, Red Nose Day—£1075 Dress to Express (Mental Health Charity) —£220 That's £1978 collected just this term alone!!

Our pupils and staff have lots to share with you, we hope you enjoy finding out what has been happening this half term. We are particularly happy to see trips beginning to be firmly re-established as part of our curriculum offer. We have more trips planned for after half term. We hope you all enjoy the half term holiday. Remember we come back on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner

Year 6

In English, the children have been working hard on some very tricky grammar for their SATS exams which have now taken place. In Maths, we have been exploring algebra and geometry, both of which we will be investigating these further over the coming weeks. Our young people made us so proud with their attitude to their learning and their tests. After their SATS, we went to the park and enjoyed mini picnics, ice-creams, playing on the park and playing different sports. Next term, we will be working on our transition to Year 7 text "The Lion above the door" by Onjali Rauf.

In History, the children have learnt about life in the Caribbean during the 1940s. They explored reasons why people chose to travel to the UK and what life was like for Caribbean people as they joined new communities. In Science, we have been finding out about our heart; the circulatory system and how to keep it healthy. Next half term, we will be supporting the children's transitions to High School; learning about mosses and ferns in science; and finding out more about our Faiths in RE.



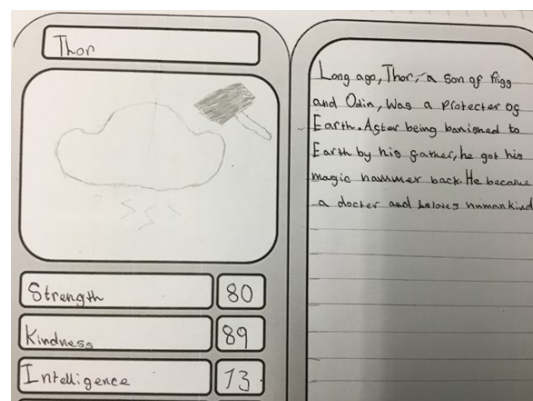
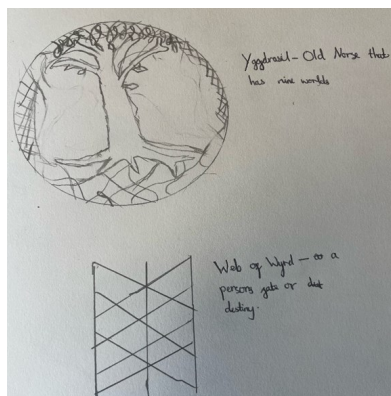
We are looking forward to our Jubilee activities on Friday 27th May.

Watch out for our Jubilee special edition after half term.



Year 5

In Year 5 this half term, we have been learning about Norse Mythology and writing from a book called Arthur and the Golden Rope. The children have been exploring using expanded noun phrases to describe Arthur as well as prepositional phrases. In maths, we have been looking at decimals and converting them from fractions and then comparing them using less than and greater than symbols. In Art, we have been exploring Viking drawings and the use of shading before we create our own pop up books.



Long ago, Thor, a son of Figg and Oain, was a protector of Earth. After being banished to Earth by his father, he got his magic hammer back. He became a doctor and helped mankind.

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Year 4

In science we have been learning all about solids, liquids and gases- this links in to why it rains and the water cycle. We completed a science experiment to show how ice melts with heat from a solid form into a liquid form and then the water evaporates and condenses. The children really enjoyed this and were fascinated with how the mirror steamed up.



In History we have been looking at 'What did the Romans leave behind?' The children have really enjoyed the work on Boudicca and the armoury they wore in comparison to the Celts. The children were very surprised with what we use today that was invented by the Romans.

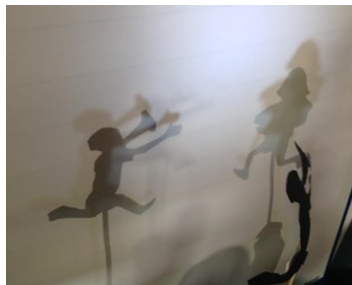
Swimming continues to be a great success and a lot of the children have completed their 25m and have just started the basics to their survival certification which is a lot of fun, which will continue into summer 2.

We are all looking forward to the Queen's Jubilee celebration on Friday 27th.

This years Sports Day will be taking place between Monday 20th June and Wednesday 22nd June. This is also when the Commonwealth Games will start in Birmingham. More information of events after half term.

Year 3

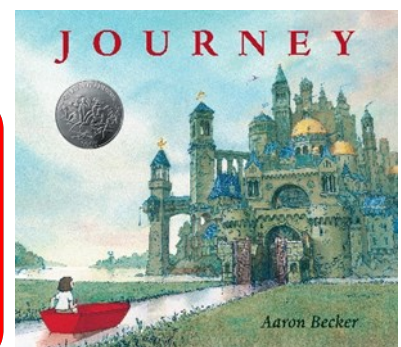
This half term year 3 have done some poetry based on the poem 'I saw a peacock', and they created their own strange place to write about. They have also been working towards writing an adventure story based on 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children have been working really hard on creating an imaginative setting where their story will take place.



In science this half term year 3 have been learning about light. They have been investigating materials to see which types are the most reflective as well as experimenting with different materials to find out what makes the best shadow. The children came to the conclusion that a dark material would make the best shadow so they created their own shadow puppets to retell the 'Journey' story we have been learning in English.



Over the last few weeks we have been establishing links with external sport clubs. This is to create a 'follow on path' for children to carry on being active outside of school. Please speak to Mr Hannon if you would like him to contact any clubs on your behalf. We have posted the links on the school website and these can be found under, 'About Us- Sports Programme.' We will be adding more links as we establish them and are happy to hear from clubs



Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed reading our class book of 'The Lost Wolf' by Mini Grey in our English lessons this half term. They have produced some wonderful descriptive writing, wanted posters and reports about wolves. We were pretty surprised to learn about the wolf in this story, he wasn't quite what we'd expected!

In Science we have been learning about micro-habitats and the things that live in them, we have also been looking at food chains and making examples of our own. Next half term we have been invited back to Manchester Metropolitan University to go and learn more about microhabitats and work with some of the students and staff there, so watch this space for more news on that!

Our Art work has been focused on printing, after studying the work of Henri Rousseau, we made sketches from the natural things we found in our school grounds such as leaves,

flowers and plants. We made our own printing tiles from our sketches and used ink to print these onto material, they look great!

History has been learning all about our Monarch, the children have been finding out about Queen Elizabeth II and the things that she does. We are looking forward to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in school and we have been learning a song to perform, we can't wait to share it with you.

We are looking forward to our end of term trip to Imagine That in Liverpool, the children really deserve a treat after all the hard work they have put into working towards SATs this half term, we are really proud of the resilience they

have all shown.

Next half term we'll be learning all about the Great Fire of London including a trip to Staircase House.

**Year 1**

This half term Year 1 have enjoyed learning about timelines in History and we have looked at things that have happened in their own living memory, including putting pictures of milestones in their own life such as learning to walk and starting school.

In Maths we have started multiplication and we are learning how to find equal groups, count groups and then the items in them. We have also been practising counting in 5's and 2's and we are getting good at this.

We have been preparing for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and can't wait to show you the song we have learned. The children also enjoyed getting creative and made Union Jack flags by finger painting, we will use these at our Jubilee party.

Finally, this half term we went to Salford Art gallery, we saw what a Victorian street would have looked like and what shopping looked like in the past which will link into our History topic next half term 'How has shopping changed'. We looked at different Artists in the Gallery and enjoyed drawing our own pictures based on what we could see.

**Sports**

Another half-term, another great few weeks of sport and activity.

We had a great day out down at Hough End Leisure Centre as Year 6 athletes participated in the annual Brownlee Foundation Triathlon. They were tasked with swimming 50m, cycling 800m and running 300m. There were challenges in places but all pushed through and made it to the finish line, where they received a medal and a goody bag. We are very proud of all who took part and they were a credit to the school.

This half-term saw 8 basketball teams battle it out for the Lunchtime League. There were some excellent matches and it was great to see the children improve their skills (physical and mental) as well as having lots of fun. It went down the final day where Team Pluto were crowned victors. A big congratulations to them.

Reception

In Reception we have really enjoyed being outside and watching all the changes that happen at this time of year. We have been doing a lot of planting (of potatoes, cress and flowers) and we love watching our plants grow and get taller- we can't wait to harvest our potatoes after the holidays!

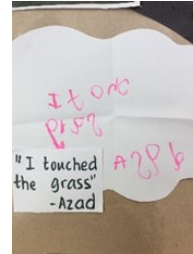
We have been answering our big question, "What is in the world around us?" and we have been reading lots of books about life cycles! We

have been reading the book "It fell from the sky" in our English lessons and we even had a special visit from 3 REAL stick insects!

We love being creative in Reception and we are always drawing, painting and making, using different materials. This half term we created lots of observational drawings of flowers, plants and minibeasts!

We are looking forward to next half term and

looking at our big new question "How can I keep healthy?"



**Have the office got your updated numbers?
If you change numbers please let the office know.**

Nursery

This half term in Nursery we have been learning all about 'What changes?'. We have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have been learning lots about life cycles and the changes that happen during a caterpillar's life cycle. We have been looking after our own real caterpillars and have watched them grow into beautiful butterflies! We have really enjoyed acting out the life cycle of a caterpillar alongside the hungry caterpillar music. We have also been learning about the bean cycle and reading 'My Bean Diary'. We have had lots of fun learning about how plants grow and we have really enjoyed planting our own beans and watching them grow! During this half term we really enjoyed celebrating EID and took part in party games and enjoyed some yummy food! In Nursery the children have been really good at developing their gross motor skills during 'Swiggle while you Wiggle'. This half term we have started to develop our fine motor skills by using the movements we have learnt to practise holding a pen

properly and making marks on paper. The children have really enjoyed taking part in Yoga club this half term and are great at performing the Yoga moves! Next half term our big question will be 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

