



Welcome to the first newsletter of our new school year. This has been a very busy and productive half term.

We hope you are able to read this newsletter with your children and ask them more about what they are doing in school.

Have they told you about what they have been learning about their new environment or Manchester?

Have they told you about all the new books we have brought into school?

Have they told you how we collected food for our local foodbank and also raised money for the Jeans for Genes Charity and Young Minds Charity?

Ask them what it means to bridge back?

We are proud of their work, efforts and of course your on-going support. Enjoy reading about this half term. Best wishes,

*Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner*

## Year 6

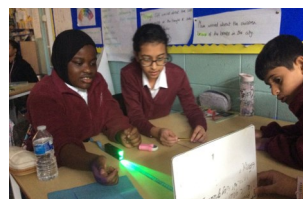
In our Year 6 science lessons, we have been finding out all about light. We have used torches to investigate how it travels and reflects and we have investigated shadows and how they change.



In RE, we have been looking at commitment, and especially how the five pillars of Islam guide the lives of Muslims. This has included first-hand accounts by children telling us about the customs and practices in their own family.

In English we have been writing in role using the books Letters from the Lighthouse which is linked to our History topic of WW2. The children have been lucky to have some real artefacts from WW2 from the Imperial War Museum to look at in class, and they have enjoyed a fabulous re-enactment of an air raid in class.

For Harvest, a time where we reflect and consider others not so fortunate as ourselves, we learnt a Harvest poem using choral and solo reading. We have also been focusing on Black History Month in our reading classes this week.



Year 6 also went on their Crucial Crew trip, it was great to get out and about to learn about keeping safe.

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## Year 2

Year 2 have made a spectacular start to the year, they are settling into new routines really well and we are all enjoying getting to know one another. They are taking this half terms school value of Responsibility really seriously; looking after our classroom equipment and trying hard to make sure they keep their coats, fleeces and water bottles safe. In Maths and English lessons the children are working really hard and they are really impressing us all with their ideas and skills.

We are focusing on Geography this half term with our big question 'Where in the world is Manchester?' The children have discovered that there are many other places called Manchester in the world. They have been using Google Maps and Google Earth to locate some places, using maps and atlases to find out where they are in relation to our very own Manchester, and also writing directions from one Manchester to another.

In Art we have been looking at some of the buildings we can see from school. The children have done some great observational sketches and also used the ipads to take photos of the different buildings and materials we could find around the school area. Using an app called Fused, they layered different photographs to make some great new images.

Next half term our big question is 'How is Australia different to England?' We can't wait to share more fantastic work with you then!



## **Year 1**



*In Year 1 so far, we have been talking a lot about our emotions and the different tools we can use to help us with them. We have really been enjoying our outdoor area and exploring all the different areas, including our home area, construction and water.*

*In English we have been enjoying our new book 'Lost and Found' and the children have been making predictions on what they think might happen to the penguin next. They have been trying really hard with their phonics, reading and writing.*

*In Art we have been learning all about Primary and Secondary colours and have been exploring with colours to make new ones. The children have drawn and painted some beautiful pictures.*

*Last week we had a visitor from Salford Red Devils. Elijah Taylor came in and helped us with a rugby session. The children got to see the challenge cup trophy and even held some man of the match medals!*

*I am sure the children are as proud as we are of their work and effort so far. After half term we will be asking the childrens Where Do Whales Travel To?.*



## **Reception**

The children have settled in so well in Reception! We have welcomed lots of new children from different nurseries too, and they are all doing so well at getting used to our class routines and expectations. Our big question this half term has been "Would you like to hear about me?", where we have been talking about ourselves and asking questions to find out more about our friends and teachers. We have been looking at our family photos, talking about our favourite books and our favourite things to do in the classroom and discussing about our similarities and differences. In Pathways, we have been reading the "Gingerbread man" book. We were very surprised to see flour footprints all over our classroom (we are guessing that they were the gingerbread man's!). We made some cake posters and wrote lots of letters to Mr and Mrs Baker and then we decided to make our own gingerbread men! Luckily, ours didn't escape and we ate them! They were delicious! Next half term we are going to learn all about the different animals and answer our new big question "Where does this animal come from?"

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Search for 'Friends of Rolls Crescent  
PS' This is for parents and carers not  
pupils.**

**Thank you to everyone who helped  
raise funds for our Jeans for Genes  
collection we managed to raise  
£192.31**





**Year 4**


Year 4 have had a positive start to the year, it has been pleasing to see how well the children have settled back in to school.

Our two big questions in geography and science are:

*How is Manchester different to Llandudno?*

*What is Electricity?*

The children have really enjoyed their work on Llandudno and have been really excited when looking at maps of the area and comparing it to their local area in Manchester. They have learnt about cities, towns and villages and have identified if an area is urban or rural. The children identified some of the differences on the geography landscape and

mentioned that Llandudno had lots of green space, to Manchester having lots of buildings.

In science the children are making different circuits and have understood what a circuit needs to work. They have understood how a switch works and have seen the differences between items that need a battery to operate it and items that need the mains.

For harvest we made apple crumble which was a really enjoyable experience.

After half term we will be asking children and finding out-

'Where is the United Kingdom in Europe?'

**Year 3**

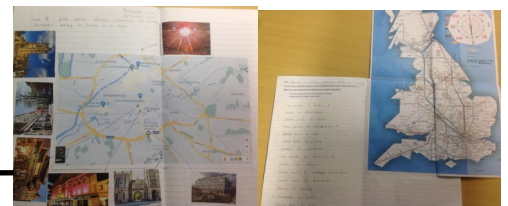
Year 3 have made a really great start to the year and are settling in well. They have also shown a lot of enthusiasm for the different topics they are learning about this half term.

In Year 3 this half term our big question has been How has Manchester changed since 2000? We have been looking transportation around Manchester, exploring how we can take trams and trains to travel to different parts of Manchester as well as the rest of the United Kingdom. We have learnt about the 8 points on the compass and have used that to explain where important places in Manchester are in relation to Rolls Crescent Primary School.

Our art lessons have also linked into the city of Manchester as we have studied the works of the artist LS Lowry. He was a prominent artist from Manchester and painted a lot of industrial landscapes which the children have enjoyed looking at. They have been able to develop their skills in mixing colours, using charcoal, sketching their own matchstick men and developing their understanding of perspective in pieces of art. Now they have a better understanding of how to draw things that are close or far away.

In Science we have been learning about what food and nutrients animals need to live. Also, we have looked at different skeletons, what their jobs are and what muscles are important for.

Next half term, the big question will be 'How does Asia affect how I live?'


**Nursery**

We are really pleased with how the nursery children have settled into school during this first half term.

The children have been exploring and playing so nicely in the different areas of the classroom. They have been painting, playing in the sand, enjoying the water play, sharing stories and love to play in our outdoor area. The children have been getting used to the nurse-

ry routines and are enjoying our carpet times. We have introduced our big question 'what do I like?' and have been learning and talking all about our favourite things we like doing in nursery and at home.



## Year 5

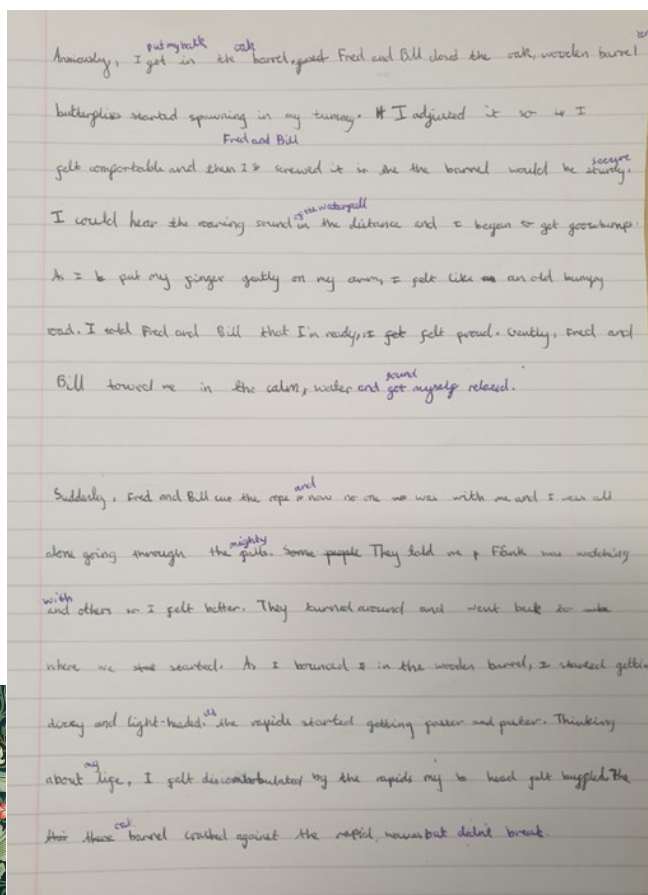
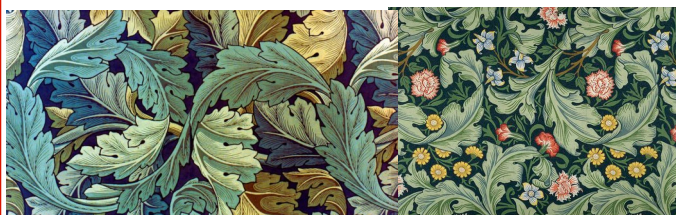
This half term in Year 5, we have been writing diary entries from the point of view of Annie Taylor – a female daredevil that went over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In history, we have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and how it affected the lives of children living in Manchester. Our focus has mainly been around Quarry Bank Mill and the experiences of the children who worked there.

We have also been creating William Morris inspired wallpapers in Art to link with our History topic.

After half term we will be asking:

What is the difference between America and the U.S.A.?



**Don't forget that Friday 22nd October is our next training day.**

## PTFA

The Rolls Crescent Parents Teachers and Friends Association welcomes all families for another great year. The PTFA exists to compliment the school's efforts in making the year as educational, fun and productive as possible by:

Supporting the school in continuing to provide a diverse and broad curriculum galvanising parental support to help the school continue to maintain activities that are not normally provided for by the Local Education Authority (LEA).

Fostering better relationships with the local community.

Celebrating the diversity at Rolls Crescent Primary School.

Providing social events for parents, carers and children to participate in within the school community.

Our current plan is to complete our first big project of providing our school community with a Badminton court and equipment.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join the PTFA. We are delighted to have extra members on board, whether you can help at the occasional event or be on the committee. We would be happy if you can donate any chocolates, vouchers, prizes for our upcoming fundraising projects.

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