

It has been a busy and eventful half term. The sad news of Queen Elizabeth II's passing and the proclamation of King Charles III are historic events that we could never have predicted would happen in the first week of term. It has been interesting finding out the children's views on these events and their hopes for the new King!

We have had lots of news in school too. We are very sad that we will be losing Mrs Graham and Mrs Purdue at half term. They have been wonderful staff who will be missed by staff, pupils and parents and carers. We wish them well with their new ventures and commitments and know they won't be complete strangers to the school.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your generous donations for 'Jeans for Genes', World Mental Health Day and Harvest food donations. The local food bank worked out we donated 303.65 kg of food, (enough for 722 meals!) Best wishes,

Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner

The Hive

The Hive is a brand new addition to Rolls Crescent and this half-term has seen it make a strong and successful start. Children settled quickly into their routine and arrive enthusiastically each morning – ready for another day of personalised learning. Children are developing numerous key skills by accessing carefully planned play-based education. It has been particularly good to watch the children growing in confidence and developing their social communication skills during circle time and snack time as well as seeing them having fun in the sand, water, with bubbles and many other fun-filled activities!



Nursery

School re-opens after half term on Monday 31st October at the usual time.

We are really pleased with how the nursery children have settled into school during these first few weeks of 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 nursery routines and are enjoying our carpet times. Soon we will introduce our big question 'What do I like?' and will



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**Thank you for helping us to raise
£250 on Jeans for Genes day.
This money will greatly help people
who have genetic disorders.**



Year 1

In year 1 we have been focussing on our new routines and getting settled in our classrooms. We have done teambuilding activities to get to know each other and learned our classroom expectations, can your child tell you our 3 expectations?

We are also focusing on our value this half term, 'responsibility' and encouraging children to be independent in their learning.

In Science, children have enjoyed learning about different parts of a plant and we have explored the school grounds to find



different leaves. We looked at similarities and differences in the leaves we found. We will be going on a trip to Hulme Garden Centre this half term to enhance our learning about plants.

Here are some pictures of children enjoying our Science lesson.

Class 5

In English, we are reading Queen of the Falls, which is about the daredevil Annie Edison Taylor who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel. We have been writing letters in role and will retell the story of her life. In Science, we are completing a unit of work about Forces and the children have come up with some great questions about leavers and pulleys and where they might be found.

In RE, we are finding out about the ways Hindus can show commitment to their faith. At the start of this year, we have a big focus on teamwork and strategy in our PE lessons. The children have worked well and risen to the challenges. Our invasion games have begun with netball and applying learnt skills to game situations. The beginning of Year 5 sees us explore a new Geography topic all about the Great Lakes in North America and The Lake District in Northwest England. We will be exploring a lot of maps and comparing different regions. In PSHE, we have set goals and looked at the Rights of the Child according to the United Nations.

In Maths, we are using our knowledge of place value to read, write and compare some really big numbers – up to one million! Next we will be moving onto rounding before revisiting addition and subtraction.



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Year 2

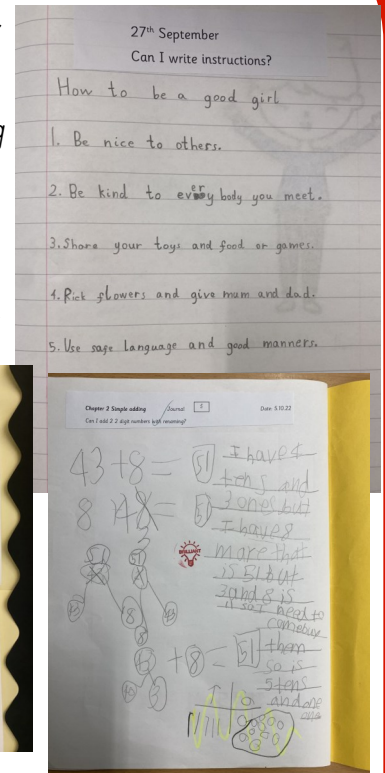
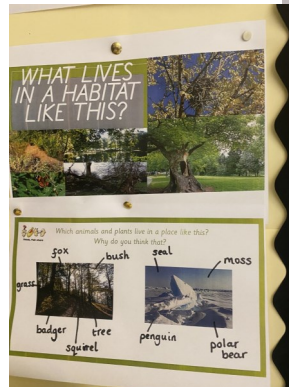
What an amazing start to year 2. The children have been absolute super stars and have settled into life in year 2 with kindness, resilience and respect.

This half term, we have been learning all about new and interesting areas of the curriculum. Through English, the children have been reading the story, Troll Swap, where children have written some incredible character descriptions and instructions on how to be a troll.

In Design and Technology, the children have started to learn about, how we make a stew. Children have tasted a variety of vegetables and looked through recipes in preparation of making their own class stew. We are looking forward to finally having the chance to chop our vegetables and creating a tasty meal.

In Science we have been learning all about Living things and their habitats and have been on adventures into the woods, looking for living things. We

have also learnt about habitats and where creatures and animals come from. In the coming weeks, we will also get the chance to create presentation for the class and build our own miniature habitats.

**PTFA**

Rolls Crescent PTFA was formed in 2019 by a group of parents from school.

The main function of our PTFA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.



National Anti-bullying week is 14th November to 18th November. We will begin with an odd socks day.

Year 6

In Year 6 this half term we have been looking at the artwork of David Hockney and produced landscapes pictures looking utilising his style.

In English, we have been looking at the book Manfish, all about Jacques Cousteau, and writing a biography about his life.

In maths, we have been multiplying three and four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers using different methods, as well as using the inverse operation to check the answer.



Year 4

Year Four have all started the Year very well. We had a very enjoyable trip to the Art Gallery to hear a storyteller tell us one of Roald Dahl's short stories. We have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and the children attended a trip to Manchester Art Gallery where an artist and storyteller explained the story of the battle of Troy. The children were very engaged and enjoyed themselves. In Science we have been learning about Electricity, where we have made circuits, switches and investigated whether materials are conductors and insulators.



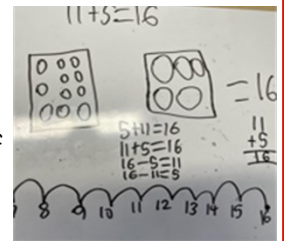
Year 3

We have had a great start to the school year. We have worked hard on being independent and all children are trying hard to do well with this.

In our maths we are working on numbers up to 1000 and the children have been looking at ones, tens and hundreds using different physical concrete resources and also abstract written methods to show their understanding. In English we have introduced the children to the text 'Seal Surfer' which is a narrative about the relationship between a little boy and a seal.

Our two big questions are 'What changed from Old Stone Age to the New Stone Age?' and in Science 'What do animals and humans actually need?' In history lessons we have created an understanding of the three time zones of the stone age historical era, we have addressed language such as pre-historic and artifacts etc. We have looked at looking at clues and evidence about how they lived and work around settlement.

In Science we have looked at food groups and the importance of a balanced diet and understanding how important it is to look after our body. We have touched on heart health and exercise and started looking at the body's bones and muscles.



Children in Need Day will be Friday 18th November 2022.

Reception

We are really pleased with how the Reception children have settled into school during these first few weeks of term. The children have been exploring and playing so nicely in the different areas of the classroom. This half term, we have been answering our big question "Would you like to hear about me?", where we have been talking about ourselves and our families and have been trying to describe ourselves and our friends. We have been exploring our forest area and outdoor classroom and we have been collecting leaves, sticks, conkers and crab apples. We used them to make patterns and an autumn investigation area! We also collected leaves that we used to make our Harvest signs for our Harvest celebration!

Next half term our big question is "Where does this animal come from?", where we are going to look at different animals and the environments they live in.

