



### News & Events

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming 'Mr Skippy' back into school to deliver skipping workshops to our oldest children. They are all now busy developing their skills in anticipation of the annual skipping competition in July. The children are demonstrating perseverance and resilience which are the values we are looking to develop through our character education this half term.



### Nursery and Reception



This week we have been busy learning and exploring lots of new things in Nursery. We started the week by retelling our weekend news, everyone had a go at drawing a person, writing I and constructing a verbal sentence. The older Nursery children are beginning to sound out simple words and use words such as 'and', 'because', 'next' and 'then' to extend their sentences. Linked to our PEEP session, there has been a strong focus on mark making this week, using a variety of materials. This is an important foundation for future writing skills, as it helps develop control and coordination. The children have also been practising to write their own names using the correct sequence of movements to form letters correctly. We've been practicing for sports day, it's been exciting to see them develop their gross motor skills, coordination and teamwork. A particular favourite activity this week was painting their own jungle animals, The children were able to describe colours, features and characteristics of their animal. In Mathematics, they have been reliably counting objects and counting aloud to ten then twenty.

This week Reception have continued to enjoy reading 'My Shadow is Pink'. We have discussed why it is important to be yourself and wrote a note to the main character to help build his confidence. In maths we have been using tens frames. First we used the large wooden tens frames and practised subitising (recognising the number without counting). We then identified amounts from 0-20 and recorded them in our maths books (making sure we wrote the number in a square!). In science we have been discussing everything we know about plants and will be finishing off our 'In the Garden' topic by finding out about minibeasts. Throughout the week we have been enjoying exploring our outdoor areas and on Friday took part in an outdoor art lesson with Year 2. We worked in small groups to create large outdoor sculptures and then shared our work with Year 1.



### Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	William
<u>Class 1</u>	Rosie
<u>Class 2</u>	Hallie
<u>Class 3</u>	Arya
<u>Class 4</u>	Ruby H.
<u>Class 5</u>	Heidi

### Summer Term Dates

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term break.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

School reopens

Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mr Hair's class)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day 1.30p.m.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery Sports Day 1.30 p.m.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class



### Class 2 and 3

Year 1 started their new text 'Pig the Pug', in literacy. The children predicted what would happen to Pug next in the story and asked questions to find out more information. They also compared the two characters in the story and used the prefix 'un' to change the meaning of adjectives. In numeracy the children have been recalling doubles and using this knowledge to double numbers beyond 20. In science the children drew and labelled the parts of a tree and explained the function of each part. In PSHE the children learnt about people who help us and how to safely ask for help. In art the children continued their work on Georgia O'Keefe and produced close up pictures of flowers. As part of their DT work the children made wheels to move a part of their picture book

Year 2 have continued their work on 'Tadpole's Promise.' This week they wrote their own version of the text and included verbs and direct speech. They then wrote an explanation of the tadpoles life cycle using time adverbials to order it. In Numeracy the children have been learning about measuring accurately with a ruler. They have found out when to measure in centimetres and metres. They have measured the length of the hall, playground and classroom using metre sticks. In Science the children looked at how seeds are dispersed and recorded how the cress we planted has grown in the different areas of the school. In Geography the children used the Atlases to locate the different continents of the world and continued to use the index page to do this. During RE the children looked at the meaning of the word 'Peace' and recorded ways they could find inner peace and be calm. In Art the children continued their work on land art, working in groups to produce their own sculptures.

### Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy we have finished our book 'How to Live Forever' and we have started our new book called 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick'. This book is very peculiar as it has 14 pictures with a small caption. The 14 stories are like pieces of a puzzle but the puzzle is a mystery. First of all, we looked at the images and tried to link the captions to each one. Then we used our imagination to continue the story from an image of our choosing. In numeracy we have been finding fractions of quantities and we have finished our end of fractions assessments. In RE we have been learning about Jesus' disciples and the role they played in the bible. In science we have been learning about the importance of plants. We have also learnt that chlorophyll is essential for photosynthesis. In P.E we have continued to develop our attacking and defending skills. Finally, in history we have continued learning about the Mayans. We have learnt about when some key events happened on a Mayan timeline and what effect this had on this ancient civilisation.

Class 5 have been really enjoying reading our book 'The Matchbox Diary'. This week we have found out a lot more about Italy and the United States of America using the book. In maths we have completed our work on money and have started to investigate how we tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks. In science we have had great fun carrying out experiments to investigate how sound travels through air. The children are really enjoying their rugby training with Dougie and had a great time with our expert skipping teacher, Chris on Thursday. In art we are still working on our illuminated Anglo-Saxon letters. Please encourage your child to learn their tables using the online app 'Hit the Button' as they will be doing the government's multiplication tables check immediately after half term.

