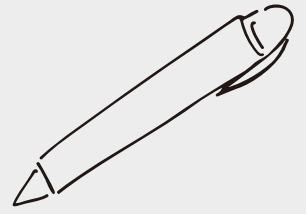


HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Another amazing half term at Grangetown Primary!
We would love to share with you what we have been up to in each year group. Enjoy reading about the things we have done.

EYFS KIDDIWINKLES, NURSERY & RECEPTION

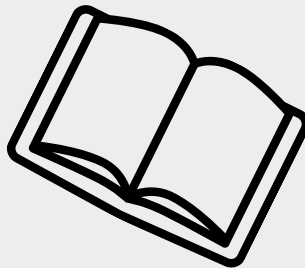
What a jam packed five weeks it has been! There has certainly been no sign of the January blues in EYFS. We have, as always been busy, busy, busy. We have all started our Forest Schools journey, getting out on the school field and exploring the outdoors in all weathers. We have made bird feeders, built shelters and explored the changes in the weather. There has been plenty of rain, snow, frost and the occasional storm for us to experience!

We have read lots of new stories, revisited some old favourites and learnt some new poems and Nursery Rhymes.

We have immersed ourselves in the art of Kandinsky, Van Gough and Yayoi. The children's creativity is incredible and visitors to the school are amazed by their talent. We have also continued to make and bake following a variety of recipes including vegetable soup, chocolate cake and cheese straws. It was all delicious!

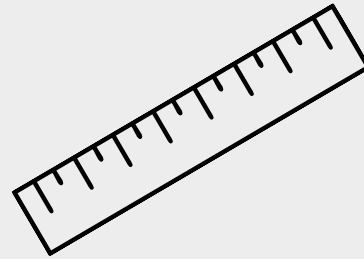
In Reception we have completed our Balance Bike training and attended the Redcar and Cleveland Balance Bike Festival. All of the children tried their best and were a credit to the school.

Have a happy half term and enjoy your pancakes



YEAR ONE

This term the children have been super busy. We have started our new writing topic "The Queen's Hat" which has produced some amazing writing. We have tested the best type of hat for the Queen to wear and designed some creations of our own. The children have also been really involved with their new science topic about materials. This has led to many different discussions, plenty of experiments and investigations to further promote their imagination. In Maths, we have looked at numbers up to 50! We have demonstrated our problem-solving skills using number lines and applied that to find more or less. We have also looked at partitioning numbers into tens and ones which the children have showed a real strength in.



YEAR TWO

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 2 parents for their support in promoting a love for reading and for ensuring that the children return their reading books to school each day. This half-term, we have been learning about the history of our school. The children have learnt about how our school used to be called William Worsley School and that it looked very different to how it does today. If you have any memories or photographs of Grangetown Primary School or William Worsley School, we would love to hear them so that we can share them with the children. We have also been learning about different jobs in PSHE. In the classroom, we have been discussing the different jobs in the world around us. We are sure that your children would love to hear about any jobs that you have had in the past and what skills you needed to do these jobs so that they can share this knowledge with the rest of the class in our weekly PSHE discussions.

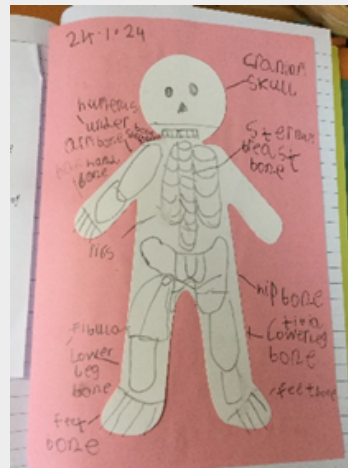
YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this half term we have been learning about food groups and skeletons in Science. We now know all about endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons as well as why we need a skeleton and how our muscles work.

Through our History we now know that Iron Age people in Britain were farmers and lived in hill forts with Chieftains and leaders to help protect them. They also asked the Druids for help and support.

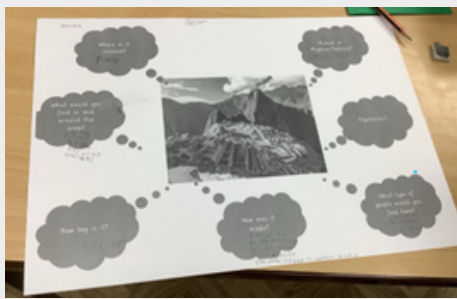
We have also been lucky enough to have a visiting teacher this half term who has taught us how to play the recorder. We have worked hard to perfect our hand placement and rhythm to ensure we can play the correct notes in unison. We have had lots of fun!

In DT we are learning about the importance of a healthy diet. We have enjoyed tasting a variety of foods and will now choose bread and fillings to make a healthy sandwich. We are hoping to invite parents into school next half term to enjoy an afternoon tea with the children in which they can taste the finished products.



YEAR FOUR

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings has been the History topic that has enthused our Year 4s. They have visited Kirkleatham Hall Museum and were shown a range of artefacts. The children re-enacted a battle using historical battle tactics and made their own Anglo-Saxon helmet. The children have also re-enacted the battle of Lindisfarne. In Geography, the children have re-capped/learned about the continents, oceans and countries in Europe. Then an in-depth study of Lithuania. The children researched human and physical features as well as the capital city and flag. In D.T the children have taste tested a range of sandwiches and wraps, then designed, made and ate their own healthy toasty/toasted wrap. The children are now practising their sewing skills to make a pencil case. In Science the children have constructed their own circuits and tested a range of conductors and insulators. The children are currently enjoying one of our 'Grangetown Greats' - 'The Escape Room.' In 'Mental Health Week' the children discussed the importance of having a voice and what messages they would give if they could address the world. The children are looking forward to speaking to their French pen pals through a Zoom meeting this week.



YEAR 5

In year 5, we have enjoyed learning lots of wonderful things and working collaboratively with each other.

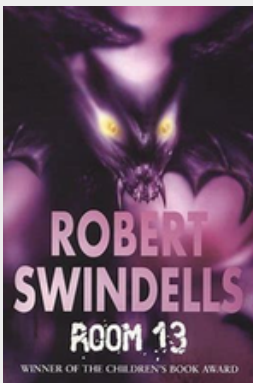
In music, we have been focusing on singing and performing. We have learned a song called 'All Over Again', which the children enjoyed singing.

In geography, our topic has been North and South America. We have been researching the continents and the different types of geography that are within different countries.

In maths we have been focusing on, multiplication and division and working on our formal methods.

In lessons, we have used collaborative work to recap our learning from over the course of the half term.

The children have been enjoying our class novel, 'Room 13'. This is novel set in Whitby about children who visit the seaside town on a school trip, but it takes a mysterious turn.



YEAR SIX

This first spring half term has flown by. We have had 5 weeks packed full of new activities and topics. In history, we have delved into WW2, putting ourselves in the shoes of evacuees in a virtual experience. This exploration of Britain and Europe has links with our Geography topic, where we have been comparing different regions within the UK, including our own local area of Teesside. Our new computing topic has allowed us to create our own websites. Each child has chosen a topic of their own interest where they will collate their research in their very own website. Online safety has continued to be an important area within our curriculum, particularly within PSHE, where we have been looking at the impact of the news and media. We have been trying to get more active both inside and outside the classroom. We have been looking at different forms in dance within our PE lessons and even learnt a new dance as a whole class in our thrive time. We look forward to exploring these topics further in spring 2.



"My voice matters!"



THE ARC

In literacy, we have been on a curious quest this half-term to find out about non-fiction. We have enjoyed writing a range of non-fiction genres such as letters and explanation texts.

In Maths, we have worked on shape, times tables and money.

In PSHE, we have been learning about aspirations and jobs. We have been talking about our strengths and wondering about what we may like to be when we are older.

We have been working hard developing our fine and gross motor skills in daily occupational therapy.

We have enjoyed activities for children's mental health week.

WE ARE GRANGETOWN

I can't quite believe that it is another half term coming to an end. It only feels like 5 minutes ago I was writing the last newsletter to you all.

As you can see, each class has crammed so much into the last 5 weeks. So many learning opportunities, memories created & fun had by all. Your children really have been superstars.

I would like to thank you so much for your continued support. We welcomed OFSTED inspectors in to school last week & it was so lovely to hear the amazing comments you shared with them. I feel so proud to be the Head Teacher of such a wonderful School which serves an amazing community. The report has not yet been published but as soon as it is I will share it with you all. As always, your children were an absolute credit & we are so proud of them & the achievements they make.

We break up for half term this Friday & return back to school on Monday 19th February. We have a Trust PD day on Wednesday 21st February - school will be closed on this day.

Have the best half term & enjoy a pancake or two!

Take care

Miss Mott



"What's your best discovery?" asked the mole



"That I'm enough as I am"
said the boy