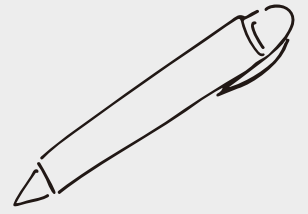


# HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



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

EYFS have had a very successful half term and we have managed to fit in so much in only 5 weeks! Nursery and Reception have been developing their outdoor curiosity during forest school, demonstrating independence and resilience. The children have been exploring nature and growing their own beanstalks, excitedly watching them grow. We have been observing signs of Spring through stories and experiencing the changes in weather.

During science week, the children learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and learnt new vocabulary such as cocoon and chrysalis.

We have had such a creative half term, the children loved experiencing clay from the help of our special visitor and getting the opportunity to use a real pottery wheel. The children have loved working collaboratively and creating their own masterpiece in our Art Studio.

The 2 year olds continue to grow with confidence within the environment and are beginning to work cooperatively with the older children.

We hope you all enjoy a well-rested Easter break!



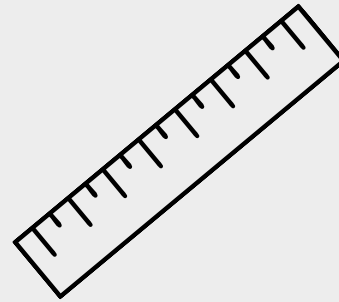
# YEAR ONE

What a fantastic term we have had in Year 1! We have loved learning about the change in seasons in science. We can talk about how the trees are changing and how we are starting to see the first signs of Spring.

This term in art we have been making animal models using different materials. We have an art studio where we have displayed some of our fabulous artwork. We thoroughly enjoyed our art afternoon when we made seascapes out of clay.

We have been very busy with our phonics this term and love learning new sounds. We loved World Book Day where we could come to school in our pyjamas or favourite costume. We did some fun activities and shared lots of our favourite stories.

In DT we have been using pulleys and levers. We have loved being creative and making Easter cards. We can't wait to bring these home to show you. Happy Easter everyone!



# YEAR TWO

Over spring term in year 2, we have been learning about wheels and axles in DT. We had a special task from the emergency services to create a new emergency services vehicle. The children have created some amazing vehicles, they have been so creative and with determination, have produced some fantastic final products. We would like to thank our parents and carers for donating boxes to help us with our project, and for your continued support. Year 2 also enjoyed World Book Day, we had a wonderful day sharing our favourite books and our love of reading.

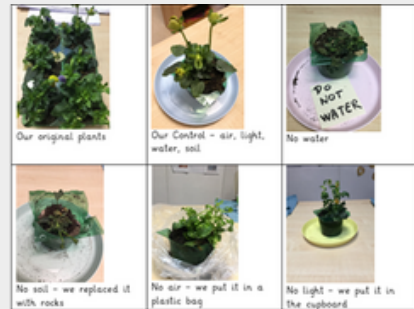


# YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this half term we have been learning about Plants in Science. We have carried out investigations to learn what plants need to stay healthy and how stems transport water. Our history lessons have focussed on life in the Iron Age and we are beginning to discover how the Romans invaded Britain in 43 C.E. Geography work has been about urban and rural environments.

We learned how to cross the road safely, in our local area, when we completed pedestrian training. Some of our children have competed in sporting events, representing the school, and we all attended a Net and Wall event run by the Sports Partnership and their Young Sports Leaders.

Our D.T. Afternoon tea was well attended, and we would like to thank everyone who took part in this. The skills we have learned in Art were used to create some very effective portraits and we used comic and art programs in computing too. In the lead up to Easter, we have studied the Easter Story in R.E.



# YEAR FOUR

What a wonderful, busy and exciting Spring term Year 4 has had! We have developed such talent in our weekly music lesson learning to play the recorder. In DT, we have designed our very own pencil cases which we will be making, using the stitching skills with needle and thread. Our Science topic has been Animals including Humans and we have delved into the digestive system and inspected our teeth. Around the world to Lithuania we have been in our Geography lessons, what a journey! Off to York we went to embed our History learning all about Vikings. The children had a real-life experience about what it would be like to live in Viking times and then practise the skills of being an archaeologist. The children engaged well in the trip and had a great adventure. During our Computing lessons, we have used the programme TinkerCad to use 3D design to design and make a village. In RE, we have learned about the Easter story and what Lent means to us. We have celebrated Careers Week in school this half term and the Year 4 children had an amazing workshop with The Tree Council to learn all about the types of jobs they do.

Thank you for all of your continued support with everything we do in Year 4. We can't wait for Summer Term!



## YEAR 5

In year 5, we have started a lot of new topics this half term including our history topic of 'Our School'. For this topic, we walked round our local area to see all the amazing places in Grangetown. We have completed a session with 'Virgin Money'; the children were extremely interested in Richard Branson. From this, we completed a piece of writing, where we learned amazing facts about him. Finally, this half term our children have gone on an amazing trip to GE Vernova. This is a real working site where they are building wind turbines for the 'Dogger Bank' wind turbine farm. The children immensely enjoyed this trip and learning about all the amazing careers opportunities there could be in renewable energy.



## YEAR SIX

This half term has seen a continuation of a lot of our topics, including WW2, a geographical comparative study and understanding the news in PSHE. We have also began some exciting new learning opportunities. In science, we have been focusing on what makes a scientist. Alongside careers week, we have been breaking stereotypes by looking at a plethora of different careers around science. Moving forward, we will be looking at our new topic- electricity. We have been fortunate to have a visit from Cleveland police, who delivered a workshop around how to keep ourselves safe online. This is a very important message that the children must never forget. As a result, we have entered a competition with Cleveland Police, creating posters with the focus, 'What does the police represent?' The winner will have the chance to meet a real police dog and go for a ride in a police car. The year 6's have worked very hard this term in preparation for their SATS in May. We have been completing previous papers and attending tutoring to enhance both confidence and learning. We are very proud of all the year 6's have achieved this term. We hope you have a well-deserved rest before returning to our SATS in summer 1 and all of the lovely activities we have planned afterwards.





## THE ARC

In writing, we have focused on poetry by Janet & Alan Ahlberg in our curious quests sessions. We have enjoyed using rhyme, reading our poems aloud and recording these on Seesaw. In maths, our topics covered for this half-term include multiplication and division, money and measures. In PSHE, we have been learning about different ways to stay safe.

Y3 ARC children have attended pedestrian training where they have learnt to cross the road safely.

We visited our local Morgan's bakery to practice real life handling of money. We each had £1 to spend which we earned from our £10 challenge enterprise. We have also enjoyed attending Panathlon Challenges.

## WE ARE GRANGETOWN

Here we are with another term down. It has been so lovely welcoming the lighter mornings & nights. Children across the school have enjoyed trips, visitors & decorating eggs to name a few of the exciting opportunities they have been involved in. They have continued to make us proud this half term with the hard work they have put in.

Thank you to those parents who have continued to support us with sending their children to school in their uniforms. Its is so lovely to see them in our school family colours looking so smart.

I felt so proud to have been able to share our wonderful OFSTED report with you all. It shows how hard our children & all the staff work to make this such a wonderful school.

We are excited to be welcoming you into school this afternoon at our open afternoon before we break up for Easter. We return back to school on Monday 8th April.

Have a great Easter holiday - enjoy the chocolate!

Take care

Miss Mott

