

NEWS LETTER



Headteacher Roundup

Wow! What an amazing half term we have had!

We started the half term by celebrating our attendance wins. All these children achieved a special attendance certificate during Spring Term. Another win this half term but this time of the sporting kind. These children won our WPT climbing competition.

Our amazing Year 6 students have worked their socks off preparing for their SATs. They have shown resilience, determination and genuine hard work. We are super proud of you all! They have had a fantastic time in Northumberland. Their time at the North East Coast has consisted of: a Beach Safari, a walk to Bamburgh Castle, a tour around the Castle, a trip boat over to the Farne Islands and finally, they finished their stay with a Fish and Chip dinner.

In April we looked at careers in the area of Maths. Some of our budding mathematicians had a talk from Mr O'toole who is a Trainee Healthcare Scientist (Clinical Scientific Computing). It was so interesting learning all about his work and how he uses maths every single day in his job at Newcastle NHS. A BIG thank you to Mr O'toole for inspiring us!

In May, as part of Geography Careers Month, we were extremely excited and fortunate to welcome Olivia into our school to speak to some of our children. Olivia is currently studying Wildlife Conservation at The University of Salford. She explained to the children the path that she followed to get into university and then explained lots of the incredible opportunities that she's been given during studying her course - she's recently just returned from a year long placement at Otterbein University in Ohio where she's worked closely studying the conservation of possums, raccoons, turtles, elephants plus many more amazing animals. The children were absolutely fascinated and so engrossed. Geography is such an incredible subject which opens doors to some incredible careers/ opportunities which Olivia showcased to our children with great passion and enthusiasm. The children have also achieved another pledge from their participation.

We can't wait to see what Summer Term Two will bring! Thank you to our families and our local community for your continued support. Keep Dreaming BIG! #TeamThrybergh



FS1

Foundation Stage 1 have had great fun learning about 'What lives at the bottom of our garden?' We have been exploring books such as:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Twist and Hop Mini Beast Bop
- The Bad Tempered Ladybird
- Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell

We have had fun exploring the great outdoors and going on bug hunts to see what we could find. We then worked together to create bug hotels. We talked about what bugs like to live in and thought about what resources we needed to make our very own bug hotel. At the end of the term we attended our very own Minibeast party.



FS2

Foundation Stage 2 have been learning about farm animals. We had a special delivery of ducks eggs to school, which we were excited to see hatch. The ducklings then stayed with us for two weeks, where we were able to watch them grow. We even got to watch them take their first dip in water! The ducklings loved it and were very fast at swimming across the paddling pool. In maths we have been consolidating our composition of numbers, for example 5 can be made up of a 3 and 2 or 4 and 1. We also began to explore numbers beyond ten.

Pledges

This term we have been focussing on our well being, which contributes to the Life Skills pledge. We have been taking part in lots of discussions about our feelings and how others feel. These discussions are helping us to understand the impact our actions can have, on ourselves and the people around us. We've talked about what makes us happy, sad and even angry! As part of our Cultural pledge we have been on a trip to Wentworth Farm. We had a fabulous time! We got to hold a range of animals, such as a rabbit, lizard, and a millipede. We then had a walk around all the animals on the farm, and even had a sit on a tractor. We ended our day by exploring the pirate ship in the play area, where the children got to show off their fabulous gross motor skills. They did some amazing climbing up the climbing wall and scramble nets.



YEAR 2/3

Year 2/3 have had a busy start to their Summer Term. They've worked so hard across all subjects!

Science

Y2 have been learning all about different habitats and what animals would live in these habitats. The children have also been learning all about what plants and humans need to survive. Y3 have been all about forces and have been studying the very famous scientist Isaac Newton. The children continued their studies all about space, in particular the different planets. The children were able to put in order the planets in the solar system.

English

Y3 have just completed a fantastic piece of non-fiction writing about 'Evolution' where they have all about how and why animals have evolved over time. The children have also created their own chapter to add to the book by Allan Ahlberg titled 'Burglar Bill' they had to channel the mind of Allan Ahlberg and create characters that would match the ones in the story of 'Burglar Bill'. They have been working really hard this term in English and have wowed me with their creativity and vocab choices. Y2 have been reading some great texts this half term. They have read some funny poems and they really enjoyed 'Floss' by Kim Lewis. They have also used a short film called 'Moondance' to inspire their writing. They have been focusing on using past tense for their narratives.

Maths

In Maths the children have been working extremely hard. To start our summer term back, Y2/3 have been learning all about fractions and money. Y2 have been finding and identifying fractions of numbers and shapes and Y3 have been comparing fractions and identifying equivalent fractions. They have then been applying their new learning to help them solve problems. Y2 and Y3 have been investigating different ways to create a total amount using different coins each time and have also been looking at how much change we could get from £5, £10 and £20 notes. In Maths Y2 and Y3 have just begun a new objective: all about shapes we are going to be exploring the different properties of 2D/3D shapes.

Geography

Y2 have identified the capital cities of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The children have also been learning all about the UK and how it is ruled. They have been looking at virtual tours of Buckingham Palace. Y3 have been learning all about Italy and have been making comparisons based on climate, physical features and human features in relation to the UK. The children will continue learning all about Italy in summer term 2.

History

Y2 have been learning all about the 'Great Fire of London' they have been learning about how it all happened and how that has changed how buildings are made today. The children have been using sources to see what London was like in 1666 and comparing it to current day London. Y3 have been learning all about Romans and will continue their studies about Romans in the second half of the summer term, in particular they will be finding the answer to the question 'Who were the Romans and where do they fit into the chronology of British History?'

RE

In RE Y2/3 have been learning about different places of worship. We have been looking at virtual tours of places of worship and have been identifying symbols and what they represent.

Pledges

Some children have earned more pledges this term by attending after school such as Dance and Band. This term the children were all able to tick off our pledge about celebrating a cultural event as we celebrated the King's coronation.

Great work Y2/3!



YEAR 1/2

Half Term 5 has flown by in Year 1/2! We've been super busy learning lots of new topics.

Phonics & Reading

Our Phonics skills are amazing and we have been working really hard on perfecting our phase 5 and 6 sounds! We love using the phonics fans to help us do this throughout the day!

Writing

In our writing, we have been working on sequencing sentences to tell stories and have just finished creating our own story based on Stuck by Oliver Jeffers. Before that we looked at a non-fiction text called The Emperor's Egg, where we got to do some drama, to help us imagine what it would be like to be a penguin. We decided it would be very hard work to carry the egg around with us everywhere because it was so hard to keep it on our feet!

Maths

Children in Year 1/2 have been learning all about multiplication and division. We can now all count in our 2's 5's and 10's! We have also started learning about fractions and have been working hard on finding halves and quarters of objects and amounts!

Science

In Science, we have been looking at light sources and have thought a lot about the sun. We know that the sun is very powerful and it is important that we protect ourselves by wearing sunglasses, hats and sun cream!

Geography

In Geography we have been discovering the different features of the coast, particularly looking at Scarborough. We have learned all about human and physical features as well as how to use a compass to describe the location of different places.

History

In History, we have been finding out all about the seaside. We have made comparisons between the seaside in the present day to the seaside in the past. We were surprised to find that some of the activities that we do at the seaside were even done by the Victorians, such as donkey rides and puppet shows!

Computing

In computing, the children have been thinking about being safe online. They know to TAG - Tell a Grown-up - if they see anything that worries them online.

RE

In RE we have been learning all about lots of different places of worship that are important to different religions. This week we made our very own stained glass windows and realised it was very similar to the work we have been doing in Art, focussing on the pop artist Romero Britto!

Pledges

This term we were all able to tick off our pledge about celebrating a cultural event. We celebrated the coronation and we also learned about some religious festivals which happen in the Spring and early Summer. We had a lovely talk about careers which involve working with animals, when Olivia, a Salford University student, came in to talk to the children about her time working at a zoo in America. The children were really interested in the animals that she had met and all the jobs they might do with animals in the future.

Well-being

For our well-being focus, we have worked on discussing our own feelings and the feelings of others. We thought about how we can meet and greet our friends to help everyone to feel happier.

YEAR 4/5

Y4/Y5 have continued to work hard during the start of summer term.

Science

As part of our Science lessons this half term we have been finding out about the famous scientist Isaac Newton. We researched him and found out some amazing facts about him and his life, and we used Newton metres to measure forces. We have also been learning the names and order of the planets in our solar system, and finding out how and why shadows are formed.

Geography & History

Geography and History have continued to be firm favourites with the children and have enabled them to continue to develop the skills needed for them to be successful Historians and Geographers. As we move in the second half of the summer term, Y4 will continue to study the Romans and in particular find the answer to the question 'Who were the Romans and where do they fit into the chronology of British History?' Y5 will continue to study WW2 and continue to enhance their learning from their recent visit to the Holocaust Museum. In Geography we will continue to study Italy and make comparisons based on climate, physical features and human features in relation to the UK. They will also continue to develop the all important skills needed as geographers such as map work and fieldwork. In July we will be participating in the 'National Fieldwork Fortnight' organised by the Geographical Association- I am sure this will be a big hit with the children!

Maths

In Maths the children have been concentrating on decimals and extending their understanding of these by comparing and ordering decimals with the same number of decimal places. They have also started to apply this knowledge to further extend their understanding of money. The next step was to learn how decimals link to fractions, and then to percentages (Y5). Year 4 have been busy practising for their upcoming National Timetables Test and I am sure they are going to do their very best when they take their test.

English

In English they have studied a variety of different texts from different genres and have produced some wonderful written outcomes. From poetry to playscripts the children have worked hard to develop and refine the skills needed of them. They have particularly enjoyed studying the playscript 'The Good Time Boys' by Oram Hiawyn. From initially reading the playscript they have then gone on to produce a variety of written outcomes including some excellent character profiles where the children compared the two main characters of the play and recognised the similarities and differences between the two as well as recognise how their characters developed as the play progressed.

Pledges

The children have continued to work hard to achieve their pledges and it has been so wonderful to see how many children are achieving pledges through activities that they have completed at home. Y5 will have the opportunities to achieve even more of their pledges as they embark on a camping residential with lots of wonderful activities. Remember, if you achieve a pledge at home please notify us at school and we will make a note of this to ensure you receive the correct postcard certificate!

Fantastic work this half term Year 4/5!



YEAR 6

This half term has been exceptionally busy for Y6!

History & Geography

In History Y6 are learning about migration in the twentieth century. We are discovering the different push and pull factors that have made people migrate to Britain. Our Geography work is all about India. We have looked at the physical features of the country such as the River Ganges and the Himalayas and we will move onto learning about the different biomes in India. Later we will focus on the human geography of India.

Science

This half term our Science work has been all about electricity and circuits. We had a great time building circuits with our new Snap Circuits equipment. We have now moved onto studying the properties of materials and we have done an investigation into thermal insulation.

Maths

In Maths we have studied shape in detail, learning about the properties of shape and calculating missing angles in quadrilaterals, triangles and around a point. We have also learnt about circles and how to calculate radius and diameter. Throughout this half term we have also had a focus on all aspects of arithmetic from formal calculations such as long division to calculating percentages.

SFA

We have had a huge focus on inferring meaning from the texts we have read. We have read many different extracts from novels such as The Midnight Fox and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Throughout our reading we have developed our understanding of author intent and less obvious meanings within the text. In writing we have learnt about different persuasive techniques and have written persuasive letters. We have also spent time perfecting our use of punctuation and grammar.

Design Technology

We are just beginning to look at the construction of Pop-Up books which follows on from our construction work when we took part in the Tekk Challenge.

SATs

Y6 worked so hard during SATs week and we are so proud of them all, they demonstrated 'The Thrybergh Way' in every way possible. We had a little party to celebrate all their hard work!

Pledges

The children have continued to work hard to achieve their pledges this half term. They have had the opportunity to stay in Seahouses and learn all about tourism. At the youth hostel they had the chance to work as a team and everyone helped out with preparing and serving meals and making sure it was clean and tidy. For Y6 there will be more chances to complete pledges when we go camping in June.

Seahouses Residential 2023

Y6 had the BEST time in Northumberland exploring the coast and it's history and have learnt so much about tourism which we will explore over the next half term. On our boat trip the students acquired new knowledge about Grace Darling and the history of Longstone Lighthouse. We walked a long path up to Bamburgh Castle and the children followed our Thrybergh Ways by not giving up. On our final night we had a fantastic meal in Seahouses and had so many compliments on how well behaved the children were all week. Well done Y6!

