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Book Fair

We would like to say a huge thank you to parents for supporting our book fair. It was the most successful book fair we have had for a number of years and raised a fantastic £492 for school resources! Your support is much appreciated.

New Sheds

We must say a huge thank you to our volunteers who have worked really hard on the Nursery shed. They have repaired the damages and are working to re-felt the roof. This really is making such a difference to us. Many thanks also to B&Q for their continued support and to JJC Engineering Ltd who have donated a new shed to the nursery and helped to provide the resources to mend the larger one. In these times of austerity, which is impacting on school budgets, this help really does make such a difference to what we can do for the children.

School Kitchen

We have been successful in our bid to the National Lottery for funds to build a domestic kitchen within the school atrium. The works and plans have also been passed by health and safety and we hope to have all details finalised in time for a May half term fit. We look forward to sharing some culinary delights with you in the near future.

British Cycling

As I am sure you are all aware, we are planning some activities to help celebrate the National Cycling Championships that Stockton will be hosting in June. The school council have begun to work with an artist from Sunderland to help to create a piece of art that will be displayed along the route and then in the school grounds. The children have chosen to use recycling as their theme, to reflect the work they have already done in school. There will be some activities for the Y5 & Y6 children, including a trip, for some to Stockton High Street to have a go in a portable velodrome and to watch some cycling stunts. (This will be followed by the men's time trials, which we hope the children might be able to watch with their families in the evening.) The other children will have some cycling activities within school following a programme of sessions. We are also planning some whole school activities with the local cycling club. We will be able to inform you fully of our plans in the next few weeks and hope that we can have some family events linked to the cycling festival. A link will be set up on our school website very soon. You can find information by searching www.stockton.co.uk/events and clicking on the cycling tab. It looks to be a very exciting event.

PE & Sport

Once again our children have participated in a large array of competitions. A team of netballers attended the Stockton finals and some of our children attended the Stockton finals of the swimming gala. Kacey Eyeington, Issy Watt, Sophie Brown, Lauren Hall, Chloe Ward and Mitchell Rice. They all worked really hard and did Myton Park proud. It can be a very daunting experience - with so many spectators and a great deal of cheering and noise - but all came away having given it their all. We are so proud of them. Chloe Ward will be representing Stockton in the Tees Valley finals in April.

We continue to feel so proud of how they conduct themselves as ambassadors for the school.

Charity Run

Mr Lamb will be running the Great north Run in September for Arthritis Research. If you would like to donate then please log onto his just giving page.

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/AndyLamb/>

Class News

Nursery

This half term we have been learning about England. We talked about London and what it would be like to visit the famous landmarks such as Big Ben and the London Eye. We talked about days out locally especially Saltburn and Roseberry Topping and what we might do at a sea out at the seaside/in the country. We tried some typical English food such as scones and jam and ice-cream with a 99 flake!!! As part of Mothers Day we talked about mums and other special ladies who are important to us and thought about what they do for us and what we could do to help them.

Towards the end of the half term we have been talking about Spring and the changes that occur. We read "little Lumpty" and learnt some new versions of "Humpty Dumpty" We built walls for Humpty and wrapped hard boiled eggs in various materials to protect them and predicted whether or not they would crack.

Thank you to parents for assisting us with our "question" when the children come in. These are generating lots of discussion and teaching the children about opinion and the fact that they don't have to agree.

Reception

Reception have had a very busy half term. Max has finished visiting children's houses - thank you for your support with this. The children really enjoyed showing Max's diary to the class and talking about what he did. The children now have reception challenges to complete. These are on a card in their book bag. If they manage to get 10 points they will get a prize from our prize basket! At the start of the half term we learnt all about France in World Awareness Week. The children tried croissant and brioche, made pictures of the Eiffel tower, learnt facts about France and even learnt some of the language! We are now learning about vehicles. We have also started looking at some traditional tales including Jack and the Beanstalk and Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children might enjoy reading similar traditional tales at home. Thank you for your continued support with reading, spellings and action words

Year 1

We have had another exciting half term in Year 1. We have enjoyed learning about Australia during World Awareness Week. Our Aboriginal dancing was fantastic and we particularly enjoyed making boomerangs and dot paintings. We had a wonderful World Book Day and loved sharing our favourite stories.

In Science we have been learning about animals including humans, and especially enjoyed finding out about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have been investigating different ways of measuring in Maths and we are getting very good at telling the time. In DT we had a fantastic afternoon designing and building bridges to help us rescue a princess from a dragon island. We are looking forward to learning lots more next term.

Year 2

This half term we have been working on new levels of the handwriting challenge. We are looking forward to working in groups and baking cakes - without grown-ups helping us!!!!

We all enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. World Awareness Week was interesting and we learnt a lot about Mexico and enjoyed tasting the different types of food.

Year 3

So far this half term the children have been involved in World Awareness Week where we focussed on Italy. The children found out about what life is like in Italy and discovered different famous landmarks. They researched the active Volcanoes in Italy and learned about how they were formed and the different parts. They enjoyed finding out about Venice and designed their own Venetian masks and gondolas. As part of their maths work, the children were learning about fractions and were able to design a pizza by dividing them into equal parts writing fractions for toppings.

Over this half term the children continued their topic of Modern Europe and finding out about Russia and Spain. They also enjoyed performing in the class assembly sharing with you what they have learned

Year 4

In Year 4 we have continued to study Modern Europe. As part of our study we have looked at Russian Culture, drawing St Basil's Cathedral. We have also written our names using the Russian alphabet.

During World Awareness Week, we studied Spain. We looked in particular at the tradition of bull fighting and the controversy currently surrounding this event. We also studied the work of Pablo Picasso, creating paintings based on his cubist movement.

We enjoyed taking part in World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite characters from books and taking part in the Bumper Book Quiz.

We are looking forward to learning about the history of Ingleby Barwick and Whitby during the Summer Term.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Year 5

We have had a great term in Year 5. The children are really starting to become independent learners and are making links across subjects, it is great to see. We have enjoyed finding out about the effect of global warming and deforestation on the world and how we can make a difference by recycling. We took inspiration from eco-friendly sculptors and made models out of recycled waste. It was a great display! We also very much enjoyed finding out all about Russia in our World Awareness Week. The children were so keen to research facts and traditions and made some excellent Faberge eggs and matryoshka dolls. They have written excellent stories based on an old traditional tale about a hideous witch who eats small children! I am very proud of each and every one of them for how much they have achieved in this short term and cannot believe we only have one term left together. Let's make it a good one Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard preparing for their end of year assessment tests. They are all trying their best and I am proud of every one of them. We have had lots of fun learning about Brazil. We had a music specialist who taught us Samba drumming (look on the website to see some photographs). Linked to our English we themed World Book Day around Harry Potter. Year 6 visited an author at Yarm Grammar School where we learnt about where he got his ideas from and how he put them into his stories.



Future Dates

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 24th March

Monday 11th April

Friday 22nd April

Monday 2nd May

Tuesday 3rd May for 2 weeks

Monday 9th May

Wednesday 25th May

Friday 27th May

Disco for Years 1-6

last day of this term

Return to school after Easter holidays

Afternoon tea from 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Bank Holiday

Y3 swimming

SATs week

Film night (PTA) details to follow

Professional Development Day