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Class News

The Hub

The children in the hub have had a busy last half term. They have been learning about travel and vehicles and have shown great enthusiasm for the topic. We have enjoyed exploring where in the world we would like to travel to by looking through holiday brochures, online and in atlases. Everyone agreed they would love to visit Disneyland! We then looked at how to travel to different places and the modes of transport used. We compare transport now and then and decided on our favourite mode. The children have listened to a range of stories and facts about transport with their favourite being the story of the naughty bus. The children explore and imagined new story ideas and even drove a toy bus through beans, mushy peas, rice pudding and shaving foam before making up their own versions of the story.

Last week the children went on their school trip taking a journey to the seaside. They were a pleasure to take and thoroughly enjoyed the experience even asking to go again the next day. They explored the valley gardens, fairy dell, beach and pier and topped the day off with a strawberry ice cream. We couldn't have envisaged a better trip and we were proud of the behaviour of the children. I look forward to continuing my work with the children in the hub and would like to wish them a wonderful summer.

Nursery

This half term we have been learning about journeys. We have talked about different ways of travelling and completed simple vehicle surveys outside nursery. We have talked about holidays and booked our own in our nursery travel agents. We have been practising our races for Sports Day and are looking forward to seeing our families there. We have visited Reception class and have stayed for our lunch. Best wishes to all our families who are moving to new schools in September.

Reception

A busy final half term for our Reception Class! We have missed Mrs Hargrave but are looking forward to meeting her baby girl before the end of the term. Thank you to the parents for their kind wishes – we have passed them on. The children have enjoyed working on our new Cornerstones topic of 'Are we there yet?' We have learnt all about journeys and talked about different types of transport. The children began by conducting a traffic survey outside our school. We noted which vehicles went past and recorded this information in a tally chart. The children found that most vehicles that went past had 4 wheels, had one passenger and were black, silver or white. The children have enjoyed talking about different journeys and which transport you would use for them. We read a book called the 'Journey' and retold the story independently. Mrs Roberts was so impressed with our writing! We followed on from this learning by talking about different types of boats, building our own boats and watching videos of boats on the internet. The children particularly enjoyed watching videos of people brave enough to go down rapids and waterfalls in their dinghy's and kayak's! This interest led us to looking at a book called 'The Wild Woods' about a little girl and her Grandad who go to the woods and find a waterfall. I'm sure the children will tell you what happens in the story at home! In our maths we have been applying all of our maths skills that we have learnt throughout the year. In some lessons we have practised lots of different types of questions to see if we could remember what resources we needed and how to work out the answer. Over the summer holidays please continue to practise your reading, writing and numbers to keep your brain active ready for year 1. Congratulations to the children for a fantastic year of learning about good luck!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous end to the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for all their hard work and fantastic phonics results.

Our topic this half term has been Paws, Claws and Whiskers and the children have loved learning all about different aspects of animals. They have particularly enjoyed researching unusual facts about more unusual animals and loved presenting these facts to their friends. I too have learned lots!!!

In Maths, the children have been trying to develop their multiplication and problem solving skills. In English, we have been working hard to improve our extended pieces of writing and trying to improve the accuracy of our writing. We have also been practising our handwriting.

In Computing we have been learning to copy and paste and save our work and in Science all of our activities have been based around animals. We have completed a lovely camouflage

Investigation using butterflies and in DT we have designed our own cat food label. We have also learned all about big cats and which continent they all came from. As you can see our half term has been really busy and full of fun activities.

Thank you for all your support this year. I am very sad not to be teaching your children next year. Each and every member of Year 1 has been lovely, hard-working and have brightened up my days. I will miss them all. Good luck in Year 2.

Year 2

We have had a fantastic end to our time in Year 2. We loved performing our favourite song "Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum" for our grandparents and families and had a wonderful time on our trip to Kirkleatham Museum. Health and Fitness Week was very enjoyable and we particularly loved competing in our house teams on Sports Day.

We have loved learning about plants this term and thanks to the lovely weather we have spent lots of time outside exploring and investigating. This helped us create some beautiful watercolour paintings of our favourite flowers as well as helping us to use our science skills in real life.

The children have worked so hard this year and it has been wonderful to see them grow, not academically but in independence, confidence and resilience. Thank you for your support, it really does make an enormous difference. Have a wonderful summer!

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the local area as well as comparing and contrasting it to Ghana as part of our Scrumdiddlyumptious topic. We have learned lots about food, especially chocolate!!! We visited the York Chocolate Story and learned about the history of chocolate, as well as how chocolate is made.

In English, we have read two stories, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The Firework Maker's Daughter. We also studied writing to explain instructions and performance poetry. In Maths, we have continued to work on reasoning and problem solving skills, particularly within fractions, money, time and mass.

We thoroughly enjoyed making "Myton Rocks" and selling them as part of the school Summer Fayre. We also participated in the Royal Wedding celebrations, taking part in a selection of garden games.

Year 4

What a fantastic year we have had, filled with a variety of different topics. The whole class has really enjoyed our trips, especially the amazing time we had at the chocolate story. We are so proud of how much the children have grown and progressed over the year, not only academically but also as kind, caring members of the school community. We have developed a love for performance poetry and imaginative story-telling, with the class particularly enjoying writing monster poems and creating their own stories called 'The Door'! Lately we have delved into the underwater world of Jacques Cousteau. Writing a biography about his life.

In Science we have loved getting to grips with the changing states of water, carrying out our own investigations to show how long it takes a puddle to disappear. We have also found out that the ocean has five different layers and have marvelled at the strange creatures that are found in the Abyss, like the vampire squid and the Fang toothed fish.

A key focus on maths this term has been the use of STEM sentence starters. The children have been explaining their understanding in detail, using full sentences, diagrams and an example of their learning in another context. Feel free to drop in after school and have a look.

Looking forward, the children are very excited about sports day and transition. The year four team would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the level of support you have shown us over the

year, raising money for the class charity and the school PTA and also with the children's learning, with the outstanding effort you all put into to the homework.

Year 5

What a busy term Year 5 have had! In June, we competed in a Cricket tournament held at Maltby Cricket Ground against St Francis and Whinstone Primary. All teams represented our school admirably, but it was our boy's only team who successfully qualified for the final by beating St Francis by just one run! The boys competed in the final at the end of June and came a very credible fourth place, competing against all of the other winning schools in our cluster.

Our topic this term has been 'the allotment.' We have enjoyed lots of opportunities to get outside in our wonderful allotment garden and learn how plants grow. We even calculated the perimeter, area and volume of our raised beds in Maths! We really enjoyed learning about the recent decline of the honey bee population in the UK and we learned about the important role bees play in pollinating our crops. We have created prints similar to those created by the artist William Morris in Art. We have developed a love of Rounders this half term and we are now able to play with increasing confidence; we can even play tactically to ensure that we get as many of the opposition team out as we can! We thoroughly enjoyed Health and Fitness week last week, when we challenged ourselves to complete the inflatable obstacle course, took part in a 5 a side football World Cup and worked up a sweat in our 'box to be fit' session. Miss Harrison and Mrs Jones were not the only ones with red faces!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued help and support this half term. Your help with homework tasks is always appreciated. Your children are a credit to you all and it has been our pleasure to support and guide your children on their learning journey this term. From Miss Harrison, Mrs Jones and Mrs Brown.

Year 6

We are so proud of our Year 6 children. They have achieved fantastic SAT's results alongside being amazing individuals. Within their final half term of primary school, they have enjoyed lots of sporting activities, been to Forbidden Corner, Jump 360 and made the most of the exceptional weather. They have behaved impeccably at their transition days and we are sure that they will achieve great things if they continue in the same manner. Thank you for your support.

PE

What an exciting final term we have had for sport. With it being health and fitness week starting on Monday 9th July the children have had such a busy time with activities. On Monday we had an amazing day bouncing, jumping and racing our friends on the inflatable obstacle course. The children loved racing along the 170ft inflatable and sliding down the huge slide at the end.

We then had a visit from a GB athlete on Wednesday. She showed us her training routine and the children even had a go at trying some of the activities she performs before a competition. The children and staff got so much out of her training.

Sports Day was a huge success with activities happening all over the school field. Well done to everyone for performing their best all afternoon. Also a big well done to the parents in the parents' race, you showed us where the children get their sporting ability from!!

On Thursday the children had a great time, with each of the classes practising their boxing skills or their skipping skills with Box2Bfit. It was extremely hard work but all the children came out with a smile on their faces!!

Year 6 then enjoyed an afternoon at Jump 360. They showed off their gymnastic abilities by bouncing, tumbling and flipping their way around the trampolines. It was a great way to end the term and especially health and fitness week. We hope the children enjoyed the week as much as we did!!!

School Council

It is coming to the end of the year for our school council and I would like to say a huge thank you for all their hard work this year. They have grown in confidence in their roles and have proven to be great role models. They leave behind the legacy of the newly installed play structure and school council comment post box. During this last half term, they all enjoyed being involved in the interview process for our new deputy head teacher; their questions and thoughtful insight helped to aid the decision making process and they should all be proud of the way they have represented our school. I hope they will inspire our next set of school councillors. New school council elections will take place during the first half term back so why not start thinking about how you can help shape our school and become next year's school council members.

Attendance

Our Attendance continue to be fairly good, 96.23%, but due to the continuation of holidays being taken, we have no choice but to update our attendance policy to reflect National guidelines. These will be outlined in more detail in September, but if a child misses more than 10 sessions (5 days) at a time due to holiday, then on the 11th absence, a fine will be initiated by Stockton Borough Council for each child from the family.

Communication

We will be launching a new school App in September to facilitate good communication between home and school. We hope this will work to make our communication even better, whilst looking after the environment by significantly reducing the paper that we use in school.

Staffing

Mrs Hargrave has given birth to a little girl. Both Mum and baby are doing really well and she's already been into school for cuddles!

I am sure you will have heard by now that Mrs Eleanor Roberts will be leaving us at the end of the week for a year as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to her new arrival.

Mrs Westcough will be leaving us after 15 years at Myton Park. She has served school with such enthusiasm and compassion and we will miss her greatly. We wish her all the very best as she moves onto pastures new.

Gardening

Spring term 2018

Due to the severe weather we had to cancel several of the planned days, however we did manage to get some seeds planted including potatoes, garlic, peas and broad beans and have tripled our strawberry beds. Our over-winter broad beans did not survive the harsh late winter, early poor spring.

Summer Term 2018

We have tried to make up for lost time due to the Spring weather and have just reaped the rewards of your children's efforts : -

- An excellent crop of strawberries has been shared through all of the classes.

On the recent Grandparents afternoon, we sold new potatoes, lettuce, carrots, broad beans, herb plants and some strawberries, all grown and tended by the children, making £28.00 for the gardening funds.

On 12 July, we again sold vegetables in the playground, namely potatoes, lettuce, broad beans, peas and elephant garlic. Again, all grown and tended by your children, raising a further £25 for the gardening funds.

We now have raised sufficient funds to allow us buy compost and seeds etc. to enable us to continue for another year,

HOWEVER HELP is now desperately needed from grandparents, parents, aunts & uncles to help run the gardening project for the next academic year. **We have lost helpers due to their children moving on and are now in a situation that we do not have sufficient help to allow us to continue. We try to hold the gardening classes on Tuesday mornings 9.00 to 10.30 a.m. and Thursday afternoons from 1.00 to 3.00pm. You do not have to commit to every week, or be an expert gardener; however we do have to set up a term schedule so that at least 2 helpers are available at each session.**

CAN WE PLEASE HAVE SOME VOLUNTEERS TO ALLOW THE GARDENING, THAT THE CHILDREN SEEM TO THOROUGHLY ENJOY.

Action required : - please let the office know if you are interested by leaving your name and telephone number and email address if possible. I will then try and speak with you during the summer holiday period.

This has been, and is, a super project for the children, learning how to grow and tend from soil through to 'the table'. We also have an orchard and willow classroom to maintain and to manage the shrubbery and pond area around the grounds by planting spring bulbs, primroses and wild flowers.

Many thanks to all who have helped this academic year - we desperately need help to continue.

Many thanks once again to B & Q, Portrack (Ron Bacon and his staff) for continued support with bulbs, plants and materials.

Keith Coles, AKA, Keith the gardener,

with help from Sarah, Julie, Lee, Joanne, Charlotte, Angela & Zohre

Attainment

Our staff and children continue to work hard and we are delighted with the results they have all achieved this year.

Reception

77% of the children achieved a Good Level of Development. This means that 77% of the children reached the expected standard in a broad range of areas of learning. 13% exceeded the expected levels in reading, writing and number, with 30% exceeding in shapes, space and measure.

Year 1 – Phonics

The children did exceptionally well – with 87% passing their phonics.

The pass marks were exceptionally high. The children need to achieve a score of 32 to pass. The lowest pass mark was 35, with 9 children scoring full marks and a further 7 scoring 39. This meant that 51% scored 39 or above, with an average pass mark of 38.4 which is VERY impressive. Well done to all the children and a huge thankyou to the adults who have supported their learning.

It will be essential as they move into year 2 that they continue to read regularly, as they will be expected to be able to read 90 words a minute by the end of year 2!

Year 2

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined Reading, Writing and Maths
Myton Park Expected Standard	77%	71%	74%	65%

Year 6

	Reading	Writing	GPS (Grammar, punctuation, Spelling)	Maths	Combined Reading, Writing and Maths
Myton Park Expected Standard	93%	93%	93%	93%	86%
National Expected	75%	78%	78%	76%	64%
Myton Park Greater depth	52%	44%	34%	28%	14%

New Curriculum

In our continued drive to achieve excellence for all, we have re-developed our curriculum to help engage our children even more into their learning.

We have re-planned our topics (see the final page) and plan to hold evenings for parents for years 1 – 6 to help you to understand expectations for your children. Please see the dates below and do make an effort to attend. Standards are ever increasing and it is essential that parents become engaged in their children's learning. Research does prove that the more engaged parents are in their children's learning, the better they do.

<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Date & Time</i>	<i>Focus</i>
1	Tuesday 11 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations Phonics test – what does it look like and how to support your child.
2	Tuesday 11 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations SATS – what are the expectations and how can you support your child?
3	Wednesday 12 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations These children will be the first to be formally tested for times tables – what do they need to know?
4	Wednesday 12 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations Preparing for Ks2 SATs and understanding the markers
5	Thursday 13 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations Preparing for Ks2 SATs and understanding the markers
6	Wednesday 19 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum outline and expectations Key Stage 2 SATs – what do they look like and how can I help my child prepare?
The Hub	Wednesday 12 th September @ 5pm	Curriculum Outline and how we structure the curriculum to support learning.

Future Dates



Friday 20th July 18
Tuesday 4th September 18

Last day of this term
Children return to school after summer holidays

PD Days for 18–19

Monday 3rd September 18
Monday 24th September 18
Friday 23rd November 18
Friday 1st February 19
Monday 3rd June 19