

# Myton Park Primary School

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*Spring Term 2 2019*

## **Leisure Centre Update**

*I meet regularly with the construction company and the LA to gain updates on the centre. The pool construction is 2 weeks ahead of timings and the steel structure, which you will have seen going up in the past few weeks is also well on target. They will continue with the steel construction, which also includes pre-cast stairways and lift shafts in the coming weeks, and they will begin to add the roof to several sections*

*As part of the project, Willmott-Dixon will also develop some project work with us at Myton Park. They have met with Keith the Gardner to look at the maintenance and development of our outdoor areas and have agreed to offer the following work over the May half term holiday:*

- *Make and install proper table in gardening poly-tunnel and treat/paint the ranch fencing around the garden area*
- *Clean and treat the seats in the willow classroom*
- *Clean and treat/paint all the seating around the playground and orchard area and also the "pavilion"*  
*Clean out the pond area and paint/treat the fencing and decking*
- *Obtain 3 cable reeds for tables for nursery/reception play areas.*

*This work will clearly make such a difference to us and save a great deal in terms of maintenance costs. In addition I know they are in talks with some teachers to look at ways in of enhancing learning, so we look forward to some developments there*

## **Summer Uniform**

*The summer uniform is as follows: Girls are able to wear summer dresses and white shoes, but the shoes MUST cover toes fully. For health and safety reasons, no open toed sandals are allowed. Boys and girls may wear shorts – but all must be formal uniform shorts and be very smart. Trainers are NOT permitted – shoes must be worn. Pride in our uniform standards is very important, in terms of maintaining our very high expectations and we have recently reminded the children of these.*

*May I also remind you that children are not allowed any make up in primary school, including nail varnish and any ear-rings need to be small studs, preferably gold or silver. Maintaining a formal approach to uniform is important as it keeps our children smart and ready for learning.*

*Hair adornments must also be small – no large bows and coats must not be fashion jackets (including denim) or zippy sweat tops.*

## **Assembly Theme**

*The assembly theme next half term will be on resilience. These themes are chosen by the school council and do help to build important skills and attitudes in our children to help them to be able to achieve their very best.*

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## **Class News**

### **Nursery**

*We had a fantastic time when the Farmyard Flier came to visit us and enjoyed learning about and handling the different farm animals. We have talked about and named animals and their babies and have sorted a set of animals according to our own and given criteria for example – putting all baby animals together or all striped animals together.*

*We have talked about different food and where it comes from and have planted seeds and are watching them grow. The children have used seeds to create their own patterns.*

*The children are working really hard on their phonics and we are learning to blend sounds together to read words. Many thanks for all your hard work at home supporting with this,*

### **Reception**

*This half term we have been looking at the topic “do cows drink milk?” To start our topic we had a visit from the farmyard flier who brought lots of animals into our school. We were able to ask lots of questions about the animals.*

*We also had a visit from a giant whilst we were looking at the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The giant left our classroom in a mess! He even left behind some footprints. We were able to plant our own beanstalk which we have taken home to look after. We have compared different beans and seeds and discussed where different food comes from.*

*This half term we have also celebrated World book Day, Science Week, Comic Relief and Mother’s Day. We have been very busy and have worked super hard. We are very excited to start our new topic.*

### **Year 1**

*This half term we have been learning all about “Dinosaurs”. The children have thoroughly enjoyed his topic. They particularly enjoyed making up their own theories for dinosaur extinction. In Science we have learnt all about dinosaurs’ bodies, their teeth and whether the dinosaurs were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. In Design and Technology we have made dinosaur environments using objects from the playground and field. In PE we learnt how to move like dinosaurs and in computing we have learned how to copy and paste and add text to our dinosaur pictures. In geography we have learnt the names of the continents and where in the world they are located.*

*In English, we have enjoyed writing our own shape poems and dinosaur riddles and in Maths, we have tried hard with place value to 50 and measurement.*

*The children have loved our class book “A Pterodactyl Stole my Homework” and HAVE tried to use this as an exercise for themselves!!*

*This year is progressing really well and all of the children are benefiting from our wonderful topics. Thank you for all your continued support.*

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## **Year 2**

We have had another fantastic half term in Year 2 and we have really loved our Street Detectives topic. We began the topic by taking a walk around our community to look at different buildings, leisure facilities and geographical features. We learnt about Ingleby Barwick and Stockton on Tees in the past, using photographs and maps to help our investigations. In DT we made a table map to show our ideal community. We found out about shopping in the past and compared Victorian and modern houses. In Maths we have been learning about fractions of shapes and amounts and practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are loving using our reasoning and problem solving skills to complete daily maths challenges.

We were very lucky to be visited by some grandparents who helped us to bake cakes, biscuits and scones. Our topic next term is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Year 3**

This term we have been learning about Predators. We've learned about food chains, identifying producers and consumers. We have also learned about prehistoric predators, including dinosaurs. The children also enjoyed learning about birds of prey.

In Science we continued to study rocks. We investigated soil formation and tested how permeable different soils were. As part of our investigation we created our own compost heap. In Maths we have studied measures, money, statistics and multiplication including division. We continue to develop our use of problem solving and have developed our resilience muscles when completing maths challenges.

In English we have studied poetry, exploring narrative as well as rhyme and rhythm. When writing biographies we enjoyed learning about inspirational people including Rosa Parks.

## **Year 4**

We have travelled back to look at Britain between 400AD and 1066 with our current topic, Raiders and Traders, which has been a huge success with all of the children keen to share their learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We have focused on Myths and Legends, looking at some of the most famous Arthurian tales and trying to decide what could be fact and what must be fiction. The children have written their own versions about the Sword in the Stone. We loved taking part in National Science week. Each day we tried a different experiment looking at key scientific concepts, such as sound; engineering, forces, friction and states of matter. We hope you loved all of the photographs on the School App. In Maths we have really enjoyed developing our understanding of fractions, learning that a fraction is just a part of a whole. We have found equivalent fractions; added and subtracted fractions and found fractions of amounts. We are all fractioned out! We are now moving onto decimals. We are looking forward to finishing off this topic with a fantastic trip to the JORVIK museum in York and moving onto our next topic, Burps, Bottoms and Bile (sounds interesting).

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Team

## **Year 5**

Year 5 have had another busy and exciting half term. Our topic this term has been Pharaohs and we have been using Ancient Egypt as a focus for our learning. In English we have been reading Emma Carroll's brilliant story "Secrets of a Sun King" as an inspiration for our narrative writing. We debated the existence of spontaneous human combustion and wrote a persuasive argument to support or refute the existence of this phenomenon. As part of our research, we even lit a small fire in the yard using flint and steel! We have also written a diary entry for our main character and written a play script. Our Maths work this half term has been focussed on area, perimeter and multiplication. We are so proud that we have mastered how to calculate long multiplication problems. Our Geography work has focussed on Egypt and we have been locating Egypt on a map and looking at the human and physical

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features of this wonderful country. In Art we looked at why and how the Ancient Egyptians used death masks to ensure a deceased pharaoh's safe passage into the after-life and made our own death masks. We have thoroughly enjoyed this topic but the fun and learning about Ancient Egypt hasn't stopped yet as we are going to see the Horrible Histories Ancient Egyptians theatre roadshow at the Darlington Hippodrome on 20<sup>th</sup> June!!!

## **Year 6**

Year 6 have been working extremely hard preparing for their end of Key Stage 2 SAT's. We are extremely proud of every single one of them. They are all trying their best. We have been fun too with our topic Galloy Rebels – why not pop into Year 6 to see some of our excellent art work.

## **The Hub**

This half term the children in The Hub have been learning about paws, claws and whiskers. They have found out about different animal groups and where different animals come from. They have been learning about the different continents and are able to name them in order of size. They then used atlases to find out where different animals live. The children have enjoyed partaking in large scale art activities creating their own big cats, they studied animal patterns and created their own. They even designed their own pets which were half one animal and half another, they showed real imagination with their ideas.

In English the children have been reading fables about animals and understanding that each fable has a message. They learnt the fable of how rabbit got his ears and created their own story based on this about how snake got his slither. They have been working on recognising their common exception words and using them in sentences.

In Maths, the children have been concentrating on recognising money, counting out set amounts and adding coins to make a total. They have used coins to pay for items in the class shop. We have also been practising our 1:1 counting and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's along with their times tables facts.

## **PE**

Some boys from Y3 and Y4 attended the MFC football cup held at Eston. The boys showed an excellent attitude throughout the competition and were extremely unlucky not to win more games than they did. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their group competing well against all the teams they came up against.

Our Year 5 boys' swimming team had a night to remember at Billingham Forum in the Stockton Swimming Finals. The boys were there until 9.00pm competing in many races throughout the night and managed to walk away with a host of medals around their necks and a trophy to show for their efforts!!!! The boys will now go on to represent the school at the Tees Valley Finals at the Dolphin Centre in April. A huge well done to our swimmers.

## **School Council**

The school council had a huge impact when organising Comic Relief. They had many ideas, which were utilized and enjoyed around school. One very successful idea was a comedy sketch, performed by children in each classroom. The children also helped to organise a class bake sale, which helped to raise lots of money for charity.

The school councillors have continued to play an enormous role organising and carrying out school tuck shop every Thursday. They have raised lots of money for school, some of which will be reinvested into school resources, including new reading books for each year group.

Next term, the children will be discussing and carrying out their legacy project.

## Future Dates



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 19

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 19

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 19

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 19

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 19

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 19

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 19

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 19

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June 19

Y4 trip to York

Easter holidays

Children return to school after Easter

SAT's week

Class Photographs

Y1 family assembly

May half term holiday

PD Day

Children return for Summer 2

Y1 Phonics test week



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