

# Myton Park Primary School

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## **Class News**

### **Nursery**

*This half term we have been learning about the seaside – we have non-fiction books to find out about creatures that live in the sea and talked about what we do when we go to the beach. We have made boats and talked about suitable materials for floating and tested them in our water tray.*

*We will be bringing the beach to Myton after half term and children will be able to come to nursery dressed for a day at the beach.*

*We have made a link with a local care home and the children will be working on a range of activities e.g. technology, sharing stories, singing nursery rhymes, talking and listening to residents.*

*We continue to work on our Read Write Inc phonics with an emphasis on hearing sounds, recognising letters and blending simple words as well as reading simple sentences.*

*Many thanks for your continued support at home.*

### **Reception**

*This term we have been learning all about rock pools. We made our own rock pools in a jar that were full of shells, stones, sand and some surprises. We have enjoyed lots of seaside and under the sea stories such as “Commotion in the Ocean”, “At the Beach” and “The lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch”. We have been deep sea divers and created fact files about some of the creatures we may see. We have created new baskets to help transport the lighthouse keeper’s lunch without the seagulls getting it. We have enjoyed using our ice cream shop in the role play area and making tally charts for our favourite flavours. We have learned all about pirates and made some treasure maps. Then we made our own pirate adventure story and acted it out in the outdoor area. We have had a very busy and exciting half term and we are looking forward to the next one.*

### **Year 1**

*Year 1 have had a very enjoyable half term with many exciting activities. Firstly, we have been practising for our “Dinosaur Assembly” and visited Eaglescliffe Forest School to enhance our topic “Enchanted Woodland”. We built dens and bird’s nests, made fairy houses, toasted marshmallows and observed the wildlife.*

*In Maths, we have been multiplying, doubling, halving and counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. In English we wrote a recount, a letter to Mr Fox and learned all about how to write instructions and in Science we have enjoyed learning all about wildlife in the woodland. In Art and DT we have sketched woodland animals and flowers and made woodland crowns using materials collected on our trip. Finally the children have worked extremely hard with their reading and phonics in order to pass their phonics test in June.*

*Thank you for your continuous support. We are now looking forward to the last half term.*

### **Year 2**

*Year 2 have had another exciting half term. We have been working very hard on our arithmetic and reasoning skills in maths and have become more confident every day. We have focused on inference and prediction skills in reading and we are enjoying reading a wider variety of books. We have been writing letters in English where we have focused on using higher level vocabulary to make our writing interesting for the reader. We have enjoyed working with our gardening volunteers. Our most exciting day was the visit to the leisure centre building site! We visited the site offices, looked at the plans, got to wear a hard hat and high visibility vests and walked around the site. We were asked to sign our names on the steel frame and we are so pleased to know that our names will be inside the building for as long as it stands.*

Finally we have finished our special assessments and Mrs Lawson, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Crowther are so proud of the excellent attitude to learning that we have demonstrated all year. We love to challenge ourselves and we always support each other. Thank you for your continued support, it is really appreciated.

### **Year 3**

This half term we have been learning about food and nutrition. We have studied the impact of vitamin C on our bodies as well as completing a non-chronological report about James Lind's discovery of a scurvy cure. We have also examined different dietary requirements including vegetarianism and veganism.

As part of our English, we have really enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have completed lots of activities based on the story including writing to inform, describe and argue.

In Maths, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions, as well as equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts using models.

In Science, we have focussed on the human body linked to nutrition and diet. We are about to start our studies of animals and their dietary requirements.

### **Year 4**

Open wide – let's look inside! We have been on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside our bodies. We have carried out a lot of investigations and research about our teeth and digestive systems. We have produced fantastic fact files explaining how we look after our teeth and the effects sugary drinks have on them. We have written a fantasy story, where our character has been shrunk and eaten, describing their voyage through the human digestive system. We have been very fortunate to have had a scientist come in and help us with an experiment looking at the different types of bacteria that live and grow on our hands. As you can imagine we had some very interesting results! We also learnt about the different organs that make up the digestive system and how they all work together. With a focus on STEM, we have designed, packaged, created and enjoyed making our own healthy smoothies. We are currently manufacturing our very own marble runs (thank you very much for all of the cardboard). Look forward to enjoying them at home when they are finished. In maths we have developed our understanding of fractions and decimals learning what a tenth and a hundredth are and how they can make a whole number. We are looking forward to our last topic in year 4 ☺ 'Road trip USA'. As ever, if you have any questions please ask a member of the year 4 team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Team

### **Year 5**

It has been another busy half term in Year 5. Our topic this half term has been Time Traveller, and our focus has been thinking about changes that have happened during living memory. In English, we have written an extended biography about the lives of one of our grandparents. The children have all produced a wonderful piece of independent writing; we hope you enjoyed reading the copy we sent home. We have also written an explanation report, explaining the life cycle of an amphibian. We have just started planning our fantasy story based on the novel Tom's Midnight Garden. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions and improving our problem solving skills. In Science, we have been looking at the life process of reproduction – we were amazed to learn that the gestation period of a whale is 330 days, compared to only 21 days for a gerbil!!!! On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May we attended the annual Year 5 cricket tournament at Maltby Cricket Ground. All of our three teams played with excellent sportsmanship. Our mixed boys and girls team played so well that they won all of their games and were the winners of their league!!

It is hard to believe that we only have one term left in year 5.

### **Year 6**

We are so proud of our Year 6 children! They have approached their SAT's tests with amazing attitudes, tried their best and had fun!! Thank you for all your support at home.

We have loved our topic Tomorrow's World. It is intriguing to see how technology has developed so quickly and exciting to explore what the future may bring. We are preparing for a world that we don't even know exists!!

### **The Hub**

The children in the Hub have been learning about 'The Enchanted woodland'. They have explored the local environment and observed seasonal changes. They have been learning about different trees and found out the difference between evergreen and deciduous. They then spotted these on a walk around

the local area, looking at the shapes of leaves and trying to name them. The children particularly enjoyed their artwork making observational drawings of a blossom tree, they worked hard to improve and made several drafts before adding colour by painting them.

The children also had a special visitor, 'Mr Fox' who told them all about his habitat and his friends who live in the woodland. The children thought of their own questions to ask him using the question word hand. Mr Fox then sent the children a letter to say thank you and the children worked hard to compose their own letter in reply. Mr Fox was very grateful.

In science, the children have been learning about common British trees and plants, they have found out the different parts of a plant and what their purpose is. They enjoyed exploring fruit and vegetables and predicting where they grow on a plant. They were surprised to find out that we can eat every part of a plant from the roots to the petals and can now name which fruits and vegetables grow on the different parts.

As part of our work on 'The Enchanted Woodland' the children have been on a trip to Eaglescliffe forest school where they had an amazing time exploring the woodland!

### **School Council**

School council this half term have been thinking about ideas to improve wet playtimes. They have decided that each class from Reception to Year 6 will receive £50 (from tuck shop profits) to spend on wet playtime resources. The children have fed this back to their classes who are in the process of deciding what they would like to spend the money on. The school councillor will then take on the responsibility of making sure these new resources are looked after and used appropriately.

Next half term they will be thinking about the legacy they will leave behind. Previous years legacy have been recycling bins, time capsule and the introduction of the tuck shop. If you have any ideas that you would like to share please speak to your class councillors. Remember to use the school council post box to share your thoughts and ideas. The school councillors' love reading them and feeding your ideas back

### **PE and Sport**

The whole of Year 5 represented the school at the cluster cricket competition. The class were split into three teams of 10 and competed against a range of other schools. Each team performed extremely well, showcasing the skills they had learnt in their PE lessons. Team 1 managed to reach the final, narrowly missing out on the winner's trophy.

Myton's netballers will soon be competing in their first after school match in the netball league. They are really looking forward to it and we wish them the best of luck.

The summer term is always a busy one for sport and we have lots planned to look forward to. There will be many more events, health and fitness week and of course sports day!! We hope you are practising for the hotly contested parents' race this year!!!

### **Uniform**

Please may I remind parents, that unless you have an agreement with school on medical grounds, the children should be coming into school in proper shoes and not trainers? It is important that standards are maintained, as this really does help to impact on behaviour. If you have any difficulties, then please do make contact with the class teacher.

It is also important that all nail varnish is removed for school and any temporary tattoos. We have a no make-up policy and we would appreciate it if this was respected.

It is also important that ear-rings are removed for PE please.

### **Car Park**

I have had several contacts from parents and grandparents over the last couple of weeks, expressing concern over the speed at which a small minority of people are driving in the car park. It is essential that people take the very best of care in the car park and around school. As a community and school family, it is essential that we look after each and every child as if they were our own. That way, we can all know they are given the best possible care.

## Curriculum

Our children always engage well in learning and they have really embraced the new topics this year. I have really enjoyed seeing their enthusiasm, sharing the extra work they have done at home and listening to the delight they show in what they do. They are always so eager to show me what they are doing. We continue to focus on encouraging the children to take a real pride in what they do and to focus on excellent presentation.

It is good to see the focus moving forward with OFSTED on children having a broad and balanced curriculum to enjoy. We are working very hard as a staff to ensure that we continue to build on the enjoyment our children experience in their learning and to develop their skills as learners. Our training day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June will be focused on our curriculum intent, which is all based on our strapline of Nurture, Inspire, Achieve.

## Future Dates



27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 19	May half term holidays
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 19	PD Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Children return to school after half term holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Grandparents Afternoon @ 1.30pm (Reception to Year 6)
20 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Y5 trip to Darlington Hippodrome
20 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Y4 family assembly @ 2.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Summer Fayre 3.00pm– 5.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June 19	Y3 family assembly @ 2.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Y2 family assembly @ 2.45pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July – 12 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Health and Fitness Week
10 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Family picnic at 12 noon followed by sports day @ 1.30pm (Reception to Year 6)
15 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Open Afternoon 3.00pm – 6.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Nursery sports day 10.30am and 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Y1 family assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July 19	Nursery and Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 19	Y6 leavers assembly @ 10.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 19	Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 19	Last day of term
<b>Academic Year 19–20</b>	
02.09.19 and 03.09.19	PD Days
04.09.19	Children return to school after summer holiday
17.07.20	Last day of term
20.07.20	PD Day