

Myton Park Primary School

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It has been a busy start to the school year and all our work has centred round our school ethos of "Together we, nurture, inspire, achieve."

This is built around our priorities of making children feel valued and cared for, as they are nurtured to be confident learners and use their voice to make sure they are heard and are thriving.

The inspire comes from our wish for them all to reach their full potential and the success is them reaching their own personal milestones in all areas of school life.

As you know we value the contribution all parents and carers make to their child's school journey and we really do appreciate the support you offer us as a school. The turnout at parents' evening is always strong, illustrating the importance to you of your child's education.

In order to make sure that the children make as much progress as possible, please do make sure that you continue to support their learning by reading with them at least 4 times a week, spending time on their spelling and maths; learning times tables and practising recall. These are all essential skills and will help to make a real difference to your child.

Your help in embedding a good attitude to learning makes such a difference to the children now, and their future outcomes.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with the high standards in uniform – but please can we be aware of the need to maintain this? The children being smart and ready for school has such an impact upon behaviour and attitudes in school.

Please can you make sure that there is no nail varnish or make up of any sort in school please in support of our policy?

Respect

We have done a great deal of work this half term on respect in school. Respect for ourselves and making sure that we are working hard, making sure that others are kind to us so mutual respect permeates the school family.

We have also done a great deal of work around respect in the dining hall; keeping the noise down and appreciating the meals we are given. It is always a difficult balance in maintaining lunchtime being a lovely social time with friends, as it should be, but respecting the noise levels so everyone can enjoy lunch. The children are responding in a mature way and I hope that this will continue through the year.

Attendance

Attendance is generally strong, but we are concerned by the increase in the numbers of holidays taken. Please do remember that any time lost in school does have a negative impact on their work in school and it can be difficult for some children to catch up. Please do consider this as you make arrangements.

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Class News

The Hub

This half term the children have been learning about 'Beachcombers'. They have explored a range of seaside objects, named, described and sorted them. They commented on how much they smelt of the seaside. They have enjoyed being creative and making their own beach hut art. They have worked on making sketches of sea creatures, adding detail and then using this to create clay models.

In science, the children have worked on learning about seaside habitats and micro-habitats. They have experimented to find out the difference between seawater and tap water and found that seawater evaporates slower and leaves salt crystals behind. They have been thinking about what happens to rubbish when it enters the sea and are investigating which materials break up (are degradable) in seawater.

Some of the children from The Hub also attended the residential at Castle Howard. They had an amazing time learning bush crafts and exploring the outdoor. They all really enjoyed camping out and having hot chocolate around the campfire.

Nursery

We have welcomed lots of new children into nursery this half term who are all settling into our routine. May we remind parents that nursery staff are always available at the beginning and end of each session to share any concerns or questions you may have.

This half term we have been reading and retelling traditional tales. We enjoyed making houses for the three pigs both in and outdoors and talked about materials used for building.

The children enjoyed decorating old shoes to sell in our role play shop. In key worker groups we have talked about friends and what makes a good friend and related this to the story of the Little Red Hen.

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic, fun productive start to the year. "Will you read me a story?" has been a lovely topic to begin the new academic year. The children have listened to cherished, traditional tales and have been introduced to new tales, some with a modern twist.

We have been focusing on our letter and number formation and hearing the sounds in our words. We are continuing our Read, Write, Inc. sessions and taking part in individual and guided reading activities on Fridays. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers to 20, recognising, ordering and one more/less. In our classroom areas we have been acting out our fairytale stories, practising our cutting and fine motor skills, manipulating playdough and playing with the fairytale castle.

We have been on an autumn walk, looking at the changes in the environment and spotting signs of autumn. Reception are now looking forward to our next topic which is all about snow and the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you for all your support this half term.

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Year 1

The children have settled really well in to Year 1. They have been working hard and have adapted well to their new routines. Our first topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' has led to lots of fantastic learning and activities. The children really enjoyed when the police dogs came to visit and were great at asking questions about the dogs and their job in the police force. In English the children have been practising their sentence writing and have written their own instructions, rhyming poems and their own 'Just So' story. In Maths the children have been working on their number skills and have begun to answer different types of questions including reasoning and problem solving. These skills will provide a good foundation for their future maths learning in Year 1 and beyond. The children are continuing their phonics learning by taking part in regular Read, Write Inc. sessions. We are now asking children to ensure they are using the sounds they know confidently in their reading and writing. Please also ask the children about their other Year 1 learning including the continents of the world, singing animal songs, talking about being a good friend and E-Safety. Next term our topic will be 'Moon Zoom'. We are all looking forward to seeing where our learning journey goes. Thank you for your continued support.

Year2

We have had a fantastic first half term in Year 2 and are settled into our new routines. We have loved our Beachcomber topic particularly our visit to Teesmouth Field Centre and North Gare. We have learnt so much about the UK coast and the plants and animals that live there. We have also enjoyed our science topic, Living Things and their Habitats. We explored our school grounds for microhabitats and then learnt about different world habitats too. Our habitat dioramas are fantastic!!!

In Maths we have been focussing on number and place value and now we are beginning to learn more about addition and subtraction. We are using lots of equipment and drawings to help us challenge ourselves every day.

Thank you for your continued support with homework. It really does make a difference when the children are reading at home.

Year3

The children have settled really well into year 3 and adjusted positively to key stage 2.

In English, the children have completed two units: one on recounts, examining their summer holidays using features including past tense verbs, time connectives and chronologies. They have also studied writing to instruct, creating a set of instructions for making a jam sandwich, a cup of tea and fairy cakes. We identified, and then used imperative verbs, adverbs and time connectives when completing this writing. Currently, as part of our Mighty Metals topic, we are reading Ted Hughes' Iron Man. We have completed a piece of creative writing based on the first chapter and are currently writing a letter to the Iron Man as one of the main characters in the story, Hogarth.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value. We have used visual representations including counters and base 10 to identify numbers. We have also written numbers as words as part of the year 3 curriculum objectives. Currently, we are learning about addition and subtraction.

In Science, we have been learning about magnets, examining pushes and pulls, carrying out a variety of experiments.

This half term, our topic is Mighty Metals. As part of a DT project, we have designed and made our own robots using a variety of materials, including cardboard, steel and plastic.

The children have also begun their swimming lesson and have thoroughly enjoyed the first week's work at Thornaby Pool.

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Year4

We have had an action packed half term. The children have immersed themselves into our topic 'Blue Abyss', where they have investigated what a food chain is and what happens if a link in that food chain is taken away. The class have loved getting to know Jacques Cousteau, writing a biography about his amazing life. Dive, dive, dive – We have been investigating who invented the submarine and how they use water pressure to work. In art, we have designed, created and evaluated 3D model sea creatures. The stand out event of the term came when we embarked on our Year 4 Bushcraft residential. A picturesque little place near Castle Howard was our destination, our theme was survival (the children, not the staff). We tackled each and every task with vigour, determination and huge smiles on our faces, especially when the children had to cook their own food on a fire they made themselves! We couldn't have been prouder of each and every one of the class. The children are looking forward to starting our next topic 'Traders and Raiders', where we will be transported back to 400 AD when Vikings and Anglo Saxons ruled Britain.

Thank you for all of you support

Year 4 team

Year5

What a busy half term we have had in Year 5!! Our topic for learning this half term has been "Scream Machine". This science based topic has provided a great stimulus for learning and has generated some great questions. In Science we have found out about forces that act at a distance and carried out lots of investigations to measure the force of gravity. We even attempted to defy gravity using a cup of water and piece of card. (How could be forget our fantastic trip to Jump 360 to feel the force of gravity first hand!!).

In English we have had a huge focus on the expectations and presentation standards and everyone is working hard to improve their cursive writing. We have written a shape poem, a short narrative incorporating dialogue, a persuasive advert and a setting description. This half term our maths work has focussed on place value and addition and subtraction.

In Computing we have focussed on programming and our Geography work has focussed on the location of theme parks in the UK and around the world.

Everyone has made a super start to year 5; we can't wait to blast off into the next half term topic – Stargazers!!!

Year6

Year 6 have had an excellent first half term. We have had so many exciting enriching activities to enhance our learning and to give a broad and balanced curriculum. We have attended crucial crew and the outdoor adventure centre, Robin Wood.

As part of our topic, Bloodheart, we worked with a local secondary teacher to dissect hearts to help learn about the circulatory system.

In PE we have had lots of fun with our new Box2BeFit equipment. We are taking part in lots of sporting competitions including tag rugby and football.

Sporting events

This term our runners took to the field in this year's cross country competition. Despite the mud and wind everyone in Key Stage 2 completed the course, with 11 children managing to reach the Stockton finals at Preston Park. Well done to all our children running in very tricky conditions and all doing excellently. Year 6 have recently completed in the cluster tag rugby competition showing off the skills they have learnt in Year 6 over the past couple of years. All 3 tag rugby teams performed really well and showed an excellent sporting attitude throughout the afternoon.

Year 3 took part in a tag rugby workshop at Conyers. They had lots of fun and learnt the basic skills and rules of tag rugby which has helped them in PE this term. Our girls' football team competed in the cluster competition at All Saints. They all had a fun afternoon showcasing their football skills whilst showing a great sporting attitude.

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School Council

This half term we held elections to establish a new school council. Well done to everybody who participated. The children used a real voting booth and box to elect school councillors within their year group, and enjoyed canvassing for votes. We have held our first school council meeting to discuss a variety of topics including: roles within school council, their responsibilities and generated ideas for discussion topics in class this year. School council have asked children to think about ways to enhance our school. Please remember to share your ideas with them or post them in the school council letterbox. We look forward to hearing your ideas.



Future Dates

28th October 19 – 1st November 19

4th November 19

22nd November 19

22nd November 19

25th November 19

30th November 19

4th December 19

10th December 19

11th December 19

12th December 19

13th December 19

16th December 19

16th December 19

17th December 19

18th December 19

18th December 19

18th December 19

19th December 19

23rd December 19 – 5th January 20

6th January 20

October half term week

PD Day

Y5/Y6 trip to Billingham Forum to see "Joseph"

Non uniform day

Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 6

Christmas Fayre 10.00am – 12.30pm

Nursery and Reception trip to Wynyard Hall

Y1/Y2/Y3 Christmas Performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Christingle service at St Francis Church at 2.00pm

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Nursery and Reception Crib Service at 2.00pm

Nursery and Reception Crib Service at 10.30am

Y1/Y2/Y3 Christmas Party

Y1 to Y6 trip to pantomime at The Arc

Christmas Lunch – Reception to Year 6

Nursery and Reception Christmas Party

Carols in the playground at 3.00pm

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party

Christmas Holidays

Children return to school

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