



Welcome to our **Spring** Learning Newsletter.
Check out some of the BRILLIANT learning from this half term!
We are extremely proud of all of our BRILLIANT learners.
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Early Years - Nursery

What a fun filled and busy term it has been in Nursery! We have been so lucky to have some very special visitors. We received seven eggs in an incubator and were thrilled to watch as all seven hatched into the most beautiful, fuzzy chicks. The children have been so kind and caring and they have enjoyed cuddling them and showering them with love and kindness. The chicks really enjoyed meeting all the parents and carers who came to our Come and Play too.

We would like to say a special thank you to our amazing PTA for funding the chicks. They truly are a special part of our year and one that creates memories that the children have with them for a long time.





Early Years – Reception

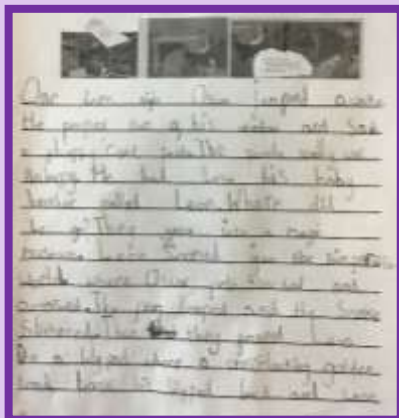
Reception have been thinking about how special our world is in R.E. We used viewfinders to make snapshots of what we saw around us. We have also been taking a responsible role in looking after our world by planting (sunflowers & potatoes) and caring for plants and our local environment. In geography we have been exploring spaces around our school such as the Margaret Ashton mural. We enjoyed world book day which also kicked off our new Secret Readers! We've had lots of surprise guests and look forward to who will be popping up next term! One of the highlights this term has been design technology. Children have been bringing in their recycling to use for our boats project. They have been so creative and have designed and created cruise ships to speed boats. How can we not end by saying how amazing it was to see the hen's eggs crack and see how fast the baby chicks grow!





Year 1

This half term in English, we have been reading the book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' and used this as a stimulus for writing missing posters and class poems. The children then planned and wrote their own version of the story where a different creature goes missing in a museum that comes to life! We have been focusing on using past tense verbs with -ed endings, and to join words and clauses, and using exclamation marks and question marks.



In science, we have continued to use our 'Stem In A Box' kits to investigate what things are made of. We have learnt about properties of different types of materials. As part of learning about the seasons across the whole year, we also learnt about changes that take place in Spring and went for a walk to look for any signs of the new season on our school field.



In maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction using 'first, then, now' stories. The children have listened to and created their own number stories, and explored problem solving with a missing number.





Year 2

The children in Year 2 have worked so hard this half-term. Some of the topics we have covered have been multiplication and division in maths, and animals (including humans) in science. We also had World Book Day where the children dressed up as their favourite book characters we have had visits from Secret Storytellers (which we have loved) In English, we have been reading Major Glad, Major Dizzy. We imagined we were one of the characters who lived during World War 2. We wrote a diary entry as Major Glad or Major Dizzy. They edited and published their work.

In geography we have learned all about The Lake District. We also went on a trip to Windermere and went on a boat to Brockholes. We compared The Lake District to life at home and begun to develop our understanding of the UK's physical features.

In design technology this half term Year 2 have made Ferris Wheels. They have all shown great resilience skills and courage when trying out different techniques.



Year 3

Our Ancient Egyptian topic saw the children transform into powerful Pharaohs and explore the mysteries of the past during our exciting trip to the local museum. Back in the classroom, history met creativity as we crafted our own modern takes on ancient scrolls, filling them with wonderful stories drawn in the traditional Egyptian style.



Shifting our focus to the natural world, we've also dived into the life of the magnificent Big Blue Whale. The children have become expert researchers, to produce some truly fantastic non-fiction texts. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and curiosity the students have shown this term—well done, Year 3!





Year 4

Year 4 have had a BRILLIANT half term, full of lots of learning - and lots of fun, too! In D.T, our topic has been Structures and we learnt about different types of pavilions. We then planned our own pavilions and used a variety of materials such as art straws, spaghetti, marshmallows, blu-tack and masking tape to build them! Our final step was to make cladding using numerous techniques, such as weaving, to ensure our structures were strong and stable. Here are some examples of the pavilions we have made:



In science, we have learnt all about the ear and how we hear. We learnt about how sounds are vibrations and we carried out numerous experiments to explore pitch and volume. Additionally, we celebrated STEM week and learnt all about the brilliant scientist, Barbara Burford.



This half term, we have also had a great time celebrating reading and World Book Day! We had a really engaging workshop where we acted out scenes from different stories, we enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters and we spoke lots together about all the stories that we love.





Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy Spring term with plenty of hands-on learning. In Science, we've been exploring the wonders of space, which included a fantastic trip to the Jodrell Bank observatory to see the telescopes in person. In D&T, we learnt about recipe development, where the children cooked a delicious vegetarian bolognese in the cookery room. Meanwhile, in English, we have been studying some brilliant books, *The Darkest Dark* and *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. The class particularly enjoyed using drama to act out key scenes, which really helped bring the characters and stories to life.





Year 6

History: Year 6 are working on their history topic of Conflict and Resolution. We are lucky enough to have the original log books in school from 1904 when Cavendish first opened. These tell us all about what Cavendish children were doing a long time ago. They are a great way for the children to find out about what was happening in the country by looking at what was recorded locally. Although the children aren't allowed to handle the books, they love hearing extracts from them. Can you believe attendance is still commented on weekly 120 years later! There are lots more exciting discoveries to come.



Science: Year 6 recently had an exciting Electricity Day with Catalyst Science Centre, where they became young scientists! The day began with a collaborative "human circuit" demonstration to visualise how energy flows before moving on to hands-on investigations. They explored how electricity works by building complete circuits and experimenting with various types of switches. The children also delved into the history of electricity, researching famous scientists whose discoveries illuminated our understanding of this powerful force.

