



Welcome to our **Summer Term** Learning Newsletter.
Check out some of the BRILLIANT learning from this term!
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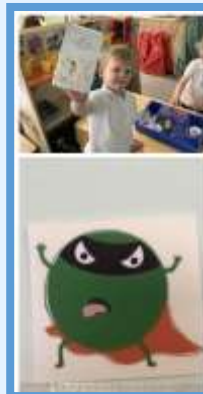


Early Years - Nursery

What a busy final half term we have had in Nursery! The children have really enjoyed the Literacy texts and the enhanced activities supporting 'Supertato' and 'Lubna and Pebble'. A highlight for Supertato was definitely the mischievous antics Evil Pea was getting up to in our classrooms and the posters and letters the children were writing to him! We were delighted with how enthusiastically the children were wanting to mark make and the progress they have made in their early writing skills.

This half term we have also been focusing on the children's transition for next year. We have read stories to support with this, discussed new school visits and shared our thoughts and feelings about this next step together. The children going to Cavendish reception class have also had numerous sessions after school in their new environments. Thank you to all the parents who attended these.

We have finished the year with a brilliant Nursery Leavers Show and Party Day to celebrate what a fantastic start they have had to their future learning journey. 😊





Early Years – Reception

What a warm and fun summer term we have had. We had a visit from the Cat Clinic in Didsbury who spoke to us about the role of a vet and caring for animals. We've had the pleasure of lots of secret readers! We enjoyed a fun school trip to Chester Zoo, celebrated the end of reception with our end of year show and ended the term with a fabulous sports day!



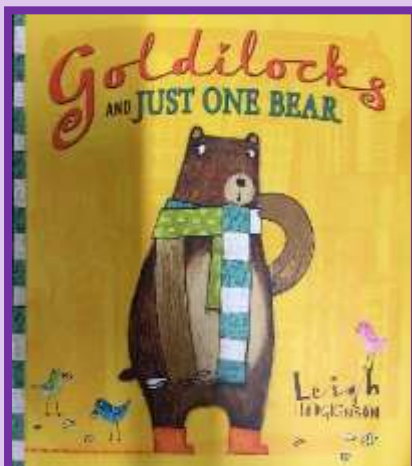
Enjoying water play in the heat, in history we have been interviewing our grandparents and looking at toys from the past.

We enjoyed a trip to the park to look for signs of summer.





Year 1



In English, we have been reading Goldilocks and Just One Bear. The children have explored the story and developed their writing by learning about proper nouns, using 'and', writing simple descriptions, and using question marks and exclamation marks correctly.

In Science, our big question has been "What is alive?" The children have recognised and named common plants and flowers found in our local area and explore their similarities and difference. The children were very excited when growing their own beanstalks and observed how plants change over time.



In Art, we have been inspired by a piece of art by Cecilia Vicuna. The children have worked on their creativity and fine motor skills by exploring plaiting, threading and knotting techniques to create their own artistic pieces.

We are very proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown not only this term, but all year. Well done Year 1!



Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a wonderful final half-term and have continued to work incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum.

In English, the children planned, wrote, edited and published their own stories inspired by our class text, Grandad's Secret Giant. They showed fantastic imagination and creativity, producing some wonderful pieces of writing that they should be very proud of. Maths lessons focused on consolidating key learning through revision, including doubling and halving, division, and revisiting a range of calculation methods to build fluency and confidence.

The children also explored what living things need to survive in Science, learning about plants, how they grow and the conditions they need to thrive. In History, they enjoyed discovering the lives of significant people, particularly local-born Marcus Rashford, whose inspiring achievements both on and off the football pitch captured their interest. Creativity shone through during our DT project, where the children designed and made moving monsters using pulley mechanisms. They demonstrated excellent resilience, problem-solving skills and teamwork as they refined their designs and brought their ideas to life.

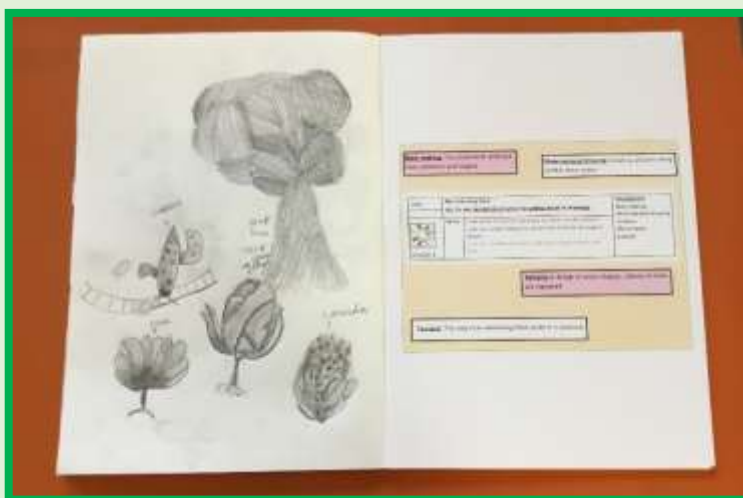
Sports Day was a huge success and, despite the warm weather, the children showed outstanding determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the morning. It has been a fantastic final half-term, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year- Well done Year 2!





Year 3

Year 3 had an absolutely fantastic time on their recent trip to RHS Bridgewater! The children blew us away with their excellent observational drawings of the vibrant plant life, showcasing some incredible artistic eye and attention to detail. Our young explorers also toured the kitchen gardens to discover the wide variety of delicious foods growing fresh from the soil, and marvelled at the range of busy pollinators hard at work among the flowers. To top off a brilliant day of outdoor learning, the children had a wonderful time letting off steam and playing together in the exciting playgrounds. What an excellent round up to all our brilliant learning about Plants in Science this term!



In art the children have been observing objects and practising shading to show texture and tone. The children have been writing a persuasive guide about the Jardin des plantes in Paris. We have really been thinking about our vocabulary and being ambitious with our words.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fun-packed, yet very busy end to the school year and we are all ready for a well-earned break! In geography, we compared two towns and travelled to Llandudno for some field-trip learning, taking a tram up to The Great Orme for amazing views of the surrounding areas. The children represented the school wonderfully, showing lots of responsibility and respect, whilst gathering answers to our geography survey from unsuspecting members of the public!

For science, we have learnt about living things and habitats, looking at classification keys and visiting the school field to research a variety of invertebrates in more detail.

In our final literacy unit of the year, the children have become experts in cave formation, looking in detail about how stalactites and stalagmites are created over thousands of years. One child even visited Blue John Caverns in Derbyshire to look inside the caves for herself!

A huge well done to all the children for making such incredible progress in their weekly swimming sessions too - it's been fantastic to witness their confidence and courage grow week on week - particularly for those children who haven't done much swimming before. It really is such an important skill to have, and can even be lifesaving!

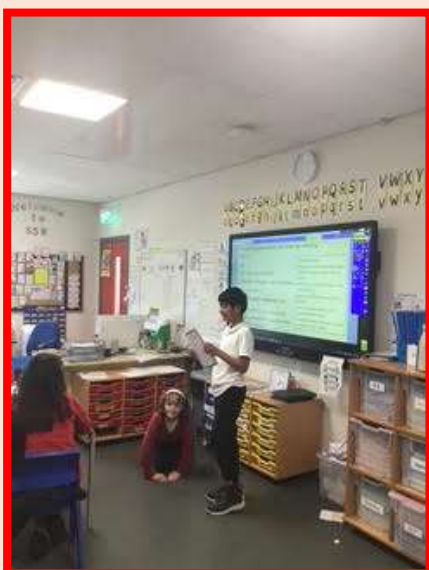
We hope all the children enjoy lots of rest and play over the summer holidays, and wish them all the best for year 5! Year 4 team





Year 5

Year 5 has had a brilliant Summer term! We began with a thrilling visit from a Viking, where we didn't just learn about history—we lived it by taking part in a full-scale battle! The excitement continued in Science with a hands-on workshop dedicated to sorting and testing materials. Back in the classroom, the children turned into environmentalists for English, writing brilliant persuasive letters to champion plastic reduction. In Science, we explored the wonders of living things and their habitats, this included a brilliant afternoon on the field hunting for and identifying different seeds. To top it all off, we've had a wonderful time soaking up the sun on the school field while playing rounders in P.E.





Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed their day out at Peak Wildlife Park after four days of SATs. Having spent the term learning about living things and their habitats, this trip was the perfect opportunity to put their classification skills to the test. From tracking down vertebrates and invertebrates to observing the distinct characteristics of mammals, birds, and reptiles, the children became real-world biologists. Highlights of the day were getting up close and stroking the wallabies, watching the penguins diving, learning about red pandas and seeing the capybara!

