Cavendish Learning Newsletter

Welcome to our **Autumn 1** 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 busy first half term we have had in the Bee Group! In Literacy we have been learning about the story of the Gingerbread Man and enjoyed taking part in Poetry Week. We have been showing off our rhyming skills and played many funny rhyming games. Our favourite is when we make up our own rhyming words to go with our names! In Maths we have been getting to know the numbers 1 and 2 better as well as finding matching objects in our classroom. The children have worked incredibly hard in all areas of our classroom but play dough and the role play are definitely firm favourites! We are immensely proud of how well the Bee Group have done in their first half term in Nursery and we cannot wait to have more fun, learning and laughter as the year goes on!








Early Years – Reception

This half term the children have not only been busy settling into Reception but have already learnt so much. We have been subitising lots in maths and really enjoyed learning about time. In phonics we are segmenting and blending words well and using our phonics skills to help us begin to write independently. In art we have been making marvellous marks and created some great observational drawings and self-portraits. Forest school sessions have commenced and to end the half term we enjoyed a visits from the poet Andy Tooze and Withington fire brigade!

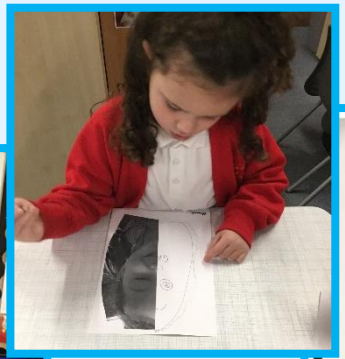






Caterpillars earned their first complement prize - PJ day! We have been reading 'We're going to find a monster' and have been drawing maps to help the children on the adventure! In science we have been learning all about our bodies. We labelled our friend.







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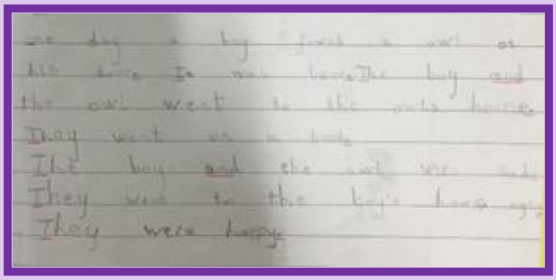
Science: Our Bodies and What They Can Do

Our young scientists have been learning all about the human body and our amazing senses. We've explored how we see, hear, smell, taste and touch the world around us with lots of fun, hands-on investigations! The children enjoyed guessing mystery smells, listening carefully to different sounds and thinking about how each sense helps us every day. We have also been outside on a nature walk around the field to find signs of autumn, all the children loved it!





In English, we've been reading the beautiful story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children loved following the journey of the boy and his penguin friend! We've worked hard on writing our very first stories in Year 1, remembering what every good sentence needs: capital letters at the start, finger spaces between words, full stops at the end. We are so proud of how confident everyone is becoming With their writing!



In Maths, we've been exploring numbers and place value, and when writing numbers making sure they are written the right way around and that we understand what each digit means. The children have also been using part-part-whole models to help with addition and subtraction. Lots of practical activities and games have made learning maths both fun and meaningful!





History: Toys Over Time

Our topic this half term has been "How Toys Have Changed Over Time." We have looked at lots of toys and thought about how different toys do different things. We played with soft toys, moving toys, puzzles, games, outdoor toys, building and making toys and musical toys. By playing with them we could put the toys into different groups based on what they were used for. The children were fascinated to discover what toys looked like in the 1950s and how different they are from the toys we have today — no iPads back then!

Year 2

What a fantastic start to Year 2 we've had! This half term, the children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity.

In English, we stepped into the magical world of Troll Swap, which sparked rich discussions, imaginative drama and some truly wonderful writing. It has been a joy to see their creativity come alive.

In Maths, we've been building firm foundations by exploring the composition of 10, ordering numbers and beginning our journey into calculations within 20. The children have shown great focus and growing confidence in their number work.

Science has had us thinking about how to keep ourselves healthy, with a focus on hygiene. Our 'bread experiment' has certainly captured their interest- ask your child what they've noticed so far!

Geography took us beyond the classroom and into our own city of Manchester. We explored key landmarks and have deepened our understanding of what makes a city special- many children were excited to spot places they recognised.

Finally, our West African drumming workshop has ended our half term on a high. Making music together filled the hall with rhythm, teamwork and huge smiles- an unforgettable experience!'





Year 3

Y3 has had such an exciting half term! As well as getting to grips with their new timetables and their new curriculum we've managed to squeeze in lots of fun experiences!

Spanish workshop: The children have been introduced to a new language in the most spectacular way this half term! They took part in a great workshop that played out real life scenarios such as ordering an ice cream and passport control, all in Spanish! It was a super way to get all of Y3 engaged with this new part of their curriculum.

Drumming workshop: What a brilliant time we had being musical and having lots of fun! The children were able to follow a beat, join in with their own musical rhythm and develop an understanding of West African culture by listening to and joining in on their drums! Super job Y3!

Tart Making: As their children's DT learning about Seasonal food came to a close, they had the opportunity to create their own tart using a range of vegetables. They were so fantastic using the ingredients and following a recipe to make a delicious, healthy dish! We hope you can join in with some more healthy cooking at home Y3

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Year 4

In year 4, we have had a very exciting start to the year packed full of fun learning. The children loved heading out to the beautiful Peak District to continue learning all about rivers in the upper course, and they witnessed the features of a river up close, without getting too wet! On the trip, they showed respect to their river guides and got stuck into all the activities. One parent very kindly delivered a musical drumming workshop to every year 4 class, and the children did a fantastic job repeating the beats back to Ben, drumming with courage and conviction! (Thank you so much for bringing even more musical joy into Cavendish Ben!) In science, the children have been learning about different states of matter, and how water can exist in a solid, liquid and gas. One particular highlight was creating a non-Newtonian fluid from corn flour and water, which sometimes acts like a liquid, and other times acts like a solid! Throughout this half term, the children have shown a huge amount of positivity and a responsibility for their own learning, but they now deserve a very well earned break!









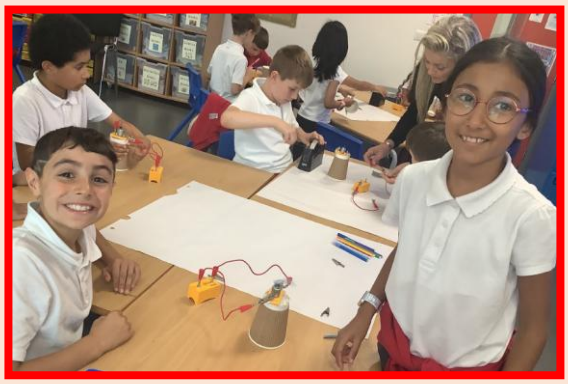


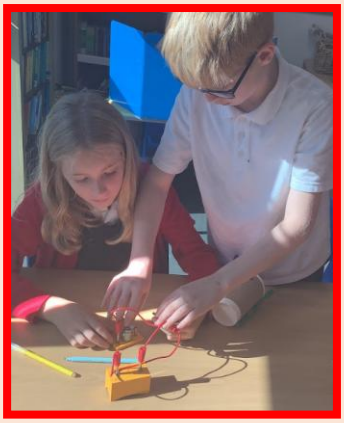


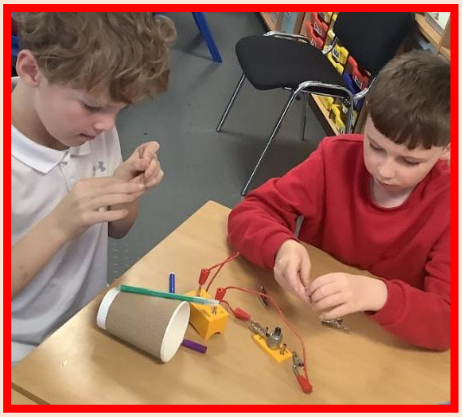
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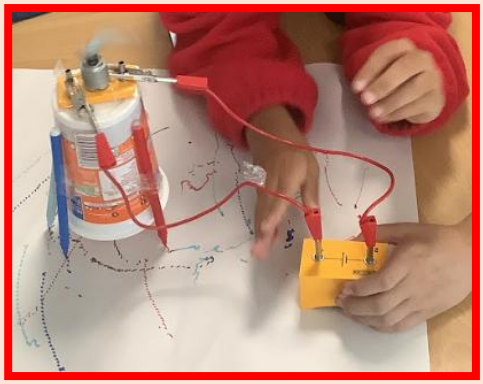
We have been super busy in year 5 this half term and the children have had BRILLIANT learning moments. Some of the highlights involve creating doodlers in design technology, writing and then reading aloud poems as part of Poetry Week and of course the famous 'Egg Drop' as part of learning in science where we investigated how air resistance and gravity work.

















Year 6

As well as our amazing trip to Robinwood, the children have been learning about mixed media in Art and we have created some abstract paintings and learnt how paintings can tell different stories. We have also recreated some of the paintings using drama and freeze frames. And, in Science we created a model of the heart to explore how the beating of the heart pumps blood around the body carrying oxygen and nutrients to keep us healthy.











