



News

Autumn Term
2024



FS2 Fun in the snow

Our FS2 children made the most of the snowy weather last month, venturing up onto Lenny Barn to play in the snow and make snowmen. They had a wonderful time! Playing in the snow is great for developing their gross motor skills, helps them to play alongside each other, all whilst learning and talking about the changing weather and snow.



Children in Need 2024

Thank you to our children and their families for raising well over £1100 for Children in Need, this year. This amount was raised through kind donations and the sponsored events, run in school. As always, the children looked great in their spotty clothes, and a child from each class was awarded with a prize for their super spotty outfit!



PARENTS' EVENING

It was lovely to be able to welcome parents and carers into school, for Parents' Evening. We hope that you enjoyed the evening, too.

YEAR 6 PSHE WORKSHOP



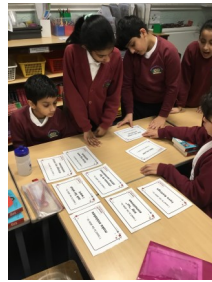
In the first part of the Autumn Term, all children across school were involved in a PSHE learning unit called 'Me and my relationships.' The children learnt about how positive relationships are built on trust and mutual respect. In Year 6, our children had the opportunity to watch a performance called 'Blind Side,' performed by 'Breaking Barriers.' This was a powerful monologue on the topic of violence against women and girls. The children then had some thoughtful discussions around this topic.

Year 1 RE Visitor

The children in Year 1 have been learning about Christianity in their Religious Education lessons, this term. They had lots of questions that they wanted to ask about this religion, so Reverend Anne Gilbert, who is our Chair of Governors, came to talk to the children about her role as a local vicar. She was delighted to answer their questions, and was impressed by their interest and knowledge.



PSHE Workshops



We have changed our PSHE/RHE scheme in school, and are using a new scheme called Coram **SCARF**. **S** is for safety, **C** is for caring, **A** is for achievement, **R** is for resilience and **F** is for friendship. The children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part in workshops led by Rachel, from Coram SCARF. These workshops looked at a range of topics, including their amazing bodies (Y2), the job of the brain (Y3), physical and mental health (Y4) and the dangers of drugs and smoking (Y5). The children met Gerald, the giraffe, too!

Rochdale Family Learning

Some of the children in FS2 have been working with their parents this half term, as part of the Rochdale Family Learning project. They have been taking part in some exciting story sessions, learning about how Phonics is taught at school, and also visited Falinge Park together. At the park, we looked for signs of autumn and winter, found the bandstand and looked for different shapes in the garden areas. We even paid a visit to the duck pond and counted the ducks. Everyone had a super time.



School Booknic



At the start of term, we had a Booknic in school...this is like a picnic, but with books! It was brilliant to have so many of our families coming along to enjoy the event with their child. We had time to enjoy browsing books, completing book puzzles and even chose a book to take home to enjoy.

Forest School



The children in Year 3 have been taking part in Forest School sessions, this term. The wet weather and mud haven't put anyone off the sessions, and everyone has had great fun. The children have been exploring the Spodden Valley, looking for signs of the different creatures and birds who live there. The river has also been an interesting source of learning for the children. Using the litter pickers, they have tried to improve the environment, by collecting litter left on the ground.

Rochdale Foodbank Collection

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of tins, packets and jars of food for the Rochdale Foodbank, earlier this term. The Foodbank was very grateful for all the items sent in by our families. It took two van trips to the Foodbank to take all the donations away! Amazing! The food will help those in need, in the local community.



Communications

Please remember to keep checking your email messages from School Comms, our X page and and the school's website for information about school. We also have a Facebook page now. We post photos and information about things that are happening in school.

If you have problems using School Comms, please contact the school office for some support.



Bollywood Dancing



The children in our FS2 classes have had great fun doing some Bollywood dancing! Using scarves in the air, and moving to the music helps the children to develop their gross motor skills, which then helps to build their muscles for writing in class. Maybe this is something they can try at home, too!

Hebron Church Visits



The children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 visited Hebron Church for a special Nativity Story event. They learnt about the importance of the Nativity Story for Christians. We enjoyed the walk down to the church (luckily we had dry weather!) and had fun taking part in the different activities at the church. Thank you to the people at Hebron for making us so welcome.

Year 1 Geography

The children in Year 1 have been learning about maps. They looked carefully at their classroom layouts, then worked together to make their own maps of the classroom using different resources. It was great fun working together!



SANTA STORY TIME

Lots of children and their parents/carers took part in our Father Christmas Story time this year. Father Christmas read 'Twas the night before Christmas' to the children, and the Hall was silent! Thank you to Father Christmas, and to everyone who took part in this special event.



TT ROCKSTARS



Spotland Primary won the TT Rockstars competition this year! Well done to everyone who took part. A special mention goes to Abdul 6W, who was the top rocker across all the schools taking part. A super achievement!

Good bye and good luck!

Two members of Spotland staff are moving on at the end of this term, Miss Scanlon FS2 and Mr Johnson FS2J. We would like to thank them for their hard work, and wish them luck for their next adventures. We shall miss you!

Christmas Holidays!

We hope everyone has a safe, and happy, Christmas holiday. We shall see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025, at the start of the new school term. Breakfast Club will be open from this date, too, at 8am. Please ensure that your child arrives, on time, for the start of the school day, which starts at 8.30am. The children can arrive from 8.20am.

