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Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 23/05/22

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you back in our school again for the book look sessions last half term. I hope you enjoyed looking at all of their fabulous work and the progress they have made in their exercise books. We received some amazing feedback from the questionnaires which you completed:

Here at Denbigh:

- Almost everyone felt that their child was happy and safe at our school
- Almost all felt that the school meets their child's particular needs and that the school supported their child's development
- Most parents felt like the school has high expectations for their child and that their child does well at school

Although we are an outstanding school, we pride ourselves on continually looking to find ways to improve. It has been identified that some parents would like targets and plans shared directly with them, rather than on our school website. We have already started to share this information for some of our year groups and will continue to do so across the other year groups in school.

Thank you all for your support with our recent change of catering supplier. Please continue to order meals through the **APPETITE** App as detailed in recent communications. If your child is absent, please remember to cancel their meals prior to the 8:55am deadline.

Thank you all for your continued support for our school.

Dr Louise Guthrie
Head Teacher



In nursery we have been exploring the traditional tale The three little pigs. We built houses from blocks and Lego, explored different materials and used Makaton to retell the story. This week's detective story mystery was... where are the missing pigs? After looking at clues and after speaking to The Big Bad Wolf we solved the mystery and helped Mr wolf to make things better (the children suggested he should go shopping or to the chippe instead).



In full time nursery they have spent lots of time outdoors! We have decorated stones to hide around the garden for our friends to find, made some bird feeders and placed them on the trees, demonstrated our balancing skills whilst riding around the track on a range of bikes, practised our self help skills whilst we dressed up and had our music lesson outdoors. The children loved being outside and exploring our opal play equipment.



Reception were exploring the theme 'Loneliness' as part of Mental Health Week and listened to a beautiful story called 'The Visitor' by Antje Damm. The story was about a lady who lived by herself and was very lonely until a paper plane accidentally flew into her window! The plane was made by a little boy and when he went to collect it, he began talking to the lady and befriending her. We spoke about how we could help others if they were feeling lonely by visiting them, talking to them, giving them cuddles etc. We then made our own paper planes with lovely messages to send to our friends.



Year 1 have loved using our new play equipment on the field for play time and lunch time. We are adventurous, brave and resilient.



THIEVES!!! In Year 2 Dinosaurs, the latest instalment in our mystery book had the boy's unguarded treasures (specks) being stolen. We were shocked to see this chaos that met us yesterday morning with our own specks missing!!! We duly completed crime scene reports detailing the incident and listing potential suspects and their motives. Today, just like the boy in the story, we made guardians to help protect our specks from further danger. We are sure they'll be safe now.



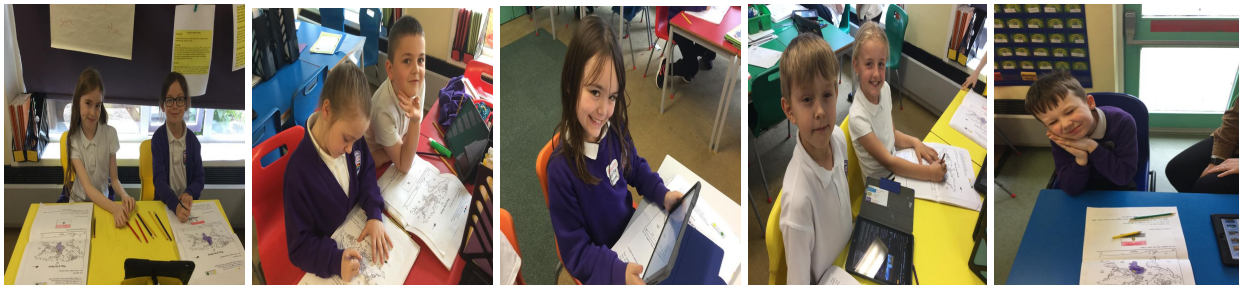
To end our computing week, Year 2 Dragons created fire scenes from The Great Fire of London. We drew them ourselves and created short animation films of people fleeing the scene to get away from the fire.



Year 3 Lizards became actors and actresses on Friday! We used our WAGOLL of an adventure story and worked with a partner to act out a paragraph. This helped us to realise you don't always have to tell how someone is feeling in writing, you can show it!



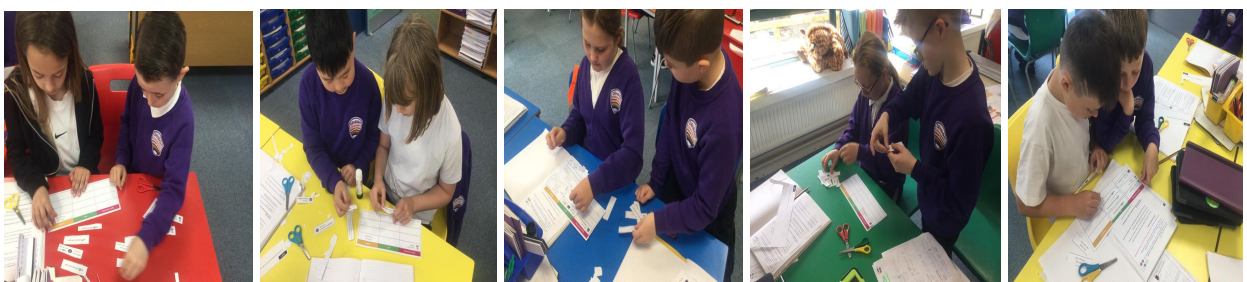
Year 3 Turtles had a fantastic afternoon exploring our new topic and finding out about the Ancient Egyptians.



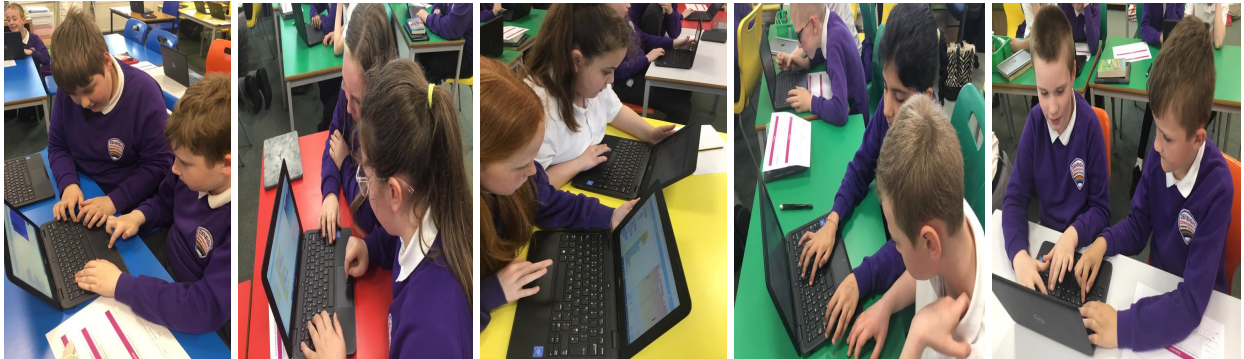
Year 4 Elephants had another brilliant session with NUFC last week. They tried out a brand new game and really needed to use their teamwork and communication skills to win.



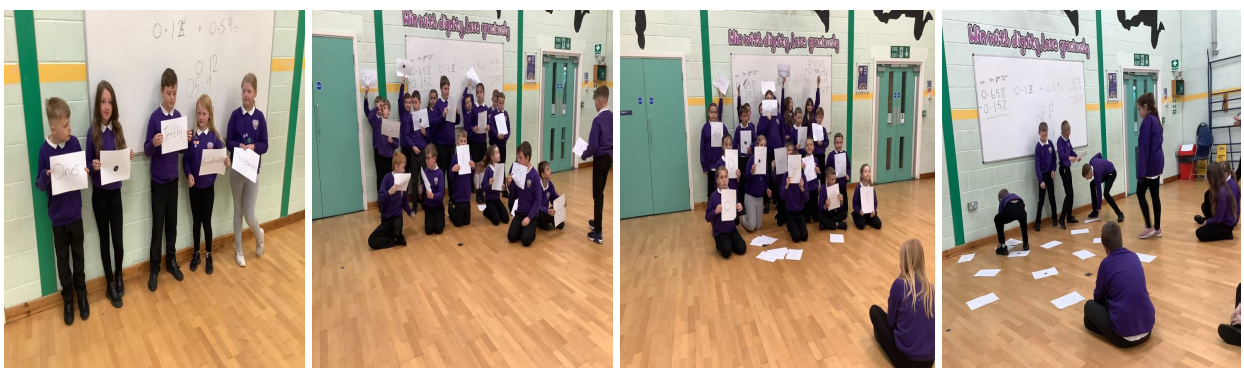
Year 4 Giraffes have continued to develop their SPaG skills this week to help with their Talk for Writing unit. We have been thinking about apostrophes and how we use them in our writing to show possession and contractions. We created a rule mat to follow and then used this to rewrite sentences correctly.



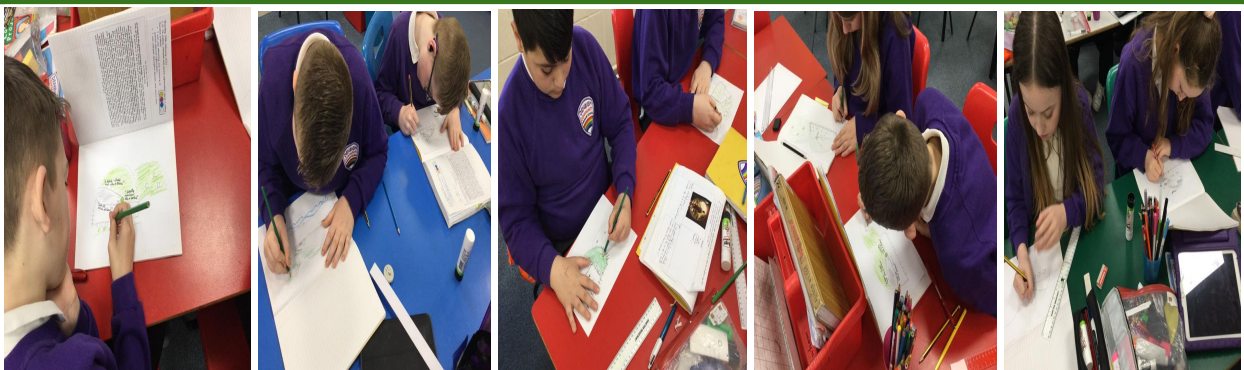
Year 5 Whales had a busy week last week. This is them putting their programming and coding skills to the test, creating their own version of a game called pong. The children were imaginative, creative and reflected on what worked well/what didn't work well. Well done Whales!



Year 5 Dolphins and Whales had a practical maths lesson to help them better understand place value when adding and subtracting decimals. Various sums were put on the board and the class had to put themselves and their digits in the right place value column to help them find the answers. Everyone did really well and we can already see their confidence growing with this - smashed it!



Year 6 Tigers have begun their new genre study in English. They began by reading an extract and interpreting the description to draw the setting. We have thought about what makes a good setting description based on the features used within this extract and are going to be writing our own setting descriptions.



Lions loved their pizza party on Friday afternoon to celebrate their amazing attendance achievements!



REMINDER

Dogs are not allowed on school premises, even if they are being carried.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (Non-Uniform Day) - 27th May
Nursery Forest School - June 20th and 27th, July 4th and 11th
Year 5 That History Bloke - 21st June
Year 6 Edinburgh trip - 22nd June
Year 6 Surfing - 27th, 28th & 29th June
International Day - 4th July
Year 6 Prom - 14th July
Year 6 Denbighfest 15th July
Year 6 Leavers' Performance - 19th July

May Half Term - Break up Friday 27th May, return to school Monday 6th June.