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What a term! Spring 2 has passed in the blink of an eye - we have been so busy! We have had two very successful residentials with trips to the French Alps and Dukeshouse Wood. It was great to hear from the children about their experiences. We have also visited and participated in a number of exciting events to promote learning for all our children.

It was an absolute honour to watch a group of our amazing children from Y1 and Y2 participate in the North Tyneside Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse - the children were phenomenal and made us so proud. They have since performed for the entire school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our Lego League team (made up from children in KS2) have been working very hard for a number of months to develop their entry into the Lego League. All of their determination, exploration and bravery paid off as they delivered a superb project that was worthy to be deemed one of the winning entries.

It was great to so many of you attend our face to face Parent Consultations. It was also lovely to have Peter Higgins in on the day to support adults with any concerns they may have about their children. We look forward to continuing this relationship with Peter with the introduction of an exciting Gardening Club in the Summer Term.

As always, we were blown away by your generosity through the donations of prizes for our 'Friends of Denbigh' Easter Raffle and the purchase of raffle tickets. Your generosity has raised a magnificent £886.50 to help support the school.

Finally, as you are aware, our Headteacher Dr Guthrie has submitted her resignation as Headteacher of Denbigh Community Primary. Her dedication, vision and commitment to this school has made us everything that we are. We are so grateful for her leadership over the last 12 years and feel blessed to have had her as our Headteacher. She will now move onto a new position as Chief Executive Officer of the newly formed Centurion MAT so luckily - we will still see plenty of her.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and thank you for your wonderful support.

Mr Holt

Acting Headteacher.



OUR LEARNING IN NURSERY



The Nursery children loved showing off all of their amazing learning this half term during our "Stay and Play" sessions, which focused on supporting early Maths skills.

The children did a great job at counting the amount of Easter eggs and matching them to the correct number as well as sorting the eggs by colour and pattern. We also used our loose parts play to create our own patterned eggs and explored which animals come from eggs.

Thank you very much to all the grown ups who joined us and we look forward to showing off more learning in the summer term.

OUR LEARNING IN RECEPTION



In Reception, over the past couple of weeks, the children have been enjoying an additional PE session with a coach from The Eagles Community Foundation. They have enjoyed learning some new basketball techniques, where they have been practicing their dribbling and passing skills.

We also had a visit from the Easter Bunny's best friend 'Chick,' today. She explained to the children that because they have all been superstars this term, the Easter Bunny has sent them some special 'tweets,' to find in our reception yard. The children were very excited to embark on an Easter Egg hunt.



OUR LEARNING IN YEAR ONE



As part of our DT topic 'Wheels and Axles', the children in Year 1 have been designing, constructing and testing their own cars. They thought about the materials they wanted to use, how it would move, what went well with their design and if there was anything they would change next time. We were really impressed with their resilience (a few wheels kept dropping off 😂) and teamwork skills to help one another build their cars.

Year one also took part in our Big School Tidy - we take great pride in keeping our school clean and looking its best!



OUR LEARNING IN YEAR TWO



In Year 2, we fully submerged ourselves into our Art to create outstanding landscapes using line drawing techniques. We studied the use of light and dark to create shadows as well as the use of colour.

Year 2 had THE best day this term! After spending time creating our replica model of the streets of London, we set our model of London on fire to have an immersive experience of what the 'Great Fire of London' would have been like and how the fire spread!

OUR LEARNING IN YEAR THREE



In Year 3 we have been focusing on Geography this term as we studied the United Kingdom and the weather conditions around the UK. We learned that the North East coast is the coldest part of the country!!

In Literacy, Year 3 have created some stunning Oracy Reports. The children have learned all about earthquakes and the devastating effects that they can have on communities. The children played the part of News Reporters to produce a report worthy of any news station! They spoke with confidence and authority as they brought their learning to life in their reports.



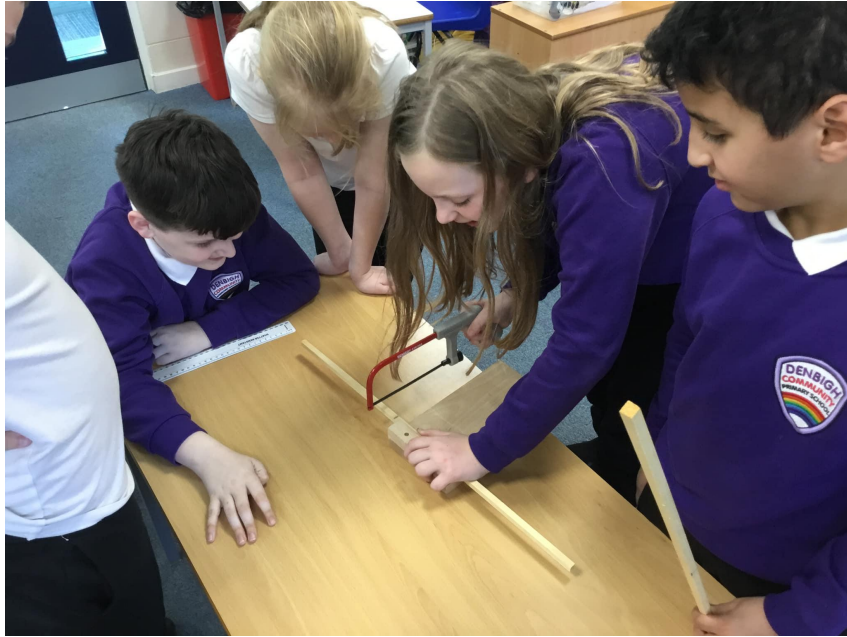
OUR LEARNING IN YEAR FOUR



In Year 4 we have focused our learning on the ancient Greek civilization and the impact they have had on our modern society. Year 4 then used their knowledge to produce a fantastic piece of descriptive writing based on setting a scene using a Parthenon as inspiration.

In STEM we have studied the three states of matter. They engaged in fantastic practical learning lessons where they played the role of the particles and learnt about what happens to particles as they change state. Finally, they completed a series of experiments to help them to understand what causes changes in the state of matter.

OUR LEARNING IN YEAR FIVE



In Year 5 topic lessons we have been learning about 'Invaders and Settlers' as we studied the Anglo Saxons. Year 5 loved learning about the Battle of Hastings - they could not believe King Harold got an arrow in the eye!

Through our Design Technology lessons we used our learning to design our own Viking Long boats. We investigated long boats, designed the boat, constructed the long boat and finally evaluated it.

OUR LEARNING IN YEAR SIX



Year 6 have been studying really hard for their SATs and their progress is going up everyday - we are really proud of their determination to be the best they can be.

In STEM, they have been studying how we can use scientific experiments to test theories by making predictions, take accurate measurements, record data results and use the information to plan further investigations and tests!

In PE, Year 6 have really enjoyed their unit of Tennis, the children have learnt a variety of techniques and applied them into competitive games.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 22nd April : Reception Phonics session for parents
- Tuesday 23rd of April : Reception Phonics session for parents
- Wednesday 24th of April: Pupil Individual School Photographs
- Monday 29th of April - 1st of May: Y3/ 4 Robinwood Residential
- Tuesday 30th of April: Y1 Seven Stories Visit
- Thursday 2nd of May: Y2 Vision Screening
- **Monday 6th of May: School Closed (Bank Holiday)**
- Monday 13th of May - 16th of May: Y6 SATs
- Tuesday 21st of May: Y5/6 Knife Crime Workshop
- Thursday 23rd of May: Y4 Phunky Foods Workshop



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th of May: Y2 Trip to Hartlepool Royal Navy Museum

Monday 3rd of June: Y1 & Y2 Trip to the Great North Museum

Tuesday 4th of June: Y3 & Y4 Trip to the Great North Museum

Monday 17th of June: Y4 Visit from 'That History Bloke'

Tuesday 18th of June: Y6 Surfing Trip

Wednesday 19th of June: Y6 Surfing Trip

Friday 28th of June: Y3 Visit from 'That History Bloke'

Friday 5th of July: Y5 Swimming Gala

Wednesday 17th of July: Y6 Prom

Friday 19th of July: School Closed Staff INSET Day.



PASTORAL UPDATES & SAFEGUARDING

From the Pastoral Team

Last week it was Neurodiversity Week. Please see the link below to access resources and information on how best to support our Neurodiverse children.

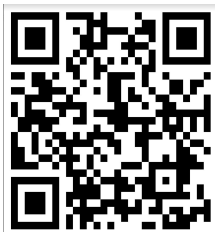
<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub>

We are sharing the links again for both Mindstarts and Connect MHST as so many parents have commented on how useful they have both been.

Mindstars - <https://www.mindstars.co.uk/>

Connect - Mental Health Support Team

Scan the QR code below to access a range of resources to help you support your child's Mental Health.



This month our Safeguarding focus is 'County Lines'. Please click the link below for advice on how to talk to your children about this. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Mrs Bird, Mrs Young or Mrs Newby.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/county-lines/>

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

NEXT TERM WE'LL BE RUNNING THE FOLLOWING EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL:

Monday - Y5/Y6 Boys football
Y1/2/3 Gardening Club

Tuesday - Y4/5/6 Girls football
Y4/5/6 Gardening Club

Wednesday - KS1 Multi-skills

Thursday - Y3/4/5 Dance
Y4/5 Biking Club
Y3/4/5/6 Choir

To secure a place, please follow the instructions sent out in our after school club letters.

