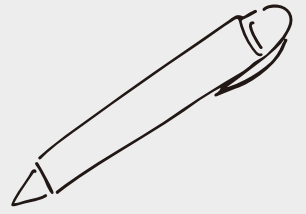


# HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Another amazing half term at Grangetown Primary!  
We would love to share with you what we have been up to in each year group. Enjoy reading about the things we have done.

## EYFS KIDDIWINKLES, NURSERY & RECEPTION

What a wonderful start to our school year in EYFS. We are so proud of how well the children have settled in to their new school routine.

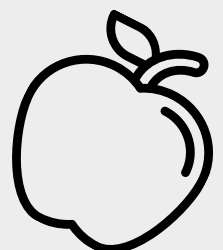
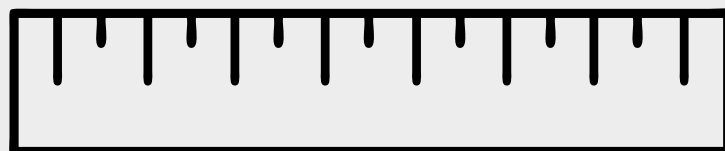
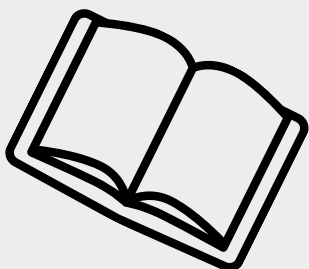
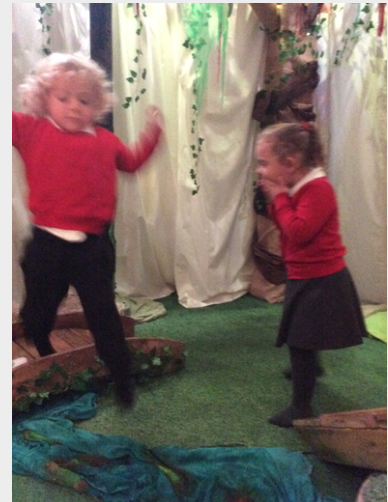
Over the past 8 weeks we have been very busy! We have enjoyed exploring the autumnal changes. We have warmed carrot soup, we baked some delicious hedgehog bread and have been printing using the different shaped and coloured leaves.

Our weekly Forest School session has become a firm favourite with all the children, especially finishing off the week with a cosy hot chocolate.

Nursery loved their trip to the enchanted forest exhibition at Grangetown Hullaballoo.

It was so lovely inviting our parents in to finish off this jam packed half term with pumpkin picking, painting, and playing.

Have a lovely half term!

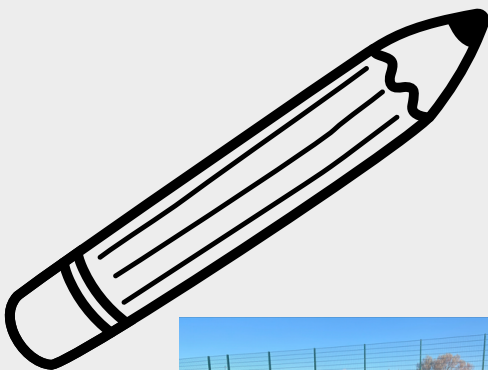


# YEAR ONE

What a fabulous term we have had in Year 1! We have loved learning about the change in seasons in science. We can talk about Autumn and how the leaves are changing colour and falling off the trees. We have collected lots of sticks, conkers, pinecones and colourful leaves which we have used in our art activities. We had lots of fun making self-portraits with natural resources.

In DT we cut up a pumpkin and made Autumn soup. We baked bread and gingerbread biscuits. We enjoyed eating our tasty, nutritious food. Our classroom has changed a lot since we started last month. We have an Autumn café where we can make coffees and serve cakes to our friends. We have a fantastic outdoor area with a mud kitchen and water area - its lots of fun!

We are very excited about Halloween and the spooky things that we will be doing. Happy Halloween!



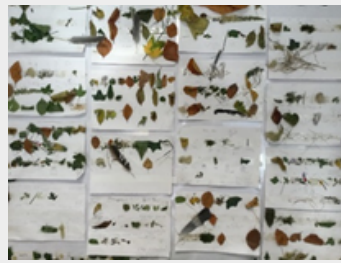
# YEAR TWO

What a start to the year it has been! Year 2 have had really hit the ground running. We have been learning about the United Kingdom in Geography and the children have produced some brilliant maps. In History, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London with Mrs Green. In Science, we have been looking at living things and their habitats. The highlight of the half term was our woodlouse experiment where the children went and collected woodlice from our field and they build them a habitat to live in in the classroom. Once again, all of the staff in Year 2 would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support particularly with reading. The amount of reading books returned to school on a daily basis has been staggering. We would also love to share some pictures of our recent sport trip with you. Have a great half term from all of the Year 2 staff.



# YEAR THREE

We have made an amazing start in Year 3 this year – we are loving our new topics and learning so much. As part of a science topic, we have been sorting food into the different food groups and finding out how our diet can help us stay healthy. We used ‘Now, Press Play’ to help us with this. A trip to Duncombe Park and Helmsley helped us with our Geography and History – we made story boards of our trip through the woods and found out why castles are built. Creative projects have included making levers for moving cards in D.T. and artistic Portraits in Art. An outdoor experience Year 3 enjoyed was a Scavenger Hunt at Redcar Rugby Club where children worked collaboratively to find clues and solutions. We have been reading some of our Grangetown Greats books including “George’s Marvellous Medicine”. We also read “Counting on Katherine”, as part of Black History Month, learning how Katherine Johnson helped N.A.S.A. in the Space Race.



# YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have had an amazing start to the new school year! We have been working hard to develop the children’s collaboration skills and oracy skills in each lesson. The children have done incredibly well with this and we are so proud of them! The children have produced some wonderful pieces of writing centred around The BFG. During maths lessons, the children have really enjoyed using our maths manipulatives to aid them with their place value work. In reading lessons, we have focused on fluency skills and comprehension skills and sharing good practise on how to answer the different style questions. The children have really enjoyed being immersed in our new reading texts and the fluency skills and comprehension skills we have seen from all children has been really amazing. Our afternoon subjects have been a favourite to all our children! We have travelled around the seven continents and sailed the seven oceans in Geography, then settled in Europe to discover some human and physical features. Going back to Anglo-Saxon times and researching artefacts and looking at what we can learn from this buried treasure was our focus in History. In DT we have researched, taste tested, made and evaluated our own healthy toasties. States of matter has been our topic in Science and the children have enjoyed taking part in investigations and watching how matter can change state! During RE lessons, the children have been learning how to celebrate Diwali, the festival of light. This has developed the children’s oracy skills as so many questions and finding out came from this topic. Self-esteem and goal setting were the focus in PSHE lessons this half term. The children did very well with learning how to be more positive and developing self-esteem within themselves. The children’s goal and target setting were so interesting to see and we can’t wait to see them achieve these! All of the children in Year 4 have really enjoyed being musical in our music lessons. They have practised singing the song, playing the xylophone to accompany the singing and keeping to the beat! E-safety has been the focus this half term and ensuring the children are confident in keeping safe online. The discussions and debates that have come from this has been such an education for all the children.





# YEAR 5



Wow! What an amazing start for our wonderful Year 5 children this half term.

It is fair to say that this year so far has been all about making memories – starting off with a fantastic residential trip to Peat Rigg! The children jumped into everything with both feet, trying new things and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. They were an absolute pleasure to take away and a credit to the school. The trips haven't stopped there: our Year 5 children have also visited a farm to learn all about how organic farms work as well as meeting lots of animals along the way. Some of our Year 5 children have also had the opportunity to visit Teesside University for their "Animex" event, where a group of Year 5's worked on their very own animation. In school, the Year 5's are thriving – they have produced and published an amazing piece of writing based on the novel Cosmic; they are learning how to stay safe online when using their electronic devices; they have learned how to play chess; they have been honing in on their photography skills in Art as well as learning all about the changes as humans develop to old age in Science!

This half term, the Year 5's have been learning to play an instrument – the taiko drum. They have already learned a full Japanese piece of music called 'Fuujin and Raijin: The Gods of Thunder and Wind' which they will be performing to the rest of the school! What a start to the year!



# YEAR SIX

Our new Year 6 children have started this year with a bang! We have enjoyed many different topics in the classroom, from learning popular songs on the ukulele in music, to creating bold, vibrant Romero Britto artwork, to using different stitching techniques to begin making our own phone cases in DT! Our Year 6's have shown a keen interest in performing and are already planning and rehearsing for their end of year productions!

The children have already experienced some trips further afield. We visited Bank House Farm in September – the children enjoyed learning about life on the farm and the animals that were looked after there. They also enjoyed hunting for bugs and sitting in a real farmer's tractor! Some of our children also had the opportunity to visit Teesside University for the 'Animexperience' workshop in October. The children spent the day creating a story based around the theme of magic and used plasticine models and stop motion animation to create and direct their very own film! They also delved into some voice acting to accompany their videos. The children are excited to watch their productions back at the University in November and we are very proud of the work that they have produced!

Many of our children have represented our school in sporting events across this half term. A big well done to those who have attended football, cross country and tag rugby events. Our children have also been focussing on leadership skills in PE and have created their own activities! We are also looking forward to starting our Year 6 swimming lessons at the end of this half term.





# THE ARC

Welcome back to another wonderful school year! We have welcomed Miss Denham and some new children into the ARC! In literacy, we have been writing poetry and creating our own narratives based on The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl linked to Roald Dahl day. We are now becoming experts on sharks as they work on writing their shark fact files. We turned the classroom into the ARC aquarium for a fun sensory experience to introduce the topic and inspire us. In maths, we have been working on our understanding of place values and times tables facts. We enjoy daily occupational therapy with Mrs Hanson to support our sensory processing and develop our fine and gross motor skills. Benoit has been teaching us greetings and counting in French. We continue to be included within our year groups for afternoon sessions, PE and history on a morning and special year group trips such as farm visits, sports trips and more!

We visited the local millennium green to 'make a wild crown' as part of our 5 things to do.

We visited Norton Sports Club for an inclusive squash event.

We had our first parent/carer termly session of the year on eSafety, learning how to be safe online working through NSPCC Techosaurus booklets and we enjoyed a safe gaming session! All children received a special eSafety certificate. We can't wait for more learning, fun and adventures next half-term!

# WE ARE GRANGETOWN

I can not believe that the first half term is over. It seems to have passed by so quickly. It has been an amazing start to the year. Dare I say it the school is calm & the children are all eager to learn. As you will have read above we have already crammed so much in to the last 8 weeks including, trips, visitors & much more. We have seen our Year 6 children complete their first week of swimming & have welcomed new children across the school but mainly into our Kiddiwinkles, Nursery & Reception. A big welcome to all of our new parents too.

I am so excited to see what this academic year brings & we have plans in place to develop our outdoor learning offer further. Including the extension of the pergola area at the front of the school which will hopefully start after Christmas. Being outdoors is not only a great way to incorporate learning but also so important for our mental health.

Next half term is always a lovely half term in the lead up to Christmas. We are planning some lovely events to celebrate the Christmas season & look forward to seeing you all there.

Take care  
Miss Mott



## PARENT/CARER SEND DROP-INS 2024-2025

AUTUMN 1 - FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER  
AUTUMN 2 - FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
SPRING 1 - FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY  
SPRING 2 - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH  
SUMMER 1 - FRIDAY 16TH MAY  
SUMMER 2 - FRIDAY 27TH JUNE



COME ALONG FOR A CHAT & CUPPA!  
2:30PM-3:10PM  
KS2 HALL