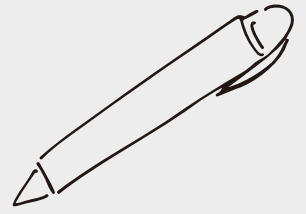


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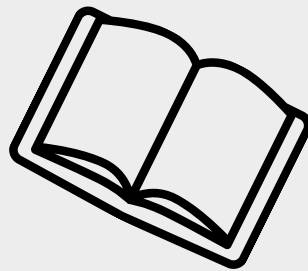


Another amazing half term at Grangetown Primary!  
We would love to share with you what we have been up to in each year group. Enjoy reading about the things we have done.



## EYFS KIDDIWINKLES, NURSERY & RECEPTION

What a busy half term it has been in EYFS. The children have shown great resilience when tackling new challenges and have enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment, especially when it started to snow! The Nursery children have shown great independence skills going into the hall and having school dinner with the big children. Thank you so much to the Reception parents for all your commitment in supporting your children this half term, including getting involved in our physical workshop and attending Read Write Inc workshops to support your child's reading at home. The Kiddiwinkles children are now following the new routines showing curiosity within the environment. The children have loved all the Christmas activities, thank you for your continued support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to the New Year with your lovely children.

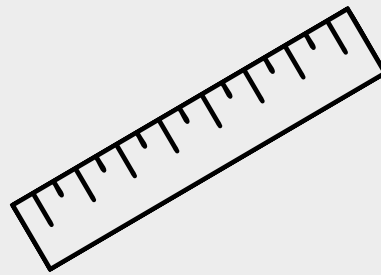


# YEAR ONE

WOW! What a busy term Year 1 have had! We had a lovely trip to Kirkleatham museum to see Santa. We were very proud of the children who behaved impeccably. The museum even commented on how well behaved the children were. Year 1 have worked so hard on the nativity and we can't wait to show you!

This term Year 1 have been learning about their local area in Geography and drawing maps. We went for a walk around Grangetown and took photos of the local features.

In Art, the children have drawn self-portraits. Can you guess who they are?



# YEAR TWO

This half term Year 2 enjoyed lots of fantastic activities including our trip to Grangetown Fire Station. We had the opportunity to explore the fire engines, use the fire hose, listen to the emergency alarms and sirens and welcomed the fire fighters into our school to have dinner with us. We were also lucky enough to have snow for the 1st day of December, we celebrated making snowmen and had a wonderful time playing outside together, to warm up we had a lovely hot chocolate. We have had a brilliant time with lots of Christmas activities including our Christmas party, the Santa run, singing Christmas carols and practicing our nativity!

# YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this term we have been learning about the Stone Age - we have had lots of fun examining different types of stone and flint and finding out how people used to live. Our visit to Stump Cross Caverns was very exciting and we had a great adventure exploring the caves. This has also linked to our science topic of Rocks and Soils where we found out about different types of rocks and how they are formed. We made our own fossils using salt dough.

In Geography we have continued to further develop our knowledge of the UK. We have used maps and atlases to locate cities in the UK and have used research to find out more about our region- The North East.

In DT we have had lots of fun creating our moving Christmas cards using levers and linkages with fixed and loose pivots. We hope you love them as much as we do as the children have chosen to create it for their family.



# YEAR FOUR

In Y4 this half term we have had a wonderful time starting some new topics which the children have loved as well as continuing some of the topics we started in Autumn 1.

We have continued our Anglo-Saxon topic and went on a fabulous trip to Kirkleatham Museum to discover what we could find out from buried treasure. In Geography we have continued our learning all about Europe. Internet research was the focus in our Computing lessons which the children were really engaged with. In PSHE we have discussed what rights and responsibilities are and how they are linked. Art has been amazing this half term with the children looking at particular artists and discussing and developing their creativity in the style of these artists. In Science we have been challenged with looking at living things and their habitats and had a mini beast hunt on the school field!

This half term, we have written a persuasive letter to a famous person in our Writing lessons. The children had lots of amazing ideas and their letters were very persuasive! The children were very proud of the work they produced and went to show Mr. Jackson their amazing work. The children have worked really hard with multiplication and division facts in maths lessons as well as learning their times tables.

Thank you for all of your continued support this term. The Y4 team wish you all a very happy Christmas and we can't wait to welcome you all back in the New Year.



# YEAR 5

In Year 5, we have done lots of work with outside companies. We have been working closely with GE and BP looking at careers, industries and environmental issues the world faces today.

With GE, we have been creating and presenting designs and creations for a boat to carry and transport their wind turbines. We have looked at different job roles which we could have in the future and used the skills from these during our presentations.

Year 5, have been part of Children Challenging Industry with York University and BP. We have been Challenged by BP to complete investigations on their behalf. We completed 3 investigations and presented our findings to BP.

We have been doing lots of fun Christmas activities in school. We have sung carols for parents, completed a Santa run and had our Year 5 Christmas party. We have had a lovely festive period this year and are looking forward to spending Christmas with our loved ones.



# YEAR SIX

This half term has brought some exciting new opportunities for our year 6s. Some children explored the future of sustainable housing through our Net 0 workshop, in collaboration with Teesside University and MOBIE. This links with our Geography and Science curriculum, where we have begun our new topic: Living things and their habitats. The children will continue this after Christmas, where they will be working as scientists to classify living things. We have explored poetry this half term through the style of rap. The children have enjoyed several rap battles in our writing lessons. Our ukulele lessons have concluded for this year, where the children have performed the Christmas song jingle bells.





## THE ARC

The ARC have enjoyed going on curious quests in our writing. We have been doing lots of work on place value, shape and addition and subtraction in our maths. The children enjoy daily occupational therapy sessions.

We have been on a trip ice-skating to Billingham Forum which the children loved. We are so proud of their resilience on this trip and in everything they do! We have also had a special visit from Rita from Cleveland Fire Brigade on fire safety at home.

We would like to say a big thank you to our parents and carers for coming along to our ARC pumpkin decorating session and Christmas book snuggle! We love seeing you in the ARC. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

## WE ARE GRANGETOWN

What a half term it has been - so many wonderful memories made!

It has simply been wonderful in the lead up to Christmas this year seeing so many of you at the Carol Service at the Church, attending the Reception Christmas story & singing, enjoying our Christmas Fayre (with many a bargain to be had) & joining us with our Year 1 & 2 Nativity as well as Year 5 & Year 6 singing extravaganzas. We love sharing these magical moments with you.

Thank you so much for your continued support throughout this term. In the last couple of weeks our attendance has improved significantly & we want to continue this in the new year. So please continue to help us with this.

It just leaves me to say from our Grangetown Primary family to yours we wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with love & laughter.

We look forwards to seeing you all on Monday 8th January for a happy & health 2024.

Take care

Miss Mott

