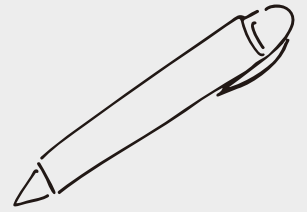


HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



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

In EYFS this half term we have been exploring how to stay healthy! We have looked at different kinds of fruits and vegetables. We have explained about the importance of brushing our teeth and how to stay healthy and safe in the sun! We have also incorporated our healthy foods into our art sessions and have been observing closely the shapes and colours of real fruit and vegetables through observational drawings.

Recently the Reception children took part in a 'Funky Monkey Festival' where the children joined in with a range of exercises on the school field.

In Maths, the children have been exploring shapes and patterns around our school as well as using a 'rekinrek' to solve problems and to support number bonds to 10.

We have been cultivating the children's curiosity through our weekly Forest School sessions. The children love being at one with nature and exploring signs of spring!

We have also been very creative this half term, looking at the work of Claude Monet. Check out our painting of 'The Waterlily Pond'

Nursery and Kidiwinkles have been enjoying time in the garden building dens, looking for minibeasts and jumping in puddles. We have picked sunflowers, tasted honey and had a tiger tea party.

The children are making us proud everyday with their achievements and we can't wait to see them thrive in the final half term.

Thank you for your support this half term and let's see what Summer 2 brings!



YEAR ONE

This term has been fantastic! We had a trip to a working farm where we petted farm animals, fed lambs and learned the process of making sausages. Some of us tasted the sausages when we were back at school, and they were delicious... yummy! We went to Redcar College for the Disney Shooting Stars Festival and took part in lots of different P.E games which was lots of fun. We had a 'Pirate Week' where we created treasure maps, made pirate hats and eye patches, 'sailed' the school boat, and many more activities. During this week we also made and tasted some recipes including bread, soup, scones and fruit smoothies. We have been working our socks off with our phonics and love playing games with the new sounds that we have learned. We had a reading retreat afternoon where we shared our favourite stories and had afternoon tea. As part of our writing, we have been reading the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. We have role played Little Red Riding Hood and pretended that we were walking through the deep, dark woods - scary!

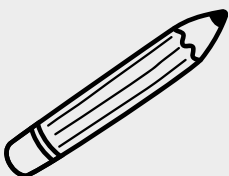


YEAR TWO

In Year 2, we recently had a trip to Waterfall farm. Where the children learnt about the journey food takes 'from farm to fork'. During the trip, the children had the opportunity to feed goats, pigs and lambs. We also made our own sausages, which went down a treat on our return to school.

In history, we have been learning about James Cook. The children have been fascinated learning about all of the places that he explored. In Geography, we have been learning about Whitby and we are very excited for our upcoming trip. During the trip, we will be exploring the sights of Whitby as well as finding some time for some famous Whitby chips.

Again, we thank you and the children for all of the support this past half term. We also thank you for prioritising reading at home each day. We look forwards to what lies ahead in our final half-term.



YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this half term we have been learning about Forces and Magnets in Science – push, pull, friction, gravity, magnetic fields. We also made magnetic bookmarks to sell for Enterprise week. As part of our history topic we visited Arbeia which is a Roman fort in South Shields. We had fun and found out lots about how Roman soldiers lived while in Britain. We also visited Waterfall farm where we made sausages, fed the animals and learnt more about a working farm. Our Stepping Stones project has begun with an amazing start – we have been learning about different plants and how to make a waterproof den. We also planted some tomatoes to help the children in their understanding of how plants grow – these will be going home very soon.



YEAR FOUR

What a fantastic Summer 1 term we have had in Year 4! It has been an absolute pleasure to have each and every one of the Year 4 children in class and learning amazing new knowledge! We have completed our independent write in Writing, all about 'The Creature.' The children really do blow us away with their writing skills and ambitious vocabulary they use. In Maths, the children have continued their mathematical journey in decimals and fractions. Our Reading lessons have been even more amazing now we have access to a text for each child to use and read. This really has helped the children develop that love of reading. 'Llama Out Loud' is the text we have started with, and the children are loving the story so far, we can't wait to find out what happens in the end! Our afternoon subjects have really caught the children's curious minds. Ancient Civilizations in History, beginning our field work research in Geography (ready for the field work trip in Summer 2), researching night lights and spinners in DT in order for the children to design and make their own, the Scratch programme in Computing has been a big hit with all the children this half term and in Science the children have enjoyed learning all about sound. What a way to end the half term with a trip to Waterfall Farm. The children had a magical experience there where they fed goats, learned about pigs and chickens, and even had a go at making their own sausages! Great memories made! Thank you, as always, for your support throughout this half term.



YEAR 5



In year 5, we have been working extremely hard. In writing, we have completed lots of genres. Most recently, we have focused on 'Mars Transmission' where we have been writing an informal report based on the film 'Marsian'. The children have really enjoyed this genre and really enjoyed using 'now press play' to complete experience days. In history, we have been focusing on our local area and the history behind Grangetown and Middlesbrough. We looked closely at the Stockton to Darlington railway, the local coal mines and how these both had an impact on our local area. Some of our children from year 5 have also taken part in 'mini police'. In these sessions, children have learned all about laws, the police force and also prepared for a presentation in front of the whole school. These children did an amazing job and we are very proud of them.

YEAR SIX

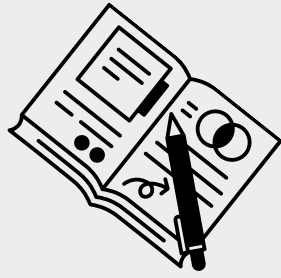
We are so proud of our Year 6 children as we come to the end of another half term. All of their hard work has paid off as the children completed their SATs tests. Their determination and resilience has really shone through throughout a challenging few weeks! All of our Year 6's should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

It has not been all SATs, though, as our children have enjoyed trips and workshops both in school and out. We travelled to Eden Camp where we spent the day delving into all things World War 2, whilst taking part in challenges such as who can take the best selfie! The children were able to explore realistic representations of what World War 2 was really like for people in Britain and the effects it had.

Our Year 6 children have also been involved in Stepping Up sessions with Mr Foster, Rubies and Thrive workshops, all of which have helped to prepare our children with their transition to secondary school and beyond.

As a year group, we are looking forward to our final term in Grangetown Primary School and are now focusing on putting together an amazing leavers' assembly to celebrate our journey!





THE ARC

The ARC have enjoyed writing fiction narratives on Burglar Bill and Dustbin Dad. We have been learning about different measures in maths for height, length, mass, capacity and temperature.

The ARC had an amazing time at Waterfall Farm learning all about farm life and what it is like to be a farmer. We loved feeding the goats and baby goats (kids!)

A group of ARC children made it through to the Panathlon bowling final in Sunderland. Out of all of the schools which competed, we came in 2nd place. Congratulations!

We are looking forward to more fun in summer 2!



WE ARE GRANGETOWN

What a lovely half term it has been! The sun has been shining more which always makes the days seem brighter. It has been great that classes have been on trips & taking part in learning outside. This is going to be a big focus for us all next year - outdoor learning. Getting outside to learn is not only good for developing knowledge & skills but also for our mental health & well-being.

A big well done to all our Year 6's during SATs week - you smashed it!

I would like to thank you all for your continued support in school. I am pleased that we will be welcoming you all this afternoon at our open afternoon. This is a great time for you to be able to see what your children have been learning.

Just a polite reminder about school uniform. There seems to have been more children coming to school in their own clothes as the weather has got warmer. I would really appreciate your support in making sure your children are wearing our school uniform so they feel part of our Grangetown Family. Please can I also ask that they wear appropriate footwear too so we can make sure that they are safe at all times.

Finally, have an amazing half term, lets hope the sun shines, whilst you are all making memories.

Take care

Miss Mott

