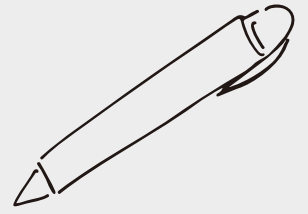


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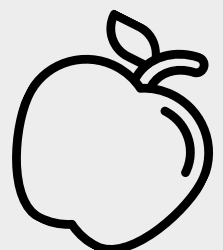
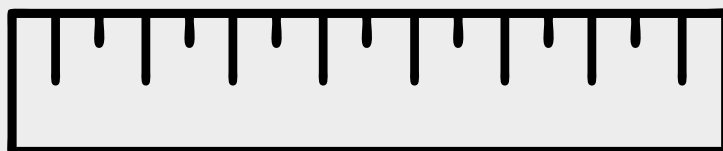
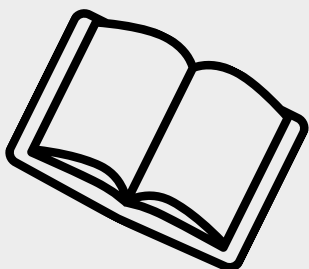
Another amazing half term at Grangetown Primary!
We would love to share with you what we have been up to in each year group. Enjoy reading about the things we have done.

EYFS KIDDIWINKLES, NURSERY & RECEPTION

We had such a busy time before Christmas. Thank you so much to our parents for coming to all our events, from stay and plays, Christmas crafts to our Reception Nativity. We really appreciate your support.

The Reception children were a credit to our school when we went to the Pantomime to see Snow White. They behaved so well and loved the interactions with the performers on stage. All the children enjoyed their Christmas parties, especially playing party games like pass the parcel. We had a very special visit from Father Christmas, the children were so excited to talk to him.

We hope you had a lovely time at home over Christmas and feel ready for what 2025 has to bring! We are certainly thrilled to be back working with your wonderful children and looking forward to watching them grow and develop throughout the rest of the year. We have some exciting things planned this term and we can't wait to share these experiences with you!



YEAR ONE

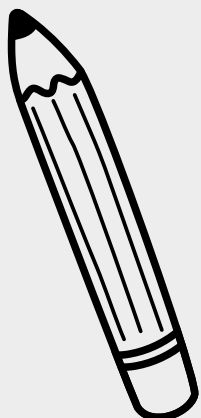
Wow, what a busy term we have had in Year 1 with lots of festive fun. Year 1 have been busy writing letters to Santa and they even got to go and meet him at Kirkleatham Museum!

I am sure you will agree that they put on an incredible performance of 'Hosana Rocks'. We were blown away by their confidence on stage and their amazing singing and acting. In Science, we have been studying animals and learning some awesome new words such as 'carnivores'! In Art, the children have produced some brilliant self-portraits.



YEAR TWO

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London in History. At the end of the topic, we had a trip to Grangetown Fire Station to compare the equipment that is used today to the equipment that was used during the Great Fire of London. The children loved chatting to the firefighters and they even got the opportunity to use the hose. We also had a bonfire themed farm visit. During our farm visit, we dug for worms, helped prepare the barn for winter and we even got the chance to make s'mores by the fire. Finally, in December, the children worked tirelessly to learn, rehearse and deliver a Nativity that was fit for a West End stage which is testament to their hardwork and growing confidence. Once again, all the Year 2 staff would like to thank all of the parents and children for reading each day at home and returning their books each day and we look forward to a very successful 2025.



YEAR THREE

In Year 3 last term we continued to further develop our knowledge of the UK. We used maps and atlases to locate cities in the UK and have used research to find out more about our region- The North East. We identified some important landmarks in the region and talked about why they were important.

In DT we had lots of fun creating our moving Christmas cards using levers and linkages with fixed and loose pivots. We hope you loved them as much as we do. Thank you to everyone who attended our showcase where the children presented their cards to you and enjoyed singing for you and making biscuits - your support makes it so special for the children. In Art the children continued to develop their portrait skills and the end results were amazing, they really worked hard to create the best images of themselves.



YEAR FOUR

What another fantastic half term we have had in Year 4! The children have all worked so hard and it has been a wonderful few weeks on the run up to the most magical time of the year in school.

The children have continued to work brilliantly in maths, reading and writing. Using what they have been taught in class and putting in to practise has really been wonderful to see. This shows how much the children really are maturing and becoming such sensible and hard working pupils.

During our afternoon curriculum, the children have enjoyed producing some beautiful one point perspective pieces of art work. In DT, some super tasty healthy toasties were designed, made and evaluated. The children's knowledge and skills in Geography have been amazing during our Europe topic which they have really enjoyed taking part in. Internet research was the focus in our computing sessions which the children really engaged with and were so quick to pick up the skills being taught! Sound was the topic in science this half term and the children enjoyed working scientifically in pairs making their own string telephones to test if distance effects volume. Happy New Year from all of the Year 4 team :)





YEAR 5



In Year 5 this half term, our wonderful children have performed their final pieces of Taiko drumming, which hopefully you have seen on our Facebook page! The children have showcased their amazing musical talents, something we will continue to develop in the Spring term. The children have been working hard to develop their photography skills, framing their own portraits and landscapes using lots of editing techniques we have learned about this half term. You can view these fantastic works of Art on your child's SeeSaw account!

In Writing, we have been learning how to plan and write a balanced argument, considering the use of screen time and how beneficial/harmful this can be. Ask your children what they found out - we learned some very interesting facts. In DT, we even made our very own pizzas!

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended the parent/carer consultation meetings this half term. It was great to speak to you all about the great progress your children are making.

YEAR SIX

This term has been a busy one for our Year 6 children! We have enjoyed being creative in our DT lessons by making our very own phone cases using different materials and stitching techniques. The children have produced some amazing work and picked up some new skills in the process! The children have also worked incredibly hard to produce their final piece for their Romero Britto style art project. They carried out research to find popular local landmarks such as the Riverside Stadium and the Transporter Bridge and used these as inspiration for their work. It's clear to see that we have some artists for the future here at Grangetown.

We have enjoyed going on trips this term. To support with our DT project, our children visited Outwood Normanby and made use of their Computer Aided Design equipment. The children were able to design and create their very own keyring using computers, laser cutters and 3D printers! Some of our Year 6's have continued to impress at sporting events including athletics and football. We are very proud of our children for their constant hard work and dedication.

Finally, we said goodbye and thank you to Miss York from Tees Valley Music Service who held her final ukulele sessions with Year 6. The progress the children have made in their music throughout these sessions is exceptional - some of our children have already started to bring in ukuleles of their own!





THE ARC

In writing, we created our own virtual bonfire night and enjoyed watching the fireworks in the ARC. From this, we worked on creating non-fiction information texts for a safety poster on Bonfire Night for Cleveland Fire Brigade to tell people how to stay safe. We also went on a wintery walk and used our 5 senses to write a calligram poem about what we could see, hear, feel, smell and taste. We warmed up in the classroom with a hot chocolate afterwards! In maths, we have been working hard on developing our multiplication and division skills and recall of times tables facts. We have been doing daily occupational therapy together as a whole class in the hall and we enjoyed sensory breaks throughout the day. In PSHE, we have been doing lots of work on anti-bullying and what makes a kind friend. We have enjoyed working with Tees Valley Wildlife Trust as part of our 5 things to do to make a home for wildlife and help a wild animal. We built birdboxes and put these up in the local Millennium Green and went on a litter pick with the volunteers at Tees Valley Wildlife and Rita from Cleveland Fire Brigade. We have also enjoyed going bowling this half-term at Hollywood Bowl and going ice skating at Billingham Forum! Happy New Year, everyone!



WE ARE GRANGETOWN

I am so sorry for the delay in the newsletter for last half term. I think we were so wrapped up in the Christmas festivities! As you can see we had the most wonderful half term. So many exciting experiences & fun had by all. It was so lovely seeing so many of you at the different events we held around Christmas & I really hope you all had a magical time.

Last half term the children were introduced & welcomed into their new Grangetown Owl Family groups. These are Snowy, Great Grey, Barn & Tawny. Over this year we will be creating more opportunities for the children to be in their family groups so that they get to spend time with children across the school. Family is so important to our school identity & are really excited to see where this leads us in 2025.

For 2025 we already have so much planned! Very exciting trips, visitors & experiences for all children. We will also be welcoming you in to school with opportunities of stay & play sessions. Keep a look out on our Facebook page for all notifications.

From everyone at Grangetown Primary we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year lets make 2025 a year to remember!

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

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