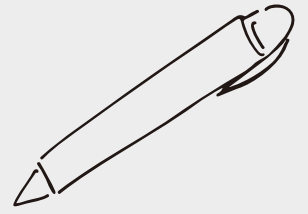


HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



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



This half term has been a very busy one full of amazing experiences for all the children in EYFS. In Art, the children in Reception have explored the artists Vincent Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock and Kandinsky. They have investigated with a range of materials freely to develop their own version of 'The Starry night.' They also listened to music whilst painting, inspired by the artist Kandinsky. We had a fantastic trip to Redcar Leisure Centre to take part in the balance festival. As well as the bus journey being extremely exciting, we had lots of fun riding the balance bikes and learned some new skills. We were very proud of how 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' all the children were. Forest School this half term has been a cold one but has given us the opportunity to discuss the winter weather and how we need to wrap up warm. We have also been looking after our birds in winter by making them bird feeders and a huge nest! Chinese New Year has been celebrated in EYFS by listening to the Chinese New Year story, dragon dancing and tasting food. To celebrate National Storytelling Week, we had a visit from a lady called Anne from Rain, Shine, Storytime. The children in Kiddiwinkles and Nursery had a sensory version of Bear Hunt read to them with materials and musical instruments and Reception acted out the story of Hansel and Gretel. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Valentine's Stay and Play session. We really appreciate your support. Have a lovely half term!



YEAR ONE

This term has been amazing! We have loved learning about materials and their properties in science. We have sorted materials and experimented with what different materials can be used for. In Art we are making 3D animal sculptures out of malleable materials. So far, we have used salt dough, plasticine and clay. We can't wait to show you our plasticine ladybirds.

We went on a trip to Eston Sports Centre where we took part in lots of sports activities. For example, we raced using balance boards, balanced bean bags on tennis rackets, played catch the bean bag using PE cones.

We had 'Storytime with Anne' which was fantastic. We listened to a story called 'Oi Frog!' and Anne made it so funny. It was brilliant!

We have spent lots of times in our outdoor learning area - playing with the water, sand and messy stuff. We are really excited about the new outdoor space and can't wait to see how this develops.



YEAR TWO

Year 2 have had a fabulous half term and made tremendous progress since Christmas! The children have been engaged in a wide range of activities that have helped develop their skills and knowledge across different subjects.

The children have been working hard on counting and using money in Maths. They've also made great strides in learning about multiplication and division, developing a strong foundation for their future maths learning.

In Science, Year 2 have been exploring the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. They've learnt all about exercise and healthy eating, understanding how these contribute to their overall well-being.

One of the highlights of the half term was the planning and creation of wallets for Little Red Riding Hood in Design & Technology. The children learnt the skill of sewing and created some outstanding final products, showing off their creativity and hard work. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continued support, especially when it comes to reading at home. Your encouragement makes such a difference in the children's progress.

Lastly, we wish Mrs. Herring the best of luck as she moves to another school next half term to continue her teacher training. We look forward to welcoming her back in the Summer Term!

Have a wonderful break, and we look forward to another exciting half term ahead!



YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this term we have moved on to our new topic in DT food, which has involved discussions about what is healthy or not and what makes up a balanced diet. From these discussions we have started to design our own healthy sandwich for our parents to come in and sample during an afternoon tea session. This has involved lots of different practical lessons trying different breads and discussing what the children prefer.

In Art, we have also started our new topic looking at the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky. We have looked at his style of paintings and had a go at creating our own Kandinsky artwork. We have created painting using his unique style. Also, we created some amazing, melted cup work using plastic cups and melting them down in the oven to create Kandinsky style circles.

This term we have also really enjoyed learning a new instrument and had weekly lessons learning the recorder. The children have really enjoyed this and made some brilliant progress learning a range of songs and about different notes and time scales. We have also had some of our year 3 boys and girls out on a school football tournament. The girls team showed some real resilience and huge potential and should be very proud coming 4th. However, the boys team showed some amazing teamwork and won the tournament. We are very proud well-done Year 3!



YEAR FOUR

This half term, our Year 4 children attended their long awaited woodland trip with the Stepping Stones project. They applied all of their learnt skills from throughout the year including den building, tree identification and bug hotel making! The children thoroughly enjoyed their day at the woodland and are looking forward to learning new skills back at school!

We have also had a huge push on times tables this half term and the hard work has paid off! Our school competed in the NSPCC Rocks competition on TTRS and the results were amazing! In the North Yorkshire area, Miss Strathern's & Miss Armstrong's class were the top two classes from our school coming 24th & 25th out of 401 classes! We also had pupils in the top 20 in North Yorkshire coming 14th & 19th out of 5,000 students. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



YEAR 5



This half term we have been learning about the history of Grangetown including the history of our school. The children have used various historical sources to find answers to their questions and improved their understanding of our local history. We also went on a walk around the Grangetown area. During our walk, we looked at important streets, imagining how things were in the past. We thought about how the area has changed throughout history and what developments have been made.

We have visited Flamingo Land this half term to find out more about the creatures that live in North and South America - a place in the world we have been learning about in Geography. We got to hold a hissing cockroach, stroke an adder and say hello to a tenrec. We look forward to another amazing half term after the well-deserved break where we can begin to enjoy the better weather!

YEAR SIX

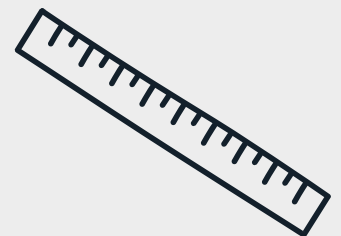
This term has been a busy one for Year 6! They have delved into the history of World War 2, researching significant figures and creating amazing artwork based on 'The Blitz' using chalk and charcoal!

The children have been working tirelessly to prepare for their SATs in May. They have gone to the next level to improve their writing, reading, maths and SPAG. We are so proud of how hard our children are working and know they will achieve great things!

Many of our Year 6's have worked hard this half term to plan and create an 'Eco-Shop' with help from 'Ecologico'. They have spent time conducting market research to find out the best things to sell at our shop that will be opening in school very soon!

Our Year 6's continue to thrive in sports and PE - they have taken part in multiple sporting trips including some very successful football competitions! They have also enjoyed exploring some gymnastics & trampoline work in their PE lessons.

Some of our Year 6's have started to rehearse for their end of year performance of 'The Lion King' and are loving every minute! We have a very talented group of children and are looking forward to what comes next!





THE ARC

In writing, we created our own poems based on "What is pink?" by Christina Rossetti, inspired by our memorable experience of a colour hunt around school. We are currently creating our own fiction story based on "The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch" by Ronda and David Armitage. For our memorable experience, we made jam sandwiches and had a picnic. Luckily, the seagulls didn't get our lunch like in the story!

In maths, we have been learning different measures for length, height, mass, capacity and temperature. In PSHE, we have been learning all about careers and thinking of our own future aspirations. We have some ambitious future teachers, gymnastic teachers and chefs! In occupational therapy, we have been focusing on our proprioception skills which has included some fun games of Twister!

We enjoyed taking part in the multi-skills festival at Eston Leisure Centre and MFC Herlingshaw. We played darts, archery, curling, completed an assault course and played with the parachute! We completed another one of our 5 things to do in the ARC which was to 'make a mud creation'.



WE ARE GRANGETOWN

Another half term is over & I am pleased to welcome the brighter mornings & lighter evenings as we see the first signs of spring.

What a half term it has been - always busy & always so much fun. The children have been a delight & school feels so calm. This half term you will see all the amazing things the children have been up to & the experiences they have enjoyed. We do like to try & fit in as much as we can.

Again this term thank you so much for your continued support with all that we do. Just a little reminder from me about school uniform & children not wearing jewellery to school.

Can I also please ask that you make sure that your child is not bringing chewing gum to school. We have had a number of children especially in our upper school who have been bring chewing gum to school & chewing it during lesson times. For health & safety reasons we can not have any form of sweets being brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, I hope you have a great half term making special memories. See you back at school on Monday 3rd March.

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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