



Half-term Highlights

Autumn 1 — 2022



CURRICULUM

- ♦ All of our children have been settling in to their new classes with their new teachers. Reception children welcomed their parents in to share a school meal.





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CURRICULUM CONT.....

- ◆ Year One created Tiger biscuits to share at a “Tiger who came to tea” party with their parents. Parents were treated to a performance of the Tiger Song followed by decorated tiger themed biscuits!



- ◆ Year One also started their community project of planting. This term they are planting in the school community. Year Six assisted the children to plant bulbs in several locations around the school. We can't wait to see them all sprout up in the Spring!





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ Year Two were busy with projects including donating food from our Harvest Festivals to local foodbanks. Thank you for your amazing generosity!



- ◆ In year 3 we have enjoyed learning about London and the important landmarks. We went on a brilliant Science trip to Hyde Hall. It was warm and sunny so we had a picnic outside.



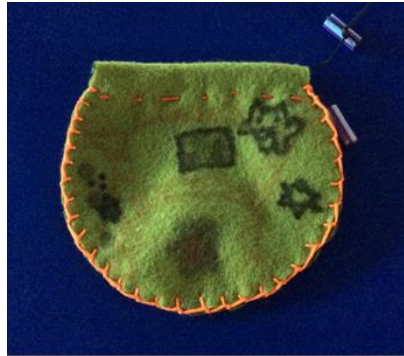
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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ This term year 4 have been learning about the human digestive system. We did an experiment, which modelled the muscle and digestive juices in the stomach. We learnt how our teeth and tongue break down the food we eat to help us swallow. We found out that an enzyme called salivary amylase changes the taste of some foods.
- ◆ In Art / DT, we designed and made our own Anglo-Saxon purses. We used running and blanket stitch to sew the purse together and felt tip pens to draw our own Anglo-Saxon patterns.



- ◆ Year Five - In Climate week we looked at how we could recycle, reuse and reduce. We reused old clothes and made them into stylish bags. We then had a recycle, reuse and reduce fashion show to show of our fabulous designs.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ We looked at many different things in Climate Week including how our journey to school can affect the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere. We did a year group survey and found out which class created the least and most CO₂, which we turned into a bar chart.

We also made some climate game board games which were based on snakes and ladders. For looking after the climate you got to move forward but for leaving lights on and driving short journeys you would have to move back.

- ◆ In Year 6, we have been very busy. In history we have focused on events during WW2. Our visit to Duxford gave us all a lot more information and an amazing experience. We read the book 'Wonder' by R J Palacio which was a lovely story about kindness and treating everyone equally. This also provided stimulus for our writing tasks. In PE we have learnt how to play handball which is a fast and exciting game. As a year group, we completed a handball house competition which we all enjoyed. Finally, in RE we are continuing to learn about Sikhism.





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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ This term has seen the completion of one of our ongoing projects and the near completion of a second.

After a very successful Big Spell and some additional funding both the KS1 and KS2 libraries have had some amazing book themed wall art installed. The wall art has transformed the spaces and created a real buzz about our two library spaces.



Stage two of the redecoration will be undertaken in the Spring or Summer terms.



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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The other project which has been nearing completion is our amazing Wellbeing Garden. Benches and a bespoke unique path have been installed using reclaimed paving and bricks and the bricks decorated by pupils on a book theme.



Last week the first plants were delivered to start creating our sensory areas. We have created a bed of aromatic plants and a bed of plants which will attract bees, butterflies and wildlife. We have also planted two wonderful climbers to create an amazing entrance to the rest of the garden.



The second wave of planting will be in the Spring with a visual spectacle of colour and plants to touch and taste in the plans.

A HUGE thank you goes to Upminster Garden Centre (Nags Head Lane) for advising on which plants to choose, sourcing, nurturing and delivering our purchases while ensuring we got great value for our budget! We have just received a very generous donation of £300 from the Old Schools Foundation to purchase fund sensory plants, wellbeing books and gardening equipment for the children to enjoy the benefits of the outdoors, learn to care and tend for plants and also benefit emotionally from the outdoor area which we all found so beneficial in recent times.



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SPORT

- ♦ The netball season got under way with a tournament in Harold Hill for 10 of our squad. The matches took place on TUES 1st November so we were quite new to playing as a team! The team did an AMAZING job playing 3 games (in some terrible weather) and winning 12-0 10-0 and 8-2 which means we qualify for the next round of games in the borough league.





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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ♦ Jacob, 4W is very proud & excited that he gained his red belt, grade 3, at Kung Fu recently. Well done Jacob, we are very proud of you too!



- ♦ Congratulations to Thaila in 5W for achieving her Chief Scout Silver award with 2nd Cranham Cubs!





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- ◆ Leo and Luke B attended the BMakg Essex Karate club competition and their Sensie reported that they did an awesome job. Well done boys!



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