



Half-term Highlights

Spring 1 — 2024



CURRICULUM

- ♦ EYFS have welcomed their parents in for a morning of space adventure and creativity. Rockets were created and a great time was had by all!



- ♦ Year One welcomed their parents to the Fun with Phonics sessions where they showed their parents and carers different phonic games and activities to assist with learning our sounds at home.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ Year Two had a fantastic day learning all about the Great Fire of London and what life was like in 1666. The children had an amazing time creating candles, soap, book marks and other products using traditional methods. They had a go at being rat catchers and part of the fire fighting team to stop the fire spreading. They even became archaeologists to gather artefacts and learn more about how the fire spread.





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CURRICULUM CONT/...

Year 3

- ♦ One of our highlights this term has definitely been Celtic Day. The children all turned up looking fabulous in their Celtic themed outfits. The day was packed full of great activities. The children got to:
 - Wrap dough around a stick and cook over a campfire
 - Eat the bread they'd cooked
 - Bash flowers to get the colour from them to make art work
 - Spend time in a Celtic Village (in our garden rooms!) sweeping up the camp, planting seeds, tasting Celtic raw vegetables, brushing fur and eating cooked Celtic broth
 - Weaving wool
 - Making salt dough jewellery

The children wrote about their special day when we came back to school on Monday. Some children said it was the best day they'd ever had. Lots really enjoyed the bread they cooked and some weren't so sure. Each child had a go at tasting all the food on offer and it was great to see everyone having a try.

At the end of the day, some children thought they'd done no learning! One of our favourite days is a day where the children have learnt so much, but didn't realise. We said thank you to Mrs Donovan and Mrs Wyman for helping up at Forest School. A great day 😊

- ♦ This term year 4 have been reading 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks. The children have enjoyed writing their own instructions on how to make a toy come to life by using a magical cupboard. In Art, the children worked very hard to create their own landscape pictures of The Canary Islands. They also designed and created their own gecko from modelling clay... they looked amazing! During theme week, the children learnt all about inspirational Paralympians and they created their own mixed media portraits. They enjoyed learning about Valerie Bloom and wrote their own poem based on Bloom's 'The River' poem.





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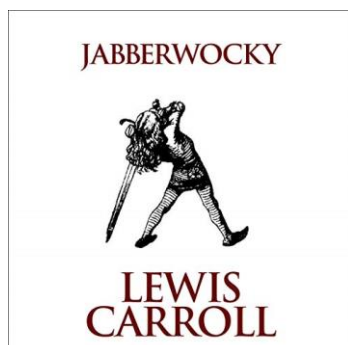
CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ This term Year 5 began working on a new book called The Barnabus Project. They had several opportunities to use their imagination to create their very own hybrid creature, for example, one made a creature that was half shark and half mushroom. These creatures were then used in their art work and their very own comic strip – The Barnabus Project: The Sequel.

In addition, we looked at famous campaigners as part of our theme week. Specifically, we looked at the life of Malala Yousafzai and how she has fought for women's right in education.



- ◆ In Spring 1, Year 6 have been working hard to learn about a range of poems including Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky, Maya Angelou's poem, Life Doesn't Frighten Me at All and Beowulf in English. Children learned through role play and lots of reading to develop their own quest narrative. In PE, children were eager to develop their control and teamwork within gymnastics. In science, children learned about the human body with a focus on the circulatory system. Year 6 also started their geography unit on rivers, learning about rivers around the world and their uses.





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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



- ◆ On safer internet day KS2 looked at how online influencers control our behavior and in KS1 we looked at who to talk to if we come across something online that makes us feel uncomfortable.
- ◆ The NSPCC led virtual assemblies and safeguarding workshops.



- ◆ The Dogs' Trust visited the school to work with pupils on safe behavior around dogs.



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STAFF NEWS

- ◆ We welcomed Miss Henry as a new member of our breakfast club team.
- ◆ Congratulations to Miss Jessica who joined us last year on a temporary basis. Miss Jessica has secured a permanent position with us as a member of the support staff team.



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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



- ◆ Elcie, 3BR has been dancing for her dance school 'Born to Perform' in Dagenham for 3 years. She has achieved many trophies in competitions, she dances 3 times a week and is very passionate about it. Elcie has now started doing her exam work and her family wanted to share her amazing achievement certificate with a distinction with her friends at school, they are super proud of their little dancer and are looking forward to sharing more. Well done Elcie!

If your child is successful outside of school, for example in music, sport, etc, please let us know via contact@engayne.co.uk, and we will include this in the next edition of 'Half-Term Highlights'