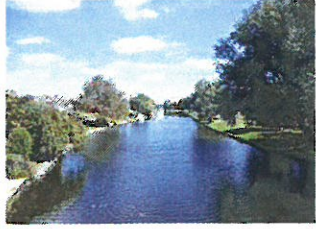




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Y4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about rivers and the effects of flooding. Their writing and art work is something to be very proud of. All of the children excelled in the Christmas performance which has helped them grow in confidence and maturity. Next term, we will be turning into Roman soldiers. We cannot wait!

Y2

Year 2 have been absorbed in the classic story of 'The Snow Queen' and all things icy, in contrast to their previous topic linked to fire. Finding out about polar regions and



Ernest Shackleton was of great interest to them. Last week, Year 2 were lucky enough to have been taken to see a theatre performance of Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' - a real hit with all of Year 2!

Y3

Year 3 have had an exciting half term, based largely around performing. They worked hard on their roles in the Christmas production and were delighted to perform for a large audience with the Years 2 & 4 children. They have also been working each week on their Stone-Age dance creation with Mrs Hall and thoroughly enjoyed their special outing to the cinema, as a reward. They are now looking forward to a well earned Christmas break!



Nursery

Wow, it has been an exciting and busy half term. There have been so many highlights and achievements. The children have enjoyed learning about jobs that help us, this included a visit to our class from the Dentist. Mum's morning was a great success and enjoyable experience for all. Also all of the children had lots of fun and learnt a lot by writing and posting letters home. Nursery worked really hard on the Christmas production and did fantastic job, well done everybody! We have also been very busy completing Christmas arts and crafts. All children have settled in exceptionally well and are making great progress. The nursery staff have thoroughly enjoyed building relationships and making magical memories with each child and we look forward to the New Year.



Y1 Wow! This half term has been SUPER busy in Year 1! We've made Space-themed art work for our exhibition based on ideas from Peter Thorpe and used the fantastic book 'Bob, the Man on the Moon' as a stimulus for our writing this half term. We've also built rockets to add to our Space display in the classroom (a huge thank you to everyone at home who helped with their child's rocket - they look GREAT!) and we have done some great Speaking and Listening work to describe aliens for our partner to draw - lots of fun! We've learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day, made a Poppy wreath and decorated a soldier silhouette for the school grounds. We also had a fab day learning about the Mexican festival of Dia De Los Muertos and made sugar skull masks to take home. We had a fantastic day with our Mums on Mum's morning, learning all about Beatrix Potter and the books that she wrote. We even made our own Beatrix Potter style books which are going to be displayed in our reading area in the classroom. And then it was Christmas ... We really enjoyed our 'Smile for a Mile' Santa Dash challenge and we all worked amazingly hard to learn our lines for our Christmas Play, 'The Angel Express'. We worked so hard to make sure the narration and the songs were ready for our performances and we helped the younger children wherever we could. After such a busy Half Term, we are all ready for a rest over Christmas time but will come back in January ready to work hard and learn lots!

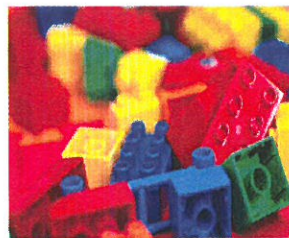


Y5 As part of their new topic on SPACE, Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank. Whilst they were there, they visited the: Inflatable Planetarium; explored the Space Pavilion and took part in the Destination Space workshop. The class thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt lots of new facts about SPACE.

Y6 Our half term began with an amazing trip to Quarry Bank Mill. The children have shown great interest in this topic and the experience really enhanced their knowledge of life for children in Victorian times. Dressed in traditional costumes, the children investigated the inner workings of the mill, school for Victorian children and jobs that Victorian children had to do. Mum's morning was also a big success. Thank you to all those who came. We compared the lives of Victorian children whether rich or poor, boy or girl. Lots more to come after Christmas. Have a wonderful holiday!



Reception



This half term has been busy, full of glitter, glamour and great achievements. The children have enjoyed their first school trip to the Legoland Discovery Centre. We watched a Lego brick being made, created our own stories using Lego and explored the different attractions at the centre. The behaviour of all the children was exceptional! The children have been working hard on their Christmas production - The Angel Express. All their hard work and effort was displayed in their performances to the rest of the school and to their Parents and Carers. Thank you for all the support given at home with the learning of lines. Mum's morning was a lovely success. I hope all that were able to make it enjoyed spending the time with the children, exploring the classroom and seeing how the children learn independently. We look forward to kicking off the New Year with the same enthusiasm as we have done this term.

R. G. V.