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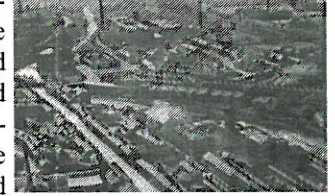
Nursery

This half term has been packed and super exciting. We have done so much, to mention a few highlights: we have been learning about Chinese New Year – the language, animal year, food, culture, traditions and we have completed lots of arts and crafts. In maths we continue to look at counting and numbers in varied ways and with the help of Numicon. We also spent several lessons exploring the book 'magic train ride' through the use of a story map and actions to help us re-tell the story. As you know we are learning Rhythm and Rhyme (phonics) and we will continue learning this next half term. Over the holidays you could talk about rhyming words at home, this would be great and benefit all children. Also we are still learning about all types of transport and even made hot air balloons that flew into the sky. Well done to all Nursery children and enjoy the holidays!



Y3

Year 3 have had an exciting half term exploring Stockport during the 1940s. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the impact of World War II on the lives of children and their families and have been very excited by activities such as trying to bake cakes whilst some of their ingredients were rationed. They have also worked amazingly well in their PE lessons with Mrs O Hare, translating possible war time emotions into powerful dance performances. Unfortunately due to the snow day, our visit to the Air raid shelters has had to be rearranged for the summer term but the children are happy that they still have this exciting visit to look forward to.



Y6 It has been an extremely hard working start to the new year for Year 6. Our preparations for SATs are now in full flow and I would like to thank you all once again for your commitment to new homework routines. Even though we are busy preparing, we are still finding time for some fun and adventure.



There are many more treats around the corner but our favourite treat of this half term has to be the 'Chinese Food Challenge'. The children were challenged to name and mix a variety of ingredients to make their own Chinese dish. The dishes they made were absolutely delicious and I'm sure they have been begging to do some cooking at home.

Y5 Velodrome Magic—The

Year 5s were taken to the Manchester velodrome to test their cycling skills. At first, many of them were a bit daunted by the dropped handle bars, the lack of bakes, the steepness of the banking and riding a racing bike. But as their confidence grew, they were soon speeding around the track. Once we had finished, we all had one final treat of watching the GB riders. They were amazing.



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Reception—We have really hit the road running this half term, using our topic of wheels to springboard us onto lots of different learning in all areas. We have been pushing forward with our reading and writing, through exploring a wide range of stories including Mrs Armitage on Wheels and looking at new sounds in phonics. Maths

has also been varied where we have explored different shapes, compared sizes of objects and learned how to estimate. The art focus has seen us using wheel shaped objects found in the natural world to create some excellent pieces of work based on Andy Warhol's pop art. Chinese New Year has also been celebrated here in Reception where we learned about how the Chinese calendar began, different greetings in Chinese, we made lanterns and participated in a workshop based on the story of the Magic Paintbrush. The children have all worked really hard this half term and really deserve a break. Fantastic improvements are being made all around and I look forward to continuing on the same path after half term.

Y4 If you need any persuading in joining the Roman Army, then the children in Year 4 are the people to go to! They have written some excellent recruitment leaflets which would no doubt encourage people to join. We also designed and created Roman bullas and it seems we have some superstar sewers amongst us. More dance and drama to come in the second half of the Spring term - so watch this space.



Y2 Year 2 have embraced the new year and worked hard learning about Superheroes and real-life heroes. It was lovely to see how many children picked a family as their hero as well as recognising some of our emergency service workers as heroes! They have designed their own heroes and villains and written their own superhero story. Next they will be tackling the topic of 'Beasts! Who knows what they will encounter?!



Y1 Wow! Another fantastically busy half term! We've learnt about the seasons and are now finding out about the human body. We have been on a senses walk, to find out what stimulates our senses in and around school. We had to wrap up warm though – it was quite chilly! We have been learning about Space and what it must be like to travel there. We have read some fantastic books and have done some brilliant writing based on The First Hippo on the Moon by David Walliams and Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. We've worked on time, doubling, more and less and addition in Maths, using Numicon to help us. We've written some lovely poems about feelings – including LOVE for Valentine's day. Oh, and we managed to fit in a SNOW DAY too! Hurrah! Hope you all had a lovely, snowy day of fun and laughter. Not to mention our China week when, after celebrating Chinese New Year, we were lucky enough to meet children from a school in China and learn lots more about the country and its culture. After a well-earned week off I'm sure we'll all come back ready to go again – lots more fun and hard work to come next half term and we can't wait!

