

Dear parents, carers and families,

Here are a series of news bulletins from each year group as well as some other reminders and notices.

YEAR 3

This half term the children in Year 3 have enjoyed their historical theme, 'The Big Dig'. Using historical artefacts found on our school field, the children have investigated the past, asking questions and making inferences. After concluding that the finds came from the Stone Age, the pupils have explored life in the Stone Age; made comparisons between life in the Stone Age and life in the Bronze and Iron Ages; painted using charcoal; and hunted and foraged. In geography the children looked at how the landscape of Britain has changed and investigated the mysterious Doggerland. Children have written newspaper cover stories to share the news of these historical finds which they have published beautifully using their best handwriting. They have also written adventure stories of their encounter with a Stone Age animal! In maths children have been cracking the skill of telling the time- to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue and digital clock as well as comparing time durations. We have just begun to look at properties of 2D shapes, angles and lines which will continue after half term. They have been developing their gymnastics skills focusing on forwards and backwards rolls whilst in outdoor PE we have been honing our tag rugby skills. R.E. learning this half term has focused on Sikhism and how important sharing is to Sikhs.

The Year 3 Team

YEAR 4

What a jam-packed half term! The children have been thoroughly engaged with our theme 'Let's Go Green' this term. Whether it was in discovering that blue whales are so large you could swim through their veins, or that 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the sea every year, the children have been keen to learn about our planet and what we can do to reduce global warming. Our river trip was very successful, as was the Y4 Cricket Tournament at Oughtibridge, which was played in the best of spirits on a beautiful day. In science we have learned about the three states of matter, investigating how various materials change from solid to liquid and/or gas and vice-versa. Chocolate and fizzy drinks were involved in the investigations and consumed eagerly afterwards! We also focused on completing our

STEM car project and celebrating our products through a Power Point presentation. In maths we have investigated time and money with hands-on activities, and in English we have produced non-chronological information texts on the blue whale, as well as writing persuasive letters about the need for greater recycling.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR 5

This half term Y5 have been 'To Infinity and Beyond' in their theme all about Earth and Space. The children have travelled around the solar system learning about the different planets; made models to demonstrate the movement of the Earth around the Sun; created short films explaining how we get night and day; and learned all about forces so we could protect our 'eggstronauts' when they returned to Earth. On our 'Space Day' children took a trip through space when they visited the planetarium. They also became NASA trainees by designing their own bottle rockets, trying astronaut food and doing a range of space-related experiments. The space theme continued in our English work where children wrote some brilliant science fiction stories based around the music video for 'Titanium'. The children also read biographies about influential people who have achieved great things in space. They then wrote biographies of themselves in the future, imagining that they had made an incredible space-related achievement. It has been amazing to see what the children have imagined themselves doing in the future! Also, to further develop their creativity, in art lessons the children have been improving their painting skills by mixing a myriad of colours and adding a range of textures to watercolour – all in preparation for painting their own imagined Solar System. It has certainly been a jam-packed half-term!

The Year 5 Team

YEAR 6

Children in Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term in preparation for this year's end of Key Stage 2 SATs. We have all been impressed with the determination that the pupils have shown in tackling a series of challenging tests and we want to express just how proud we are of each and every child for their efforts. What has been especially noticeable this year is how calm and unfazed the pupils have been. After completing the reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling tests, the children will continue to focus on developing their writing skills in preparation for the final writing assessment which will be made by teachers based on the pupils' work over the year.

The post-SATs walk to Our Cow Molly was a delight and the perfect precursor to the Lockerbrook experience. It has been an absolute joy to take the Year 6 children to Lockerbrook. The weather has been kind all week and the children have risen to every challenge put before them – climbing, caving, abseiling, weaselling and a seven miles adventure walk! Once again, we have received glowing feedback from the Lockerbrook staff about the superb behaviour, attitude and strong team ethic displayed by all. Next half term we will be turning our attention to the Y6 performance. This year the children will be performing What a Knight! Auditions and rehearsals will start in earnest after the holiday.

The Year 6 Team

THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE

This half term in maths children have worked on identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, looking at lines of symmetry, the number of vertices, edges and faces. They compared and observed 2D and 3D shapes in real life contexts looking at them from different angles. We have started to look at, construct and interpret pictograms, collecting our own data and creating tally charts.

In English we have followed the traditional story of The Gingerbread Man, creating a story map and sequencing the events in order. The pupils enjoyed dressing up and re-enacting the story.

The children have been exposed to a variety of media and techniques in art: - chalk, shaving foam, ink, water colour, oil pastels, salt and glue, creating some wonderful pieces of work. One of the highlights was a morning spent “Junk Modelling” when the children produced a variety of amazing models and an awful lot of mess!

Mrs Kennedy and the IR Team

REMAINING TRAINING DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Monday 3rd June 2019

Wednesday 24th July 2019

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (2019-2020)

The following dates have been agreed with Stannington Infants:

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 21st July 2020

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost for lunches is £10 per week and £72 for the next half term. If you are paying on a weekly basis, please ensure that payment is made on Mondays. Lunches can be paid for with cash or by cheques made payable to Sheffield City Council. Please also remember that children need to book school meals or bring packed lunches on a week-by-week basis and not on a day-by-day arrangement. Please note that the first week of term begins on Week 1 on the current lunch menu. The menu is available on the school website.

NEXT HALF TERM

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 4th June after a well-earned rest for a suitably busy and enjoyable final half term of the academic year.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Arbon-Davis