



Newsletter

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Our school value for next half-term is:

Curiosity

Curiosity is the relentless desire to explore, discover, and understand new things – is an innate force that drives human learning and development from the earliest stages of life till the end.

Exploring Curiosity with Your Child

Encouraging curiosity in children sets the stage for a lifetime of learning and discovery. When children are curious, they start asking questions. And those questions? They're like the seeds of critical thinking and lifelong curiosity.

When we foster curiosity, we're encouraging children to think outside the box. They become little innovators, dabbling in creative thinking, experimenting with ideas and solving problems in ways we might not even imagine.

But it's not just about academics. Cultivating curiosity also helps children grow emotionally and socially. When they explore new things, they learn to handle their feelings, adjust their expectations, and bounce back from setbacks. It's all part of the journey toward becoming resilient, adaptable individuals.

So, let's embrace curiosity together! Let's spark those questions, ignite those imaginations and watch as children flourish in a world full of wonder and possibility.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the spring term, we reflect on the incredible journey of learning and growth that the children have embarked upon.

It has been a term filled with achievements, milestones and unforgettable experiences. From captivating classroom lessons to inspiring extracurricular activities, the children have demonstrated tenacity, determination and creativity in every endeavour.

I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment for all of the children here at Antingham & Southrepps Primary School and Nursery.

We are thrilled to share that our recent celebration of World Book Day was a resounding success! The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the children in dressing up as their favourite book characters truly brought the magic of literature to life. Additionally, the Norfolk Children's Bookshop book sale was met with great excitement and proved to be a tremendous success, further fostering our children's love for reading.

Furthermore, we celebrated Neurodiversity Day on Tuesday 19th March 2024. This special day was dedicated to understanding and celebrating the unique talents of neurodiverse minds. Through engaging activities and discussions, the children learned about the importance of embracing diversity and celebrating differences in neurological function.

In addition to these wonderful events, some of our Year 4, 5, and 6 children recently embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Pendarren in Wales. This experience gave them invaluable opportunities to develop essential life skills, build resilience and create lasting memories. We are delighted to hear from one of our parents, who expressed their thankfulness for the trip and the efforts of our dedicated staff:

"Lily had the most amazing time and has not stopped telling us about it since she got home. We are very lucky that she goes to such a good school with amazing teachers like you guys. It's going to be an incredible memory that she will have for a lifetime"



I am also excited to announce that our Red Nose Day fundraising efforts were incredibly successful, raising a total of **£64!** Your generous contributions will make a meaningful difference in supporting vital causes and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

In addition to these wonderful events, we would like to inform you about the upcoming busy summer term. Our Year 1 children will be participating in the national phonics screening test, while Year 4 students will undertake the multiplication check. Additionally, our Year 6 students will be preparing for the SATs. We will provide further details and support to ensure the children are well-prepared for these assessments.

As we look forward to the upcoming break, I encourage you to continue to support your child's learning journey at home and to take this opportunity to rest and recharge. We wish you all a joyous and rejuvenating easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term, refreshed and ready for the new term.

Kind regards,
Mr Elcock



Our next newsletter will be on Friday 24th May 2024

Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and successful term! On governors' visits we have, again, seen proof of hard work by children and staff. Also lovely to see is that it is not all work, there is a lot of fun too.

A wide variety of visits has taken place including a visit to the Sainsbury Centre and a residential stay in Wales. Bushcraft continues to give children the wonderful experiences and opportunities that the school's location provides. The brilliant new Trim Trail lets children combine activity with problem solving. Thanks go, as always, to Mr Elcock and his wonderful, dedicated staff who every day do their very best to prepare your children for the future in many different ways.

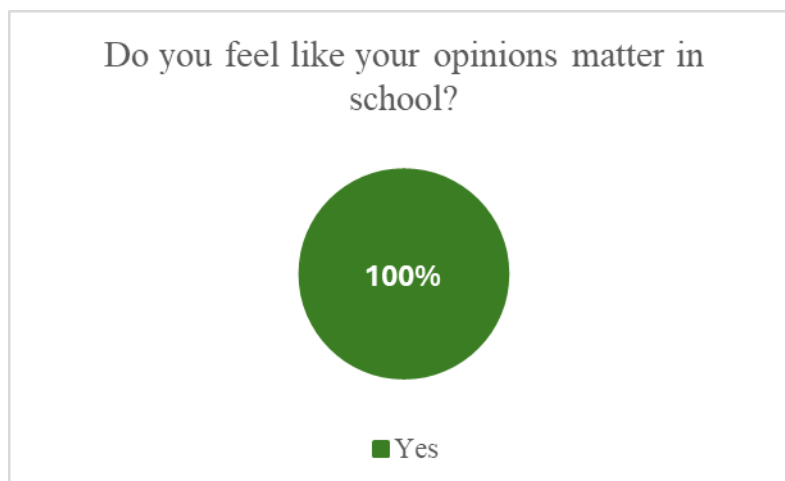
On behalf of the Local Governing Board, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the School and wish you a restful spring break. Let's hope the sun shines!

Sia Vare
Chair of Governors

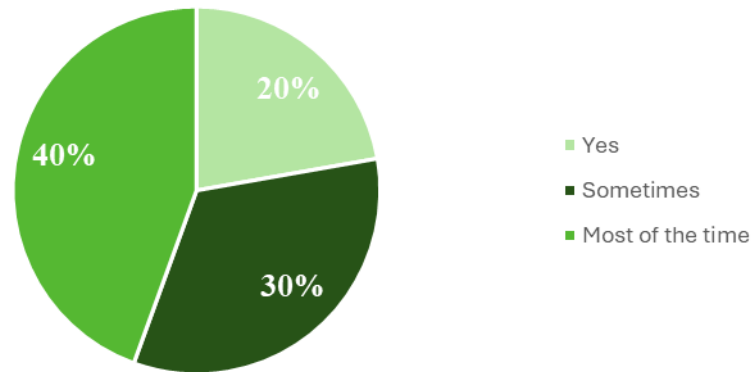
School Council

This year, the School Council have achieved so much. They have attended meetings discussing in depth about the school and what they would like to bring to the school. They have been busy informing other children about our school vision statement and they participated in a fantastic school assembly on one of our school values – Patience. The School Council priorities moving forward will be UNICEF Rights of a Child Bronze/Silver Award, what our next school fundraiser is going to be for and sorting out the playground equipment shed on the playground.

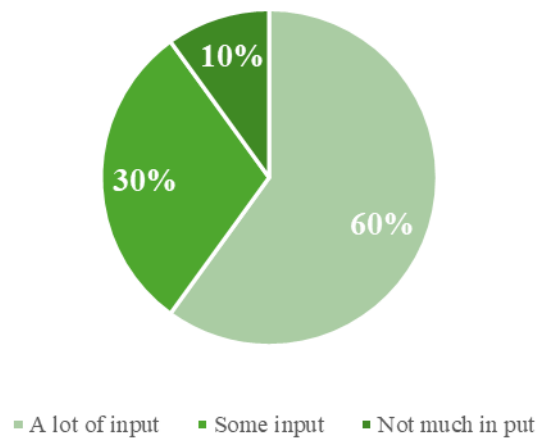
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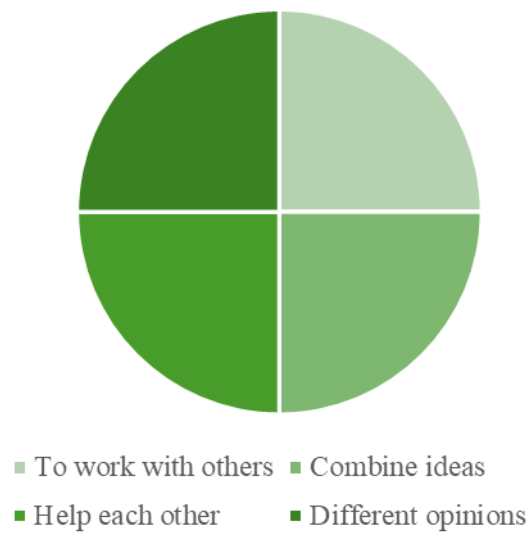
Are you aware of world news?



How much input do you have in lessons?



Why do we work in groups in class?





Gresham Prep School Networking

Over the last few months, I have been liaising and collaborating with Gresham Prep School for networking sessions for the children at both schools.

This partnership with Gresham Prep School presents an excellent opportunity for us to work together, fostering a strong network and enhancing our educational offerings. We look forward to engaging with our children from another community and creating meaningful connections through these collaborative efforts.

- **Wednesday 24th April 2024**- D&T and Art afternoon (11:00am-2:30pm)- Year 3 & 4
- **Wednesday 22nd May 2024**- High Ropes Session (11:00am-2:30pm)- Year 5 & 6
- **Friday 21st June 2024**- Make Music Day (11:00am-2:30pm)- Year 4, 5 & 6

Gresham Prep will provide lunch for the children on this day. However, if you would like your child to bring their own packed lunch or have a school snack, please let myself or the school office know.

Bollywood Dance Workshop

Exciting news! Next term, our school will be hosting a Bollywood Dance Workshop for each class. Get ready for a fun and culturally enriching experience for your child!



Whole School Trip- Royal Norfolk Show

We will be heading to the Royal Norfolk Show again this year—an exciting opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in Norfolk's agricultural, cultural and community experiences. This outing promises a day filled with educational exhibits and thrilling performances, fostering curiosity and appreciation for our local heritage. More details will follow soon.



Year 6 Leaver Event

This year, our Year 6 leavers will be enjoying an exhilarating tubing experience at Norfolk Snow Sports Club in Trowse!

Tubing offers an exciting adventure as children slide down slopes in inflatable tubes, providing laughter, fun and unforgettable moments. It's the perfect way for the Year 6 children to celebrate their achievements and create lasting memories with their friends before moving on to the next chapter of their educational journey.

Step-up day

Get ready for an exciting Step Day where your child/ren will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and explore their upcoming classroom!

This special event will provide a smooth transition for your child as they step into the next academic year. Details regarding the schedule and any necessary arrangements will follow soon.





End of Year Class Parties

This year, all classes will be hosting end-of-year parties on Wednesday 18th July 2024! It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for our children to celebrate their accomplishments and enjoy some well-deserved fun. Children can wear non-uniform on this day.

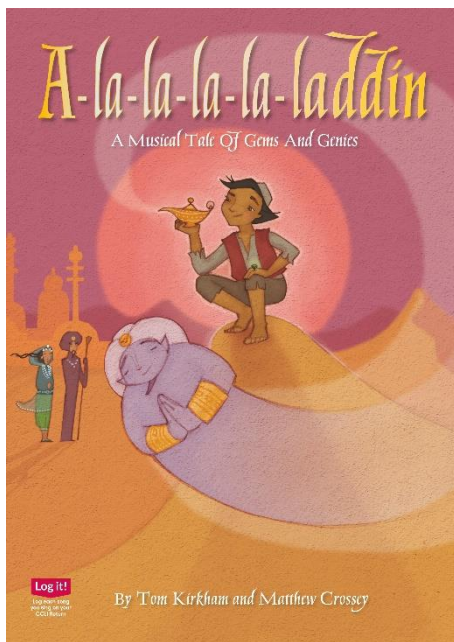
Please note that due to allergy considerations, all food provided at the parties must adhere to Natasha's Law, ensuring a safe environment for all children. This means any food must provide full ingredients labelling on the packaging to highlight allergens in food that may cause allergic reactions when consumed. Also, we are a nut free school.

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre on, **Friday 21st June 2024**, promises something for everyone, from games and activities to delicious food and refreshments. It's the perfect opportunity to soak up the sunshine, connect with fellow parents, and support our school community.

Plus, don't miss out on the chance to win fantastic prizes in our raffle!

Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends along for a day to remember. Let's celebrate the summer season together at our Summer Fayre!



Year 6 Production- A-la-la-la-la-laddin

The Year 6 children, with the support of the Nick Vujicic class, will be diligently preparing for their final performance here at Antingham & Southrepps. They will be presenting their rendition of the well-known story of "A-la-la-la-la-laddin"!

This production promises to be a magical and enchanting experience, showcasing the talent and dedication of our children. We invite you to join us in celebrating their hard work and creativity.

Details about the performance date, time, and ticket availability will be shared with you soon. Let's come together to support the children as they shine on stage and bring this timeless tale to life!

Case Study Promotional Leaflets

I am excited to inform you that promotional case studies capturing positive experiences at Antingham & Southrepps have already been produced and are awaiting finalisation. These share insights on the exceptional aspects of our school, from educational quality to extracurricular activities.

Sharing these stories within your local communities will help attract new families and students but also fosters community pride.



Sports Day!

Our upcoming annual Sports Day at Antingham & Southrepps School will take place on Tuesday 18th June 2024! It's a day packed with fun activities and friendly competition. Don't miss out on cheering for our young athletes as they showcase their skills. See you there!



Reading at Home

At Antingham & Southrepps, we understand that some parents worry about their child's reading progress, particularly when comparing them to others. However, it's crucial to understand that reading is not a race. Children learn to read in different ways and at different speeds, and there's no one-size-fits-all approach to mastering this skill.

Concerns about children's reading can typically fall into two categories. Some children may seem disinterested in picking up a book, even though they have the ability to read the words. This group is often referred to as reluctant readers, and it's essential to ignite their interest by

incorporating topics they enjoy.

On the other hand, some children struggle to remember the sounds of letters or common words from one day to the next. These children are known as struggling readers and they may face various challenges, such as difficulty processing sounds or concentration issues.

If you're worried about your child's reading, the first step is to communicate with their class teacher. Teachers can provide reassurance or discuss plans to offer additional support if needed. Remember, extra help is common and beneficial for children's progress.

Our school has various strategies to assist struggling readers, such as additional phonics sessions or one-on-one reading practice with a teacher or teaching assistant. Rest assured, children tend to see extra support as a normal part of the school day and appreciate the attention it brings.

Read (or watch) Jean Gross CBE give her expert advice on how to support children who struggle with reading. [ResqueStick UK V12 16x9 VO2 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Link to free e-books: [Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl](#)



Year 6 SAT Information Workshop for Parents/Carer & Children

I would like to invite parents/carers and Year 6 children to join us for a Year 6 SAT information workshop on **Friday 16th April 2024**. During this session, I will provide valuable insights into the upcoming SAT exams, including an overview of the test format, key dates, and tips for supporting your child's preparation at home. This workshop will be an excellent opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of the SATs and to ask any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you there!

School Attendance

School attendance is a real focus for the Department for Education (Dfe) at present, you may have seen the advertisements in the press and on social media lately encouraging good attendance and punctuality at school.

As a school we expect children to have **100%** attendance (unless due to illness or exceptional circumstances)

DFE guidance says '*Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child **must attend every day that the school is open**, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school*'

The table below shows the expectation in terms of attendance percentages.

If you wish to know your child's current attendance figures, please email office@antingahamsouthrepps.org.uk and Mrs Flatman will provide you with a breakdown.

A poster with a wooden background. At the top, there is a round analog clock showing approximately 1:50. Below the clock, the title 'PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!' is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a dark grey rectangular background. Underneath the title, the text 'Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:' is followed by a bulleted list of three points. At the bottom of the dark grey area, it says '19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.' and 'missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities'. At the very bottom of the poster, in small green text, it says 'Attendance Team | Education, Quality Assurance and Intervention Service'.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.

missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities

Attendance Team | Education, Quality Assurance and Intervention Service

GOODBYE

We all would like to wish Paula Faiers (School Cook) a wonderful retirement. Paula will be dearly missed by the children and staff alike. We express our thanks for her hard work in the kitchen, which has nourished us all. Today's assembly was a heartfelt send-off, where we celebrated her years of dedication and wished her every happiness for the new chapter ahead.



Happy Birthday



The following pupils celebrated their birthday during the month of **April**.

Happy Birthday to You!

Anna (N2)
Maddie (N2)
Ivan (Y1)



Happy Birthday



The following pupils celebrated their birthday during the month of **May**

Happy Birthday to You!

Ralph M (N2)
Zara (YR)
Erin (Y2)
Ralph P (Y2)
Charlie (Y3)
Maisie M (Y6)
Carlin (Y6)



Diary Dates – Summer Term 2024

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips maybe arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips. Thank you!

April 2024	
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school for the Summer Term 2024
Monday 15 th April	Unveiling ceremony of mural in memory of Alfie Brown -2.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 17 th April	Swimming Lessons start for Year 1 & Year 2 at The Reef, Sheringham
Thursday 18 th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Orienteering & Problem Solving Event at Gresham Village School
Friday 19 th April	Year 6 SATs Parents Information Session – 9.00am
Tuesday 23 rd April	Bollywood Dance workshops for all classes
Wednesday 24 th April	Gresham's Prep School Network Sessions – Year 3 & Year 4 - D&T and Art Afternoon – 11.00am-2.30pm
Thursday 25 th April	Anxiety Workshops for Children – Session 1
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Course

May 2024	
Thursday 2 nd May	Anxiety Workshops for Children – Session 2
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	SEND Café for Parents with Mrs Nice – 9.00am-10.00am
Wednesday 8 th May	Stephen Hawkings Class - Learning Together Café – 9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 9 th May	Anxiety Workshops for Children – Session 3
Monday 10 th May	Frida Kahlo Class Assembly – 1.30pm
Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May	SATs week for KS2 Children
Monday 20 th May	Anxiety Workshops for Children – Session 4
Tuesday 21 st May	Nick Vujicic Class – Learning Together Café – 9.00am-10.00am
Week commencing Monday 20 th May	Frida Kahlo Class visit to Banham Zoo – date to be confirmed
Wednesday 22 nd May	Gresham's Prep School Network Sessions – Year 5 & Year 6 – High Ropes Session - 11.00am-2.30pm
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM

June 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	Stephen Hawking Class visit to Castle Rising, Kings Lynn
Week commencing Monday 3 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Thursday 6 th June	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS & YEAR 6 LEAVERS PHOTO with Tempest Photography
Monday 10 th June	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 – Kwik Cricket developmental event – Mundesley Junior School
Tuesday 11 th June	Phonics Screening for Year 1 & Year 2 Retest
Tuesday 18 th June	SPORTS DAY – 9.00am
Wednesday 19 th June	Nick Vujicic Class visit to Norwich Castle
Thursday 20 th June	Stephen Hawkings Class - Learning Together Café – 9.00am-10.00am
Friday 21 st June	End of Year Reports to Parents
Friday 21 st June	Gresham's Prep School Network Sessions – Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 – Make Music Day - 11.00am-2.30pm
Friday 21 st June	School Summer Fayre – 2.00pm-4.00pm

Monday 24 th June	Back-up SPORTS DAY – 9.00am (if weather unsuitable on 18 th June)
Tuesday 25 th June	Whole Class visits to Cromer Tennis & Squash Club
Wednesday 26 th June	Last swimming lesson for Year 1 & Year 2 children (Need to change??)
Wednesday 26 th June	Whole School visit to The Royal Norfolk Show
Thursday 27 th June	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Friday 28 th June	Children in school as normal

July 2024	
Monday 1 st July	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Athletics event – Mundesley Junior School
Monday 1 st July	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Event – Tubing at Norfolk Snowsports Club, Trowse
Wednesday 3 rd July	Last swimming lesson for Year 1 & Year 2 children
Thursday 4 th July	Step-up Day for all children
Thursday 4 th July	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Monday 8 th July	Year 6 Production – 9.00am in the school hall
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Production - 1.30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Parents - 1.30pm in the school hall
Thursday 18 th July	Class Parties (non-uniform day)
Friday 19 th July	END OF SUMMER TERM – Children finish school at 1.00pm today

September 2024	
Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school for the Autumn Term 2024

Please note that these dates differ slightly to the holiday dates of some neighbouring schools.

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Key: White dates - Schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - Pupil holidays
Red dates - Bank holidays
Blue dates - Staff training days

Staff training days are the 2nd & 3rd September 2024, 25th October 2024, 6th & 7th January 2025, 26th & 27th June 2025 and 23rd July 2025. The training day on 23rd July will be disaggregated over twilights throughout the year and schools may also choose to use twilight hours for other staff training days.



What have we been learning?

Frida Kahlo Class - This term has been fun and exciting to see the seasons changing from winter to spring. The children have been learning how plants grow and enjoyed planting their cress seeds and helping them to develop.



In English, we have been reading the story called "The Pirates are Coming" and the children had a great time looking for treasure and creating a treasure map. In maths, we have been learning about the number 10 and looking at how 10 is made up of smaller numbers.

During art lessons, the children created lovely paintings using fruit, getting wonderfully messy. We went on a trip to a food museum, in Suffolk, where we got to see some farm animals and learnt where our food comes from.



We have been very brave in trying new fruit, including kiwi, lime, passionfruit and red pepper.

We have been taking part in activities that develop our fine motor skills. The children found the peg game great fun and became very competitive to place the most pegs onto their boxes.



World Book Day was fabulous! The children all dressed up as their favourite character and enjoyed sharing books together.



Stephen Hawking Class - What a busy spring term it has been in Stephen Hawking Class! We have been working on hard learning about a range of new topics. This term we have started our Design and Technology project all about designing and creating our own beach huts. We started the topic by exploring what beach huts are and what they look like. After that, we used this information to create our design criteria and help us to plan out what our beach huts needed. Once we designed the beach huts, we planned what materials we wanted to use and we decided to create a 3D wooden cube as the foundation for our beach huts. The children then had a go at sawing wooden dowels to length and gluing them together to make our basic beach hut shape.



In this short half term, we have been bringing our coastlines topic to a close. The children created their own information leaflets all about Whitby, using the knowledge that they have gained over the last few weeks. The coastlines topic has been an opportunity for children to explore a coastal environment that is in a different part of the UK. We have been able to draw some similarities between Whitby and places like Cromer that some children are familiar with.

Finally, this half term has included lots of fun bushcraft lessons again for the children to practice key skills like making shelters and safely building fires. The children love an opportunity to get outside and explore the lovely forest right outside the school. This environment has allowed the children to get to know a range of plants and animals that live there.

We hope that you all have a restful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in the Summer term!

Nick Vujicic Class – This term was a short one but no less exciting.

We carried on with our geography and science topics, learning more about our land and ourselves.

In English, we have worked with non-fiction text types understanding the structural and compositional features. The children have learnt about the story of Malala Yousafzai, who was an inspirational Pakistani education activist. They explored her struggles and how she campaigned for access to education for all. Not only have we improved and extended our writing skills while writing a biography but acquired knowledge about the youngest person in the world to ever win a Nobel Peace Prize.

In maths, Year 4 children dedicated their efforts to fractions, while Year 5 delved into converting decimals, fractions and percentages; Year 6 on angles and converting measurements.

The children have basketball and football in PE this term and were incredible in both sports.

In Art, the children explored continuous drawing and shadows, using a variety of pencils in the process.

Some of our Year 4, 5 & 6 children went on their first week-long residential trip to Wales, challenging themselves through a variety of activities and making lifelong memories.

We wish you all a happy and restful Easter holiday, with sunny and longer days.

