



Bridgewater Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2023



A note from Mrs Henderson

It is great to share with you the fabulous work and enriching experiences that Bridgewater pupils have enjoyed this term. This term has had it's challenges, but I am so proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by both staff and pupils - Bridgewater truly is a very special place.

Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Christmas. See you all in 2024!

Mrs Henderson

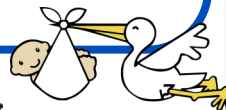
A fond farewell

This term we say a fond farewell and best wishes to Mr Doherty & Miss Doherty, as they are sadly leaving Bridgewater on Friday 15th December. We wish them both lots of luck in their new roles and the very best for the future.

They will be missed!

Baby News

We would like to wish our KS1 teaching assistant, Miss Ford all the best as she finishes this term for maternity leave. We will keep you updated once the twins have been welcomed into the world !



School Council

Our School Council Team have had a very busy half term. In November we had our very first Break The Rules Day. We had such good fun coming to school in our own clothes, crazy hair, tattoos and having snacks such as fizzy drinks, chocolate and crisps. We raised an amazing £457.94 for Ronald McDonald House. On Wednesday we hosted our Annual Christmas Market, we had lots of lovely food and drinks, creative crafts and even a visit from Father Christmas himself.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Morris and the Bridgewater School Council.



Important dates next half term:

8th January

Y2 Visit to Walkden Library

11th January

Y5KO Visit to Walkden Library
EYFS Early Writing Parent Workshop

12th January

Y6 Visit to Walkden Library

16th January

Y2 Art Exhibition

18th January

Y1JC Trip to Salford Museum
Y5KS Visit to Walkden Library

23rd January

Y3 Art Exhibition

25th January

Y1AK Trip to Salford Museum
EYFS Early Number Parent Workshop

29th January – 1st February

Y6 Mock SATS Week

5th February – 9th February

Art Week

5th February

Reception Riveting Reads Workshop for Parents

7th February

Harry Potter Night

8th February

Y1AK Visit to Walkden Library

15th February

Y2 Class Assembly

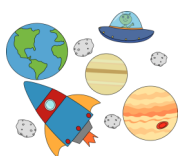
16th February

4RS Swimming lessons
School closes for Spring Half Term



Nursery

This term Nursery have been learning all about different celebration events such as Bonfire night and Diwali, we have also had our Science brains on, looking at space. We have come together to introduce Odd Socks day and Remembrance day, the children loved learning about people who help us and what makes us special. The children have been enjoying learning new songs for our EYFS Nativity and are listening to the Christmas story in our Christmas Topic. We have had some great discussions within Maths learning all about the numbers 1 and 2, and Nursery have been great at identifying and creating patterns.



Reception

What a busy and exciting half term we have had in Reception! We started off with our 'People who help us' topic, thinking of all the people and workers who help us in everyday life from doctors to shop workers to lollipop people. The children enjoyed learning about different roles and acting them out in our role play area. We then moved on to learning about the post office with the build up to Christmas, thinking about what the postal service do with the parcels and letters.

The children worked so hard for our Nativity performances, learning songs, actions and their speaking parts – we are very proud of the children. Well done Reception, have a wonderful Christmas!



Year 1

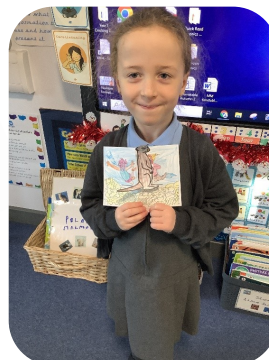


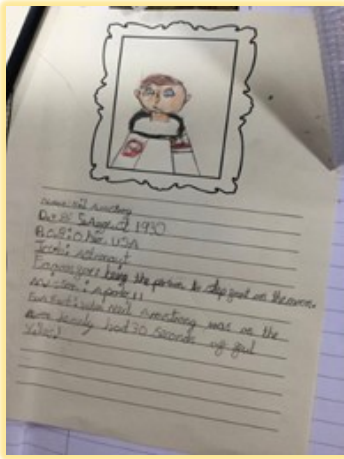
In Geography, Year 1 have learnt lots about hot and cold places. As part of this learning, we made a moving postcard for Sunny the Meerkat to send to his family.

Earlier in the half term, we enjoyed a visit from some feathery friends. We have been learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals in Science and did you know, not all owls are nocturnal? It all depends on their eye colour!

We have been reading lots of books in our English lessons and one of our favourites is We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We loved our trip to The Lowry to see the live show.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to lots of new learning in January.





Year 2



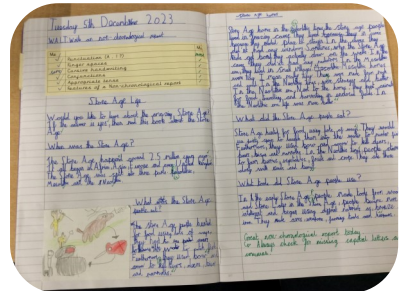
Year 2 have worked extremely hard this half term learning all about famous people including Neil Armstrong, Matthew Henson and Guy Fawkes. We had a special visit from Neil Armstrong himself who told us all about his mission to the moon. In Art, we have been creating pieces of work inspired by the famous people we have learnt about. We have used different skills and media to create pieces using paint, sculpture and collage. In Science, we have learnt all about materials and all their properties and uses. Over the last couple of weeks, we have worked hard learning the songs and our lines for the Christmas production. It has been so lovely to see all of Year 2 grow in confidence when speaking in front of a large group. Year 2 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope you enjoy the festive holidays!



Year 3



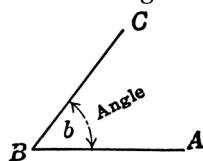
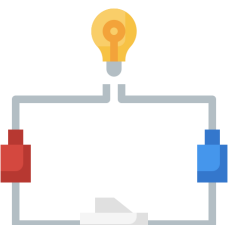
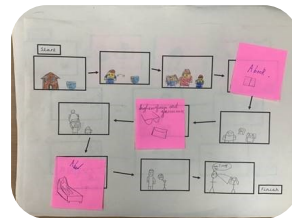
Year three have been extremely busy this half term. In English, the children have been writing some amazing non-chronological reports about the Stone Age, play scripts and persuasive letters. This half term in Science the children have been learning about light and dark. They experimented with torches to see which surfaces are more reflective than others. In History, the children have been learning about the three stages of the Stone Age along with the Bronze and Iron Age. In R.E the children have been discussing and learning about how people celebrate their different religions. In art with Miss Pickup, the children have been learning how to draw various objects from the Stone Age, made pots from clay and have recently designed beautiful Christmas cards. Finally, during assessment week, the children completed a range of tests. Their determination and focus was absolutely fantastic and Mrs Byard and Mr Hargreaves are very proud!



Year 4



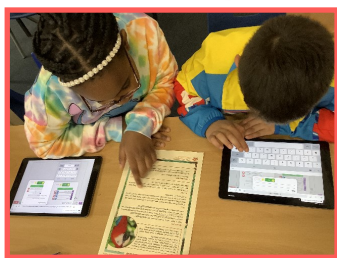
This half term Year 4 have continued with our Romans topic; we learnt that they ate some unusual foods and created a menu for a banquet, found out about life as a Roman soldier, discussed how the Celts and Romans had different opinions on Boudicca and made our own mini mosaics based on Roman designs. In Science we learnt all about electricity creating simple circuits to make bulbs light and carried out an investigation into conductors and insulators; we also took part in a Science workshop when we learnt where electricity comes from and how it gets into our houses. In our English lessons we wrote short stories based on The Day I swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish and described Pompeii before and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In Maths we learnt how to calculate area and perimeter, identified different angles and perfected our skills when rounding numbers.



Year 5

Year 5 are reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and we have enjoyed writing our own contrasting description about a desert island during the day and during the night.

We have been working hard to master fractions and multiples in Maths and we have been looking at how humans change as they age. We even used an APP to see what we would look like in 30 years' time – it was so much fun! We have been learning new ball skills in PE and new Christmas vocabulary in Spanish – Feliz Navidad! In Computing, we created a database for animals in the rainforest, linking to our Geography topic on the Amazon. Our highlight was our trip to Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester where we created our own wallpaper art print.

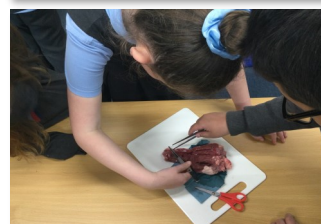
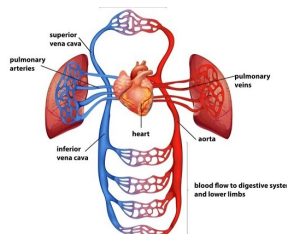


1/3

1/2

Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant half term with lots of fun packed in. They have learnt all about our circulatory system in Science and were given the opportunity to dissect a heart to see the chambers and valves first hand. From this, they then produced some incredible diary entries as a red blood cell making its journey through the human body. In English, they have immersed themselves in our text, The Princess' Blankets, and created some excellent descriptive writing about a mysterious stranger. Finally, Year 6 began to get in the festive spirit by developing their singing in preparation for our Christmas celebration, we hope you enjoy!



School Reopens Thursday 4th January 2024

