

16th February 2024



Bridgewater Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2024



A message from Mrs Henderson

Dear Parents

There have been so many wonderful events this half term - Well-being week; Online safety workshops; our Reception class were even visited by a dancing Chinese dragon; wizardly ways at our extremely popular Harry Potter night and fun and dancing at the Valentine's discos to name but a few. All of this in addition to the incredibly hard work the children have put into everything they have done in the classroom (we look forward to sharing this with at the next parent - teacher meeting in March).

A special thank you to all the parents/carers who attended workshops; assemblies; Parent Forum and Art exhibitions this half-term - it is really great to see you there and we welcome your feedback on these events and how we can continue to improve. I look forward to doing it all again next half term! Enjoy the break everyone.

Important dates next half term:

26th February

School reopens

4th March

Riveting Reads Workshop for Reception
Parents

6th March

Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
4RS Visit to Walkden Library
Y1 Phonics Screening Check Workshop for
Parents

7th March

World Book Day
Y2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
4DS Visit to Walkden Library

8th March

Y2 Phonics Screening Check Retake
Workshop for Parents

13th March

Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents

15th March

Non Uniform Day for Easter Egg Donations

18th March

Y5 Football Museum Trip
Y1/Y2/Y3 Parent/Teacher meetings

19th March

EYFS Parent/Teacher meetings

20th March

Ukulele after school club Performance
Y4/Y5/Y6 Parent/Teacher meetings

21st March

Y1 Class Assembly and art Exhibition
Y5 Easter Experience

25th March

Y3 Trip to Martin Mere

26th March

Easter Bingo

28th March

Y5 Class Assembly & Art Exhibition
Y3 Visit to Walkden Library
Riveting Reads Workshop for Reception
parents

School Closes for Easter Half Term



Please can I remind you again about considerate parking when dropping off/collecting your child from school.

Ellesmere Street is a very narrow, one-way road and is **not a safe place to park at these busy times**. Parents and residents are **very concerned about their child crossing the road safely** and also the **access on pavements being restricted** by cars parking on the pavement.

Can I please ask that you **do not park** on this road; if you need to travel to school by car please park a little further away and walk to the school gates.

I ask this to ensure the safety of all our children.

New Arrivals



A big congratulations to Miss Ford on the arrival of her twin baby girls who arrived safely into the world last month.

Emmeline Wren weighing 4lb 12 and Maeve
Primrose weighing 5lb 5.

Both babies are settled at home, happy and healthy.



School Council

Our School Council members have had an extremely busy Spring 1 Term.

We have been working closely with Miss Lovell in our role as Emotionally Friendly School Ambassadors and helped Miss Morris to organise our Valentines Disco, which we hope you all enjoyed.

We will let you know how much we raised for our School Fund in Spring 2 Term. We are delighted to announce that our Annual Christmas Fair raised a fabulous £439.36 for our School Fund.

Miss Morris and Bridgewater School Council.

Nursery



This term Nursery have been learning about the season of winter, creating different crafts and we even had a flurry of snow to start the year! We have also been learning about different types of celebrations including, birthdays, weddings and Lunar new year. We read stories to help us understand all of these celebrations such as Penguin, When Willy Went to the Wedding and The great race.



Nursery have been using their number knowledge to get an in depth understanding of the numbers 4 and 5, we have also been practicing our counting to 20!



Reception

What a fantastic half term Reception have had! We started off by learning all about 'Winter'. We learned about the seasonal changes, arctic animals and made some lovely Winter artwork. Our favourite part of the topic was playing outside in the snow! Then we moved on to our 'Celebrations' topic. We loved learning about all the different types of celebrations and how people celebrate differently. We enjoyed reading the lovely Julia Donaldson book 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' and we produced some wonderful writing and artwork based around the book. For our final topic of the half term, we learned about 'Lunar New Year'. We read the Chinese Zodiac story and learned about ordinal numbers in Maths, to help us retell the story.

Reception were lucky enough to participate in a Chinese dance workshop, where they learned some traditional Chinese dance movements, using fans, parasols and dragon heads. Well done Reception! Have a lovely half term break.



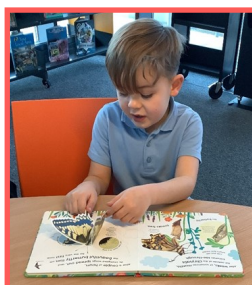
Year 1



IN HISTORY, YEAR 1 ARE ENJOYING LEARNING ABOUT TOYS FROM THE PAST. THEY HAD A GREAT TIME ON THEIR VISIT TO SALFORD MUSEUM, WHERE THEY LEARNT ABOUT LIFE IN THE VICTORIAN TIMES AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY WITH VICTORIAN TOYS.

LINKED TO THEIR HISTORY LEARNING, THEY HAVE PRODUCED SOME GREAT POEMS BASED ON THE BOOK LOST IN THE TOY MUSEUM. THE CHILDREN ALSO ENJOYED THEIR RECENT VISIT TO WALKDEN LIBRARY.

IN SCIENCE, THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT BIRDS AND PLANTS. THEY HAVE LOVED PRODUCING ARTWORK BASED ON THIS THEME.



Fun with reading



Nature printing



Year 2



Minibeast Hunt



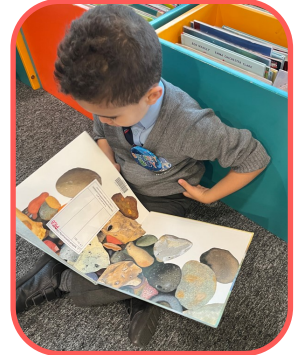
Year 2 have worked extremely hard this half term learning all about our local area and living things and their habitats. We had an amazing visit from a specialist artist from the Lowry. We learnt about L.S. Lowry's 'The Two Sisters.'

We also enjoyed our visit to Walkden Library. In Geography, we have learnt all about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans of the world. We have also been recalling the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities.

We have been practising our times tables and we have made excellent progress in our learning of these! In Science, we have been learning about animals and their habitats.

We enjoyed a minibeast hunt in the nature garden and looked for dark, damp places where the minibeasts might be hiding!

The Three Little Pigs



In our English, we have loved learning about the story of the Three Little Pigs and we created our own stories. We have also looked at Wolves and have written our own non-fiction reports. Year 2 have made an amazing start to 2024 and we are so proud of all of them!



Year 3



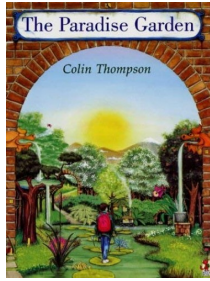
Year 3 have been extremely busy this half term. In English, the children have used BFG to write their own instructions on how to make Froboscottle, designed their own giants and wrote about their own dreams. We even got to make our own Froboscottle using lemonade, green food colouring, ice-cream and popping candy.

In maths, we have been learning how to multiply using the grid method and divide using the number line method. We have also been learning the relationships between some of the times-tables.

In History, we have been learning and loving our new History topic - Ancient Greeks. We have researched the Greek Gods and learnt about how the Ancient Greeks lived. In Science, we have learnt about the human body. We compared the human skeleton to a human skeleton and learnt about the importance of a balanced diet.



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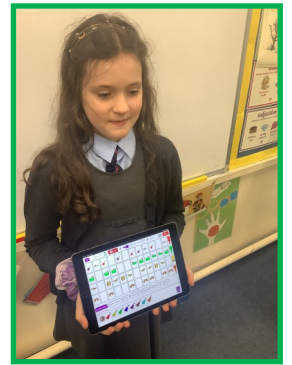
Year 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

This half term, year 4 have been exploring 'The Paradise Garden' in English. We created a beautiful diary entry that explored the garden in great detail.

The class also enjoyed developing their arithmetic skills each week and exploring and mastering new skills within their fractions.

We have also been working hard on learning all about 'Sound' in Science. We have taken part in a variety of practical experiments to explore pitch and volume.

Year 4 have been learning all about The Anglo-Saxons in History. The children in Year 4 have also been acquiring lots of new skills in PSHE, Computing, Music, PE and Spanish too!



Year 5



Year 5 have had a wonderful Spring 1. They have been reading the text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and have enjoyed drafting a variety of different text types such as an opening to a narrative and a diary entry.

They have been working hard to master fractions and time in Maths and have been continuing to develop their Mental Maths Skills.

In Science, they have been exploring properties of materials and have taken part in a fun investigation about how temperature changes the rate in which a material dissolves. They have been learning lots of new gymnastic skills in PE. During their History topic, they've been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have created lots of beautiful pieces of artwork about the Egyptians during Art Week. In Spanish, they have learnt how to discuss the different school subjects and talk about their likes and dislikes, giving reasons why.



Science Experiment



Year 6



This term, Year 6 have been working extremely hard, especially on English, Maths and Grammar, and they are all making so much progress in their learning and in their resilience.

We have started using our new homework books and children have been really responsible in making sure that homework has been completed on time - they are showing lots of development in their organisation skills.

We have managed to squeeze in some fun activities, as well. We have been experimenting with periscopes and shadows in Science, proving that light travels in straight lines and we have started to ask lots of questions about our new class book 'The Island'.



Furthermore, many children have wowed us with their artistic abilities linked to our Shakespeare topic. Keep up the hard work Year 6!

School Reopens Monday 26th February 2024