

20th December 2021



# Bridgewater

## Autumn 2 Newsletter



*It is great to share with you the fabulous work and enriching experiences that Bridgewater pupils have enjoyed this term. This term has had its 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 2022!*

*Mrs Henderson*

### Important Dates next half term:

**5th January 2022**  
School Reopens

**11th January 2022**  
Reception Vision Screening

**9th February 2022**  
Y4 & Y5 Van Gogh Alive

**18th February 2022**  
School closes for half term

### Staff Update

This term we say a sad farewell to Mrs Dempster. Mrs Dempster has worked at Bridgewater for more than 18 years, and as some of you tell me, has taught generations of our community as a Teaching Assistant in Nursery. We wish her all the best as she starts her retirement.

We welcome Miss Tattersall to our Reception Team. Miss Tattersall will replace Miss Whitehead as a class teacher in Reception from January. Miss Fishwick will continue to work in Reception as the EYFS Leader.

### Nature area:

You may have noticed that our nature area is 'under construction'. Working with Miss Butter (Reception class teacher) we have designed an area which will allow us to offer Forest school experiences from Summer term 2022. More information to follow in the new year.



Bridgewater School Council would like to say a huge thank you to our families in helping us to support Children in Need 2021. We raised a wonderful £318.82. We have had a breakfast meeting with Mrs Henderson and have planned our projects for the Spring term and look forward to sharing them with you in the New Year. Have a Happy Christmas.



# Nursery

This half term we have learned about space and some different festivals. We went inside a science dome and travelled to Mars and the Moon! We recycled old CD's to make Diva lamps. A visitor came from outer space and landed in our playground. We had to help him fix his space ship. Finally Elfie the Elf has been helping us get into the Christmas spirit by playing tricks on us. Nursery also performed in their first ever school performance. They did very well for our youngest children. Have a lovely rest and we will see you in the new year!



# Reception

Reception have had a fantastic half-term! We started our half term celebrating 'Divali' and 'Bonfire Night'. We really enjoyed the 'Space' topic where we got to go inside the Science Dome and look closely at the different planets, we applied for a job at NASA and wrote letters to Alvin the alien. More recently, we have been busy with Christmas preparations learning the songs for our 'Nativity Play' which we hope you enjoy watching and we also wrote letters to Santa.



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful half-term! In our English lessons, we have been reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Aliens Love Panta Claus'. We have particularly enjoyed making our own jam sandwiches for a hungry tiger who came to visit us. In our Science lessons, we have learnt about the light, dark and shadows. We have created our own shadow puppets and used our artistic flair to recreate Van Gogh's Starry Night. Most recently, we have been busy practising for our performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens', which we hope that you have enjoyed. After the Christmas break, we look forward to learning about toys from the past.



# Year 2

*Year 2 have had a brilliant half term. They had a visit from Neil Armstrong who shared interesting facts about his journey to the moon! In writing they have been exploring 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Man on the moon' and focused on innovating these stories. In Maths they have been practising fractions, telling the time and completing problem solving challenges. In Science they have enjoyed exploring how sounds are made and how sound travels. We received some amazing musical instruments for this term's project homework!*



# Year 3

Year 3 have had a great first term and have been very busy. We have enjoyed learning about Roald Dahl and some of the books he has written for children. Our favourite was the BFG. In Maths we have all become much more confident with our times tables and will continue to work on our 3s, 4s and 8s next term. In Science we have enjoyed learning about magnets, forces light and shadow. We have really enjoyed learning about life in Ancient Greece and had a lady from Ancient Athens and a man from Sparta visit us. We found out about their daily life and even got to play some of the games they would have played thousands of years ago. At the end of the day we even performed our own Greek play. Next term we travel back in time again to the Stone Age, a topic I'm sure we will all enjoy.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas. Mrs Byard and Mr Hargreaves.



# YEAR 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about the Romans this term. We had a great trip to Chester, where we marched through the city, to the remains of a colosseum as Roman soldiers, dressed in armour and holding a replica Roman shield! It was tiring! We also visited Grosvenor Museum, where we learnt more about the Romans' lives in Great Britain. In Art, we designed and made our own mosaics, using patterns. We have read 'Escape from Pompeii' in English and compared the city before the volcanic eruption and after, using lots of descriptive vocabulary. In Science, we have found out just how much we rely on using electricity in our daily lives. We created circuits to make the bulb light up and researched ways of using renewable energy. We continue to challenge ourselves in recalling our multiplications as quickly as possible. And finally, we have really enjoyed improving our swimming skills every week! Have a very happy Christmas!



# Year 5

Year 5 have worked brilliantly this term. We have been looking at a variety of skills in Maths. At the start of the term, we explored the poem 'The Spider and The Fly' in English. We wrote our own poems about the Spider's personality and appearance. We have continued to look at Kensuke's Kingdom, where the class have had some lovely writing opportunities. They have worked superbly on their setting description and their letter from Eddie to Michael. In Geography, Year 5 have been learning about the Amazon rainforest, where they have discussed the importance of the Amazon as the lungs of the planet. They have also developed their computing skills and created a database of the different animals in the rainforest. The children thoroughly enjoyed their art trip to Whitworth Art Gallery, where they took part in a printing workshop. In Science, we have been learning about how we change as we get older. In Art, we produced excellent sketches of us and what we might look like when we're older.



# Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant half term with lots of fun packed in. They have learnt all about our respiratory and circulatory systems in Science and 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 done some excellent descriptive writing about the mysterious stranger. Year 6 began to get in the festive spirit by developing their singing and drama skills when preparing for our Christmas play, 'Panto Pandemonium' and we hope to share snippets of this with you.



**School reopens on Wednesday 5th January 2022**