

14th February 2020



Bridgewater Spring 1 Newsletter



A note from Miss Knipe

What an exciting half-term the children have had! As you can see, the children have been working hard and enjoyed their new learning. Bridgewater strives to ensure that the children receive a broad and balanced curriculum whilst being taught in engaging ways. Please do visit the school's website and Twitter page @BridgewaterPS and follow us for regular updates on all the interesting activities that the children are involved in and that occur at our school.

Miss Higginbottom will be returning to Bridgewater at the end of this half-term and we welcome new welfare assistants, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Bartos. We were also delighted to hear that Mr Hargreaves has a new baby daughter.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you have a restful break and we look forward to working with you next half-term.

Miss Knipe



School Council would like to thank you for your support in helping us to raise £376.56 in our hugely successful Christmas Market last half-term.

A massive congratulations to our ukulele and choir performances which gave it a warm festive feel. We have been busy this half-term preparing for the Valentines Disco and look forward to our ever popular Easter Bingo in March.

Important Dates next half term:

24th February 2020:

School reopens

26th February 2020:

Year 2 Wow Day
Online Safety Parent Workshop

3rd March 2020:

Year 4 Trip to Halle Orchestra

4th March 2020:

Reading Parent Workshop

5th March 2020:

World Book Day

9th March 2020:

Year 2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

10th March 2020:

Parents Evening

18th March 2020:

Year 4 Class Assembly

19th March 2020:

Year 5 Trip to Manchester Football Museum

20th March 2020:

Non Uniform day—Easter Egg Donation

23rd March 2020:

Full Governing Body Meeting

25th March 2020:

Year 5 Easter Experience St Johns Church

31st March 2020:

Easter Bingo

1st April 2020:

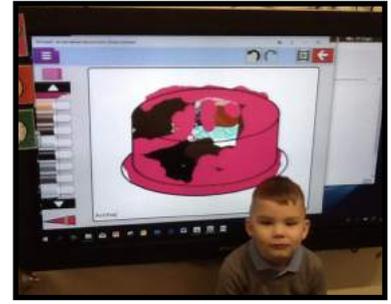
Easter Church Service - Years 2-6

3rd April 2020:

School Closes Spring Break

Nursery

Nursery have had a very busy half-term during the topic of 'Party People'. We have been learning about the different celebrations enjoyed by different people in Little Hulton and around the world. We have been developing our IT skills when designing birthday cakes, strengthening our physical development when using scissors to create our Chinese lanterns and working collaboratively to act out the story of Diwali. We were lucky to experience different Chinese food during our Banquet to celebrate the year of the Rat!



Reception

Reception have been learning about 'Celebrations' such as birthdays, weddings, events like Halloween and different religious festivals. Our favourite by far has been Chinese New Year! We celebrated in style by learning a fan dance, parasol parade and a dragon dance with Jade. She also told us about different Chinese culture and symbols that we would see particularly around Chinese New Year. We then turned our classroom in to a Chinese restaurant and sampled a wide variety of typical Chinese foods while listening to Chinese music. What a way to start the year of the rat, Kung Hey Fat Choi!



Learning Chinese Dances



Sampling Chinese Foods

Year 1

Year 1 have had an extremely busy first half-term back! In our English lessons, we have been reading and recreating the story of 'Dogger'. We have particularly enjoyed using adjectives to describe the characters, considering Dave's feelings and creating our own lost poster.

In Maths, we have learnt about place value, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, addition and subtraction. We have enjoyed using our artistic flair in our Art lessons with Mrs Berry to draw Dogger and flower patterns inspired by the style of the famous textile designer William Morris.

In our History lessons, we have learnt about toys from the past. In particular, we have focused on the toys that children played with in the Victorian era and across the decades 1950 to 1990. This then allowed us to compare our favourite toys to popular toys that our parents, grandparents and generations before played with!

To enhance our History learning, we have had an exciting WOW day where we brought our favourite toy into school to share it with the class. We also made a clay plate and fruit salad for our Teddy Bears Picnic. Furthermore, we have visited Salford Museum and Art Gallery. This allowed us to step back in time 150 years ago to learn about life for children in the Victorian era.



Year 2

Year 2 have been extremely busy this term; we are very fortunate to be working with The Globe Theatre to explore Shakespeare's 'The Winter's Tale' through drama workshops. The children (and teachers) have loved the sessions! Also, we have enjoyed learning about our local area in our Geography topic and using maps and technology to explore Salford. We have realised how lucky we are to live in such a bustling town.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy term so far and have enjoyed learning about life in Early Britain in our History work. We had a fantastic time at Liverpool World Museum. The children enjoyed taking part in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age Workshop, where they got to explore the tools, weapons and everyday objects that were used during this time. We also had time to explore the other exhibits and particularly enjoyed the dinosaurs. We have had lots of fun during Art week, looking at the famous Pop artist Andy Warhol and creating our own art work in his style.



YEAR 4

This has been a busy, jam-packed half-term where we have started to learn about the Anglo-Saxons in History and studied Sound in Science. We especially liked making panpipes in Science, as it was really tricky to make a sound. In English we have been exploring the story of the 'Paradise Garden' and using this to innovate our own short stories. We continue to work hard in Maths, building our confidence in recalling times tables.

Year 4 have also designed their own 'Pop Art' in the style of artist Peter Blake. We researched the artist and found out lots about him. We had great fun printing, sewing and painting our own Pop Art designs.



Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed the Spring term. In English, we started reading our new text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, where we used the opening of the story to inspire our own alternative openers. We also enjoyed writing a persuasive piece. We have continued this term with an excellent resilience in all areas of our Maths learning. In Science, we have carried out experiments exploring different materials and how changes can be reversible or irreversible. In History, we began our topic on Ancient Egypt, we have explored a timeline of events and considered the role of an archaeologist and why they are so important. Year 5 were so excited to be an archaeologist and uncover artefacts! During Art week, Year 5 based their work on the artist Salvador Dali. They have created wonderful pieces of art work showing fantastic sketching skills as well as computing skills, when creating a collage. Year 5 produced excellent poems based on Dali's ideas on time. They thought carefully about what time is and what changes over time.



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 also completed some fun activities, as well. We have been experimenting with light rays 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 when painting in the impressionism style of Claude Monet.



School reopens on Monday 24th February 2020.