



# Ladybarn Primary School

## Summer 1, 2016

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Welcome to the Summer Term, I hope you all had a good Easter holiday.

This is an important time in our school year with many events taking place, the culmination of a great deal of hard work and learning and a chance to show what progress everyone has made. The children all continue to work really hard and are rising to the challenges of the new curriculum.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Creative Arts Super Learning Day in our first week back and have produced some excellent work. Parents' evening was very well attended with over 98% of parents coming to find out about their children's progress.

Mrs Vyas



### SCIENCE WEEK

During science week, the children in year 6 were lucky to take part in two sessions taught by science specialist teacher Mrs. Kattou from Parrswood High School. In one workshop the children learned all about the circulatory system and had the opportunity to dissect a sheep's heart. On their visit to Parrswood, the children learnt all about combustion and measured the length of time a candle would burn in different sized bell jars.



### YEAR 3 EASTER ASSEMBLY

Last half term, year 5 performed their fantastic interpretation of the Easter story with lots of drama and an excellent call and response song. They learnt how Easter is celebrated around the world and considered why we eat chocolate to celebrate Easter. During the assembly, the year 5's presented beautifully painted Daffodils, which were part of their still life art lesson. It was a brilliant and informative assembly.

### AUTHOR VISIT

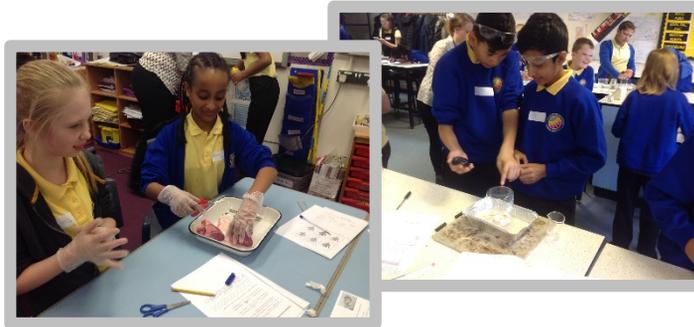
Year 5 and 6 worked with the award winning author, Rob Lloyd Jones, last half term. Both year 5 and 6 have one of his brilliant 'Wild Boy' texts on their English syllabus. Rob did some fantastic writing workshops, and a book signing with the Year 5 and 6 classes.

Three children won signed copies of his texts for follow up creative writes based on the story planning session. Their work will be forwarded on to Rob, who has promised to 'mark' their stories and send them back!



### QUARRY BANK MILL

Year 4 enjoyed a fascinating trip to Quarry Bank Mill to explore how the industrial revolution changed lives in Manchester. Using their research skills, exploration through drama, and first-hand experience from the trip, the children gained enough information and insight to be able to take part in a class debate: Would you rather be a plantation slave or a cotton mill worker? The children justified their opinions using very mature ideas with the outcome being very mixed. They looked at working machinery and explored the different jobs children had. The trip also included a real life experience of the apprentice house with a very stern teacher! They had to write on a slate copying very curly handwriting. Upstairs they had to make beds on straw mattresses and empty the chamber pots!



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## AFRICA

Last half term Year 2 visited Knowsley Safari Park as part of their topic on Africa, and took part in a workshop about African animals. They also fed the animals at the park and took a guided walking tour and then a tour on a coach around the park and saw lots of different animals.

This half term, Year 2 are going to explore James and the Giant Peach. During topic lessons the children are going to be exploring with watercolour paints and creating art work in the style of Quentin Blake. The children will be creating comic strips and thinking of jobs for insects! This whole topic is going to end with a Peach Party for Year 2 at Ladybarn. We would like the children to dress up as their favourite character from James and The Giant Peach, more information about this will follow nearer the time.



## KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

On topic launch day, Year 1 heard a bugle fanfare outside their classroom and when they went to look they found a scroll. It was from Sir Lancelot, a knight who wanted to build a new home for his king and queen. The children thought about the kind of home they would live in and decided they would need a castle. They thought about the first castles and learnt about the battle of Hastings and how William the Conqueror built the first castles in England. They then thought about the type of castle they would need. They learnt about motte and bailey castles and stone keep castles.



## 10K CHARITY RUN

Miss Ramsey, our Year 5 Teacher will be running in the Greater Manchester 10K run in May, to raise money for our school Charity, Retrak. All donations are most welcome and can be given through Miss Ramsey's Just Giving page on the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/Jenniretrak>

## THE BUTTERFLY LION

Year 3 explored their text, The Butterfly Lion, through drama activities on topic launch day this half term. The children dramatised key parts of the first chapter and were able to get into role as the main characters. To put the book into context, they explored images and maps of Africa from the 1900's. In the afternoon, they began to start their textile project by experimenting with different media to draw African animals. Throughout the topic, the children will continue to develop textile techniques, culminating in a textile picture of an African animal. The children will also explore the whole book in many different ways such as: drama, dance and using visual stimuli.



## SUPER LEARNING DAY

The children enjoyed a fantastic Super Learning Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It was a creative arts day and the children did lots of fabulous art work, music, dance and creative writing.

## AUTHOR VISIT

On Tuesday 28th June, Matt Dickinson, author of the Everest Files Trilogy, will be in school running writing workshops for all our Key Stage 2 classes. Matt's books are inspired by his own incredible experiences on Everest, and you can find out more information on his website <http://www.everestfiles.com>



## ART NEWS

Back in Spring 1 Year 5 & 6 produced some excellent artwork for an art competition exhibited at Whalley Range High School – we are delighted to announce that Ladybarn Primary school were the overall winners – well done!!

Ladybarn Medical Practice has been redecorated and they asked for our children to provide some art work for their walls. Year 1 and Year 5 have sent some across and it will be on display in the waiting room soon.