



Green End Primary School

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The children have continued to amaze us with their hard work, enthusiasm and the progress they are making in their work. This will be shared with parents at our parents evenings in March. The new National English and Mathematics curriculum is more challenging this year and the children and staff are approaching it with determination. Children from across school have told us that they love work when it is hard and challenging. The new extension is progressing well and creating minimum disruption to the learning in school and the children are looking forward to seeing it inside.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Vyas

LET'S GO!

For the Nursery topic launch, children brought their own wheels to school and had a great time riding their bikes and scooters around the big playground. For the topic they will be finding out about different kinds of transport with wheels, wings and other things. They will be going on a trip, by train, to Manchester Airport where they will conduct their own transport survey.



ABRACADBRA!

Reception had an Outdoor Learning day on the first day of this new half term. They put on their new all weather protective suits and wellies and had fun exploring the outdoor areas of school. They made willow wands together in the Sensory Garden and took part in broom flying races on the school field as they began their new topic learning around magic and mystery. They were invited to come to school dressed as someone magical and each child was given a new witch or wizard name for the day. They learnt how to write spells, explore weird and wonderful science and practise magic together in the Wizard workshop role play areas.



FARM TO FORK

Nursery went to Tesco Burnage to take part in the 'farm to fork trail'. They went behind the scenes to visit the bakery and met Alex the baker. She told them how she makes the bread and showed them what the big machines did. They also got to taste some of the lovely bread she made.

Then they went for a walk around the supermarket and completed a fruit and vegetable hunt. They learnt the names of some fruits and vegetables that they hadn't seen before and also got to taste some of the fruits; they were delicious!



SUPERHEROES!

Year 2 made superhero cuffs/wrist bands with their initials on during their topic launch day. They then designed their own super hero costume and cape to put on the display. They used their sketch books to design their own superhero comic book POW! and ZAP! They also invented their own superhero names using alliteration and decided what their moto was – how and why they are going to save the world.



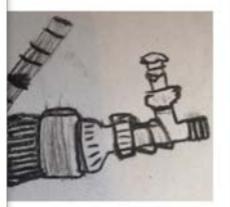
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IRON MAN

Year 4 topic this half term is The Iron Man, a novel written by Ted Hughes. On topic launch day they began to read the book and through drama explored how the Iron Man might be feeling at the beginning of the book before writing a diary entry from the Iron Man's point of view. They then looked at different items of scrap metal and sketched different pieces using a range of materials. Children used silhouettes of scrap metal to create art, writing the Iron Man's feelings around them. They listened to two pieces of music based on the Iron Man where children expressed their thoughts about the contrasting songs and decided which one was most suited for representing the Iron Man. Finally they created videos using iMovie on the iPads, explaining what they had read and what activities had been done so far, which they are going to send to a school in Hong Kong.



SUSTAINABILITY

For their topic on Sustainability, Year 6 visited Bredbury Recycling centre to see what happens to the rubbish they throw away. They learnt the importance of putting the correct items in the right coloured bins and how our residual waste could be used to generate electricity.

During their topic they learnt about how industrialisation affects the landscape and the people living there. They discussed both the positive and negative effects of industrialisation and some of the major issues affecting the future of our planet. They worked in groups to research the country of Myanmar and the impact of its current economic success. They produced beautiful fact sheets and presented them to the rest of the class.



INVADERS AND SETTLERS

Last half term Year 3 were learning all about the different invaders and settlers. They learnt all about the Celts, the Romans and the Vikings. The highlight of the topic was the drama workshop delivered by Yellow Brick Road Theatre Company. They had great fun finding out more about the Roman gods, the Celtic tribes and their rulers. Throughout the topic they developed their art skills in 3D modelling, making mosaics, Roman busts and Viking helmets. As part of the focus for DT they designed and made their very own Roman catapults. Testing them out was their favourite part!



UNIFORM REMINDER FOR PARENTS

A gentle reminder to parents regarding school uniform

- All school shoes should be black
- Socks should be white or grey socks and tights can be grey, green or black
- Only modest hair accessories to be worn, in school colours only
- Headscarves in plain black or white.

HOMework CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in the Community Room. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them. Sessions are supported by Mrs Asif, Mrs Pitts and Ms Jones.

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