



Green End Primary School

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SPACE!

The Year 2 topic this half term is Space! They will be looking at the planets in the solar system and learning about the features of each planet. For topic launch day they created hand bands with the planets in order from the sun. They wrote and performed space poems and looked at how beautiful the sights in space can be. The children came in costumes that they had made at home – they were aliens, astronauts and even stars! The main focus will be on the history of space travel as they look at who or what has travelled where nothing else has been before. They will be writing to NASA to express their interests in the new space travel programme whilst keeping track on the latest space news.



THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

On topic launch day, as part of their topic on the Industrial Revolution, Year 4 started by comparing Britain in the 1750's and the 1900's. Children were able to give reasons behind why life and Britain's landscape had altered dramatically. They had a class debate about whether children should have been made to work in factories. They explored Lowry's painting and went on to create their own Lowry inspired paintings. This half term they will be exploring the triangular slave trade which was developed as a result of the industrial revolution. They are planning to have visitor in to inform them about slavery and to look at African life before and after.



OUR CHANGING WORLD

The topic for summer 1 for year 5 is 'Our changing world' and focuses mainly on geography and art. The children will be learning about different environments and the geographical features of two contrasting world locations – the British Isles and Egypt. They will be investigating environmental issues in both countries and considering the causes of these, how they are similar and how they are different. They will then look at what is being done to address these issues, starting with a walk along the River Mersey to look at flood defenses. In art the children will be using objects gathered from the local environment as inspiration for lino printing.

FOR PARENTS

We have had great attendance at our parent courses recently. We ran a 6 week City Cooks course in school around Healthy Lifestyles and a Talk English, 20 week course for beginners level English parents. Toddler group runs Every Friday at in the Community Room, and is a free stay and play open to any families in the trust with pre school age children 9-10.15am There will be no sessions on 5th and 12th May – the next session will take place on 19th May.



YEAR 6

Year 6 are continuing to revise for their upcoming SATs tests on 8th – 11th May. They are working very hard on their maths and English skills. They have been revising their arithmetic skills every day and will be taking part in a grammar treasure hunt to practise their skills. We wish them all the best of luck next week!

They are also enjoying reading David Walliams' book, 'Mr Stink' and will be creating some campaign posters and writing a diary entry. On Friday 19th May, Year 6 are looking forward to a trip to Lancashire County Cricket Club. They will be watching a professional match and enjoying a variety of activities such as climbing walls, cricket lessons and army obstacle challenges.

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CASTLES

For their topic this half term, Year 1 children are learning all about castles. On topic launch day, they were very excited to dress up as people that lived in a castle. They were Princesses, princes, Queens, Kings, dragons and knights and Ms Sims even dressed up as Snow White and Miss Slee as a Knight! To begin the day they discussed what they already know and what they wanted to find out. They designed and then made swords and shields fit for the best knights, and used tin foil to represent the metal sword and decorated the shield in designs that meant something to them. After making swords and shields, they found about the people that lived in a castles and what their roles were. They were surprised about how many people lived in a castle and thought that they would like to see a Jester perform.



GET UP AND GROW!

This is one of Nursery's favourite topics this year as they get to spend lots of time growing a variety of things inside and out. They also have a brand new playground to explore, with its raised beds, bike track and role play area. They will be watching new plants grow and will be caring for a few very hungry caterpillars that will turn into butterflies. The children started the topic with a whole day of planting and outside activities. They made wind chimes, planted potatoes and onions in the raised beds, made bird houses, planted beans and even took home their own sunflower. Parents are going to be invited into school at the end of this half term so children can show them all the important things they have learnt about helping plants to grow.



DOWN ON THE FARM

Reception are looking forward to learning all about what happens 'down on the farm' this half term. On topic launch day they enjoyed a trip to the farm! Amongst other activities, they got to help the farmer feed the baby animals, groom the horses and milk the cows. They enjoyed a bumpy tractor ride through the fields and got to sit in the driver's seat for a photograph. They will enjoy exploring some of their favourite stories which are set on the farm and will be retelling or even rewriting their own versions of the stories using their amazing new writing skills. In Maths they will be learning more about subtraction and addition and will be starting to use a number track to help them calculate the answer to number sentences.



10K CHARITY RUN

Mr Hayhurst, Mr Johnson, Miss Brownhill and Mrs Hurst 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 the Just Giving page on the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KINGSWAY-COMMUNITY-TRUST>



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Well done to everybody who walked, cycled and scootered to school last week as part of 'Walk to School Week'. The winning class was 6S closely followed by 4P and 1S.

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