



JANUARY



Headteacher

I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this month. We had a huge surge in Covid cases after Christmas, and all parents have been highly supportive when asked to test their children when cases had been identified in classes. We seem to be over the worst of it now, and cases appear to have declined.

The children have had a busy start to the new year with lots of exciting activities taking place in school. We are all looking forward to our whole school trip to Chester Zoo on Monday 7th February, make sure you take a look at our website and twitter account where we will be sharing lots of pictures.

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EYFS

Reception class have returned to school with enthusiasm and have started a brand new topic about Superheroes, such as, Supertato and Super Daisy. Supertato and his nemesis, evil pea, have caused havoc in the classroom and the children have enjoyed writing about their adventures! The children have been enjoying role-play activities and using the 'secret writing den' to write messages to the superheroes using ultraviolet pens. The children have also been thinking about the changes of the seasons and experienced winter using their senses on a 'Winter Wellie Walk'.



Children have also been considering how to be healthy and, in particular, what foods are healthy. They have been tasting different vegetables and, this week, preparing healthy, funny face wraps. The children have started weekly tennis lessons with the coaches at 'Teddy Tennis' and are thoroughly enjoying learning new skills.

Year 1

We have had an exciting start to the new year in Year 1!

On our first day back after Christmas, we all caught a special flight. We arrived at school, went through check in and boarded an aeroplane as our 'WOW' day to launch our new topic 'Airborne Adventurers', learning about the history of flight and the great female pilots – Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson.

Our PE this half term is being taught by 'Teddy Tennis' coaches. We are excitedly learning about the game of tennis, developing our hand eye co-ordination, sending and receiving a ball and using a racket skilfully. We have also welcoming specialist music tutor – Ms Jones, from the Lancashire Music Service and she is teaching us all about using our voices to sing a melody and she will also be teaching us how to play tuned percussion instruments.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to 2022!

We have started learning about Amelia Earhart and her adventures around the world. As part of our learning we have learned about the different continents and oceans of the world and the different routes Amelia took as she travelled around the world. In English we have been using the story 'Emma Jane in her Airplane' to write a range of fiction and non-fiction pieces—Year 2 are making great progress in their writing. In maths, we have been learning about fractions, finding fractions of shapes and quantities and applying our learning to making pizzas. We have loved starting to learn Judo, and Coach Antony has taught us the rules, some basic judo moves and even some Japanese phrases that are used. In science, we have started to learn about the suitability of materials and as well learning what the different materials are in our local environment, we also investigated which material would be the most effective to protect eggs - Amelia Earhart's favourite snack when travelling the world and we had great fun testing the materials and smashing over 60 eggs!





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Year 3

This half term saw the start of our 'Extreme Earth Topic' looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. We found out lots of information about why volcanoes erupt and the different types of volcanoes. We also had an exciting visit from a volcanologist, who showed lots of pictures and videos of volcanic eruptions. We have loved finding out about the volcanoes and looking at clips of the most recent ones. We are now using our reading for pleasure time to research the different volcanoes to add to our topic board.

In writing, we have continued the theme of volcanoes and looked at the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. This is an exciting book about the escape from a volcanic eruption in Pompeii that went on to cause devastating consequences. This really enthused our writing and developed our geography knowledge on volcanoes.

In science, we have started our rock topic which has made us look deeper into the volcanoes topic through the formation of the different types of rocks. We have sorted the rocks and tested them to see if they are impermeable or permeable and we have looked at what type of rock they are; sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic.

Maths has seen us using the analogue clock and telling the time using the minute intervals. This has been a little tricky for some of us but we are determined to succeed.

Year 4

We have started this half term by looking at poetry and the children have written some fantastic poems based on their new years' resolutions. Head over to our seesaw to watch them perform one of their verses! We are now beginning to look at newspaper reports and over the next few weeks the children will be using their writing and also geography skills to write a newspaper report about a recent volcanic eruption.

The children have amazed me with their maths skills as we have been learning different methods for division. They have been able to use the concrete resources to share and group and we even moved onto the chunking method.

In our geography topic, we have been looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. The children have learned lots of information about why do volcanoes erupt and what to do in the event of an earthquake. They have also had an exciting visit from a volcanologist who showed lots of pictures and videos of volcanic eruptions.

Year 5

It has been great to welcome all the children back after Christmas. We have had an exciting start to the year so far! We have been learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes as our half-term topic is 'Extreme Earth'. We came back to school to a scene of devastation in the hall as an earthquake and volcano had hit and the children used their detective skills to work out what had happened.

We were lucky enough to have a volcanologist come into school and inspire the children with tales about her job and what a normal day is for a volcanologist. Furthermore, we have been creating some fantastic volcano sculptures in art using metal wire and papier mache. We have enhanced our writing skills by researching all about the White Island volcano eruption of 2019 and creating a newspaper article about it. In maths, we have worked incredibly hard on fractions and now look forward to an exciting unit on geometry.

Year 6

Happy 2022! Let's hope that this year is a great one for us all! Year 6 started the year of with a bang as we started our 'Extreme Earth' topic, which focuses on volcanoes and earthquakes. The children had the chance to be extreme earth investigators on their first day back at school as the hall contained parts of tectonic plates, lava flows and even a small disaster zone! The children have since been learning about how and where volcanoes and earthquakes are located in world and looking for patterns around their formation. We have closely looked at the White Island in New Zealand. To share our knowledge, we are creating an informative animation to share with KS1 children. We also had the amazing opportunity of meeting a volcanologist who had just returned from visiting the volcano on La Palma. She brought use some rock samples, which are the youngest rocks on Earth and showed us some amazing photographs and video footage from her visit. She talked about the job of a volcanologist and hopefully inspired a few children to become the next generation of volcanologists. We are looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store