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It has been another incredibly busy half term. Our half termly focus on Art has been hugely successful yet again and the children have produced some fantastic final pieces based on their enquiry questions. It has been fantastic to see the children's sketchbooks this year and how their skills have developed since last year and also within the unit of learning. Next half term we will see our subject focus shift to History. The children will enquire into Fairy tales (Foundation), Seaside in the past (Year 1), The Great Fire of London (Year 2), Ancient Egypt (Year 3), Ancient Greece (Year 4), Mayans (Year 5) and The Fishing Industry (Year 6). We will continue to share learning on Class Dojo and Twitter. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday and will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 21st February.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Simpson

School Council

Miss Dodsworth and the newly formed school council met for the first time this week. Children who were interested in the role filled in a manifesto. The rest of the class then voted for one manifesto to elect their school councillor. The following children were elected:

Reception– Erin
Year 1– Fearne
Year 2– Blair
Year 3– Ella
Year 4– Lola
Year 5– Rudy
Year 6– Scarlett

Uniform

It is great to see the children looking so smart in their Middlethorpe uniforms. Please can you ensure that on PE days your child is dressed in their PE uniform which is trainers; blue or black joggers, leggings or shorts; a plain white t-shirt and either their school jumper or a plain blue or black hoodie. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they only wear small studded earrings. This is for health and safety. Earrings should be removed or covered on PE days.

#Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we participated in Safer internet Day. During the course of the day the children explored this year's theme of 'All fun and games. Exploring respect and relationships online'. It was fantastic to hear children's thoughts and opinions around their role in creating a safer internet. The idea of respect and relationships whilst gaming, creating content or interacting with friends was explored and children investigated how they could stay safe online and what to do if they felt unsafe. Earlier in the week we sent some material out via email for parents around keeping children safe online. Please contact the office if you would like it resending.

£5 Challenge

The £5 is now well underway! The children have enjoyed planning out their enterprise projects. Year 3 and Year 4 have got off to a flying start having already managed to turn their £5 in to a very impressive £106 (Y3) and £75 (Y4). I am looking forward to seeing what the other classes have got planned and also how they will choose to spend it!

Staffing

There have been some staffing changes this half term. Miss Shepherd is leaving Middlethorpe to relocate to Germany and is taking up a teaching post in an international school. We wish her all the best in this new and exciting venture and thank her for her hard work and commitment during her time at Middlethorpe. We are hoping to establish a link with her new school for the children to see the similarities and differences. Mrs Ball and Mrs Lawrence are also moving on to pasture new. We thank them for their hard work and commitment and wish them all the best in their new roles.

After half term we welcome Miss Comely, who will be teaching Year 2 and Mrs Colgan who will be teaching in Nursery. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the team.

Term Dates

Friday 11th February	School closes
Monday 21st February	School opens
Friday 25th February	Artist to visit Y3 and Y5
Tuesday 1st March	Balance bike course FS
Wednesday 2nd March	Balance bike course Y1
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief
Monday 21st March	World Down Syndrome Day
Friday 1st April	School closes
Tuesday 19th April	School opens
Friday 27th May	School closes
Monday 13th June	School opens
Thursday 21st July	School closes for summer

