

Farm visitors

Years 1 and 2 loved their farm visit week and met a lot of animals, including sheep, goats and alpacas.

The children learned lots about the different animals and enjoyed playing with the farmer's sheepdog, Meg.



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023



We are very proud of our school curriculum.

Our curriculum will:

- Raise aspirations
- Develop essential skills across all curriculum areas
- Be inclusive for all learners including disadvantaged, EAL, SEND
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Prepare pupils for their next step in education
- Teach reading as the 'master skill'
- Provide all children with daily mathematics, reading and English



Healthy lifestyles

Year 1 have enjoyed our visit from Jack, who is from the Leeds United Foundation and has been teaching the children about healthy lifestyles.

This week they loved playing different games in teams.



Church visit

Years 3 & 4 visited church as part of our RE topic.

We enjoyed completing a scavenger hunt and looking at the features of a church.



Rock band!

Key Stage 2 were very impressed by the Rocksteady group performances. The instrument playing and singing were outstanding and the hard work paid off!



Animal club!

Amy brought lots of animals for the children in Nursery to look at, touch and even hold. The animals/reptiles that she brought were lizards, a bearded dragon, rabbits, guinea pigs, African snails, meal worms and a corn snake.

The children were amazingly gentle as they stroked, touched and held the animals and remained quiet so as not to frighten them.



Police safety talk



A member of the West Yorkshire Police came into school to deliver a transition session to Year 6 on the following areas:

- Road Safety
- Grooming - unsafe behaviour in others
- Exploitation
- Weapons
- The power of saying no
- Who is here to help me

Drama lessons

Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed taking part in weekly drama and music lessons, with Lala from Artis. We have been using our bodies and voices to act out Roman scenes!



Commando Joe's

We have continued our Commando Joe sessions this term. Years 3 and 4 pretended to be a Roman legion marching into battle and practiced marching in sync with each other by copying the person in front.

We then split into smaller teams, where we took turns being the commander and getting the rest of our team to follow our commands...blindfolded!



Girls football

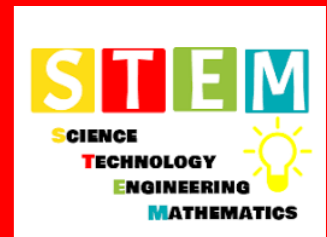
Years 5 and 6 girl's football team attended a competition at Middleton leisure centre.

The girls worked really well as a team and showed great determination.



STEM visitors

This term, we have had some parent visitors in school, telling us all about their jobs in the STEM field. They inspired some of us to take up a role in this area in the future! Our visitors included a civil engineer, a doctor, a maths student and a software engineer. Thankyou to our amazing parents for coming in!



Ice skating

Children in Years 3 and 4 have really enjoyed their ice skating sessions! We were very impressed how much the children progressed in the 2 sessions.



St Giles Trust

Year 5 had an assembly led by the St Giles trust.

We learnt about how to be a good citizen and the importance of rules in society. All of the children were really engaged and had lots of ideas and offered lots of brilliant answers to the questions and problems posed by the speaker.



Basketball

Well done to the basketball team who played extremely well in a local basketball competition.



VR workshops



KS2 enjoyed their virtual reality workshops, where we looked inside the human body!



Netball

Well done to the netball team who came 2nd in a local competition.

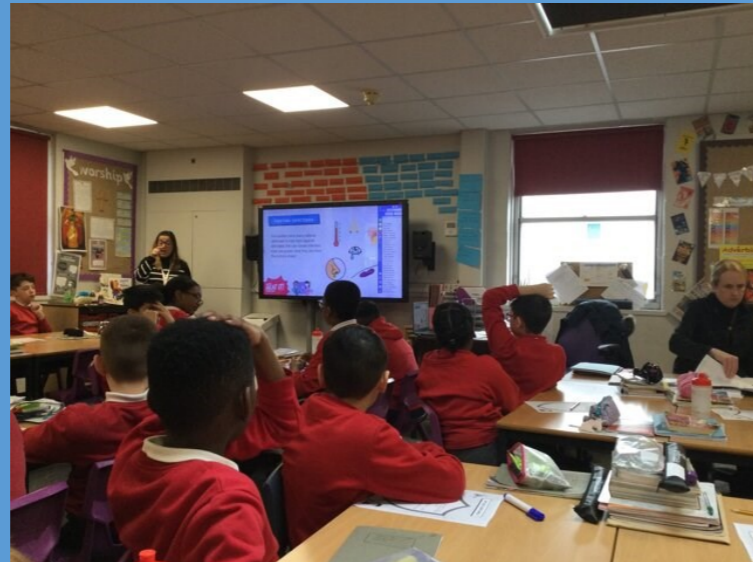
They did fantastically well and managed to keep a clean sheet in all of their games.



Health and wellbeing

Thank you to School Well Being (www.schoolwellbeing.co.uk) for coming to year 5 and 6 and teaching us about health and well-being.

The children enjoyed participating and then creating their own self care shield.



Games from around the world!

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Dan, who came to teach us some playground games, linked to our PSHE topics for this half term. The children loved learning some games from different places around the world that we can now play ourselves at playtime.



Roman Day

Years 3 and 4 have a great start to the term with our Roman day! During the day, we got dressed up as Roman soldiers and took parts of lots of great activities. We made Roman shields and created freeze frames of a battle, we learned about Roman numerals, and we found artefacts in the sand using our archaeological equipment.



Rugby

Well done to the Year 5/6 rugby team who won a local competition last week.

They played extremely well and showed great teamwork.



Railway safety

Years 5 and 6 found the Network Rail Assembly delivered by Leeds United really beneficial.

Children were very attentive and listened carefully to the content.



Football



Well done to the Year 3/4 football team.

They did fantastically well progressing out of their group and narrowly missed out on penalties to qualify to the next round.

Cricket in the classroom

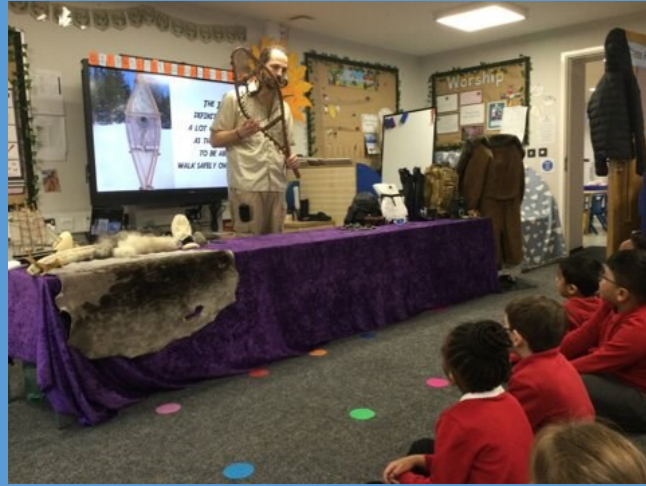
Years 5 and 6 had an amazing day at Headingley Stadium for Cricket in the Classroom.

Children took part in a practical session practising cricket skills: batting, bowling and fielding.

Children then moved onto a classroom session, which took part in the Emerald stand.



Meeting an explorer!



Year 1 enjoyed their visit from Dantastic, who is an explorer! He has travelled to lots of different countries in the world, including Antarctica.

He came in to school to tell us all about polar explorers and polar animals.

We enjoyed exploring the objects that he brought in for us to look at.

Some of the objects were things an explorer might take with them on an expedition and some were real objects from Antarctica.

Number day

In February, we celebrated number day. All children came into school wearing something with a number on, and took part in a range of exciting activities. Children baked, completed mathematical challenges, and took part in some competitive games.

There was also a times tables competition for KS2, with winners receiving a David Walliams game. We also raised an amazing £232.50 for the NSPCC!



World book day!



In March, we celebrated world book day. Children were invited to dress up as their favourite book day character, and we were very impressed by the effort made by everybody! We also enjoyed our visit from Mr Book Man, a superhero, who taught us lots of stories and showed us all of his book related items!



Mental health week

In school, we celebrated mental health week. We know how important it is to keep our minds healthy. We took part in a range of activities to see how we can improve our mental health.



The Great Fire of London

Year 2 were visited by Sir William Petty, to tell them all about The Great Fire of London.

Sir William owned a street of houses that were destroyed in the fire. He showed us maps of London before and after the fire, explained why St Paul's Cathedral, a stone built building with a lead roof was destroyed during the fire and how its steeple was previously broken.

The children took part in experiments to understand how and why the fire spread and to understand why it was so difficult to put the fire out.

Sir William also talked a lot about his friend Samuel Pepys and King Charles II and their roles in the fire.



Bikeability!

Year 5 enjoyed their week of Bikeability.

All children completed some activities on the school playground and children who passed the playground assessment ventured out of school with two experienced Bikeability instructors from Cycle North.

