

Dunstall Hill Primary School

SPRING TERM 2 2021 NEWSLETTER



As another term draws to a close and the easing of lockdown steadily happens, it is remarkable what we have achieved.

Parents/Carers, Governors, staff and children have shown such resilience and determination to continue to provide an education for all our children. It has been remarkable how the children have resumed their routines and learning once more.

All in the Dunstall Hill community have shown our core values in abundance (**D**etermination, **H**aving Respect, **P**ositivity and **S**uccess), making us all proud of each other.

Can I take this opportunity to pass on my thanks for all the continued support we have received.

Stay Safe

Mr Fellows



Thank you for your kind donations. Together we have raised a fantastic £211.55. The money raised will go to help poor and disadvantaged people in the UK.



Nursery

It has been lovely to be back at school together with our friends, the children have settled back in exceptionally well and have spent some time getting used to being together again.

and what makes them grow. Nursery had great fun taking part in our STEM week activities. We investigated different objects that float and sink and had a go at making our own boats using junk modelling.

We also had a go at inventing our own supercars, making glitter jars, created wax resist paintings and experimented with our exploding volcanoes.



For world book day, we joined together to listen to the story 'The tiger who came to tea.' It was fun

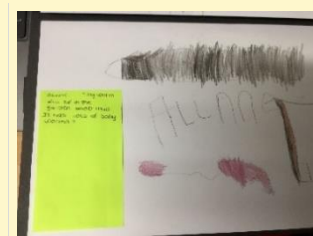
to see lots of children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. We even had a go at drawing our own book characters, here are some of our competition entries.



Reception

We have been working super hard this half term in Reception, learning all about the different insects that we might find in the garden. The children have taken part in mini beast hunts in the forest. We enjoyed exploring and watching the butterfly's and ants grow in their own mini beast homes and all the amazing adventures we had during STEM week.

Children started by designing their own insect hotel and were able to make brilliant drawings of what this might look like. Children then used this to



exploring, observing and asking questions about how our butterflies and ants live. They have made brilliant art work and drawings based on their observations.

During this term, we have been reading lots of books on insects and the children have enjoyed the book 'The Very Busy Spider'. They were able to describe what the spider looked like and

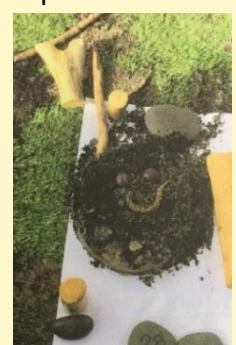


the different animals he meets in the story. The children then were able to write super sentences about the spider.

Reception have also



enjoyed exploring the outdoor area and looking for different insects they could find. The children could use great language to describe where the different insects were and how they



moved. The children then took this further and were able to pretend to be different insects and move in different ways.

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We have begun to focus on the life cycle of plants and the children have been experimenting with how to plant seeds.

What a great half term Reception! We are so proud of all of the children in Reception and their hard work and always making the Reception team smile.



Year 1

For STEM week the children invented a watering device to help Tom grow his plants because he was always forgetting to water them. The children used their imagination to come up with different ideas to create one. We had drones, robots and remote controlled machines. The children had a fun afternoon creating their invention.

What fun the children had drawing their favourite characters from story books they enjoy reading for World Book Day. Here we have Simba from the Lion King drawn by Nelly and Kipper drawn by Muhammad A. You can see how hard the children have worked and how creative they got.



Thank you to all the parents who helped their child take part in our 'Get Caught Reading' competition. It was lovely to see all the photos.

Keep on reading!!

The children have been planting beans! Hopefully they will thrive so they can have them for their tea! The children have been working really hard to make sure their plants are growing and looked after.

Wow look how well they have grown! Well done Year 1.



Year 2

In Music, Year 2 have been learning to sing a song and play music from 'The Jungle Book'.

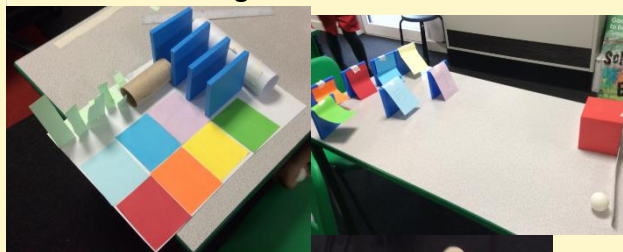
This is in preparation for our Wow day when we will be using the green screen to create our own jungle scene to end our topic called 'Rumble in the Jungle'.



To mark the end of STEM week, Year 2 dressed up as Scientists.



During STEM week the children in Year 2 designed and made a moving machine/contraption, as inspired by Rube Goldberg.



Year 3

This half term Year 3 children were given the opportunity to study the topic Adventurers and Explorers. We studied the text Treasure Island, learning about pirates and treasure maps. We explored compasses and navigated our way around a map. The children then learnt about Christopher Columbus and the voyages he took around the world. After this learning, the children were able to use their knowledge of compasses and



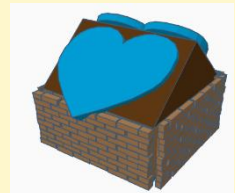
maps to create their own treasure maps.



Year 4

STEM Week – 6th – 15th March

During STEM week, children were given the opportunity to take part in a range of creative and inspirational activities. The activities involved working as part



of a team to design, create and innovate.



A particularly enjoyable activity was where the children had to design and create a boat using foil and paper and test it using weights to see if it would float. They certainly had lots of fun creating and testing their boats.



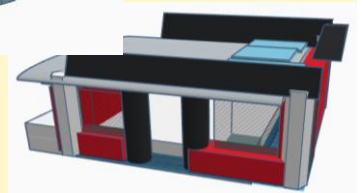
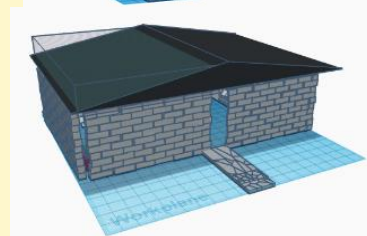
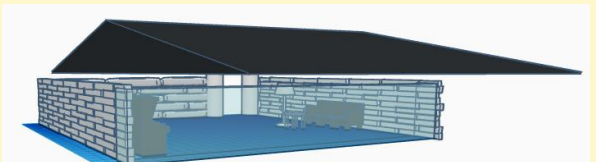
To conclude STEM week, children were able to dress up as a scientist,



mathematician or engineer. We definitely have some budding scientists in Year 4!

Maria Telkes – Women's History Month

As part of our science topic, electricity, we have looked at the amazing work produced by Maria Telkes. We learnt about her inventions and why she received the nickname, 'The Sun Queen'. We used the programme 'Tinkercad' to design our own solar powered houses. These houses were inspired by Maria Telkes's invention. After the children completed their 3D designs, they explained why these houses would be good in the future and how they could help to combat global warming.



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Active Mathematics – Fun with Fractions

We have focused on making maths fun and engaging by giving the children the opportunity to work practically using a variety of resources. Using Numicon to learn about fractions has really helped consolidate children's understanding and embed their learning. Working practically, children have been able to use mathematical language to explain their understanding of fractions.



Science Week – The Water Cycle

As part of STEM week, children



learnt about the water cycle through creative activities and drama. It was wonderful to see the children use their acting skills to act out the journey of the water cycle which then inspired them to write creatively about it.



Support

Remember to email our Family Support Worker if there is any support you require. Contact Mrs Jagirdar on: DHFamilySupport@perryhallmat.co.uk



Easter Break

We will return to school on 19th April. Have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you back for a fun filled Summer Term!

Stay Safe DHPS.



Year 5

As part of STEM week, Year 5 have been busy this term designing, planning and creating their very own solar system mobiles. Here are a few pictures of the children showing you their masterpiece!



In Art, Year 5 focused on two artists Paul Cezanne and Claude Monet, they explored the artist styles and created their own picture using inspiration. Below are pictures of their final piece. Year 5 have been working collaboratively to create a piece



of music, inspired by Benjamin Britten.

This included creating the sounds of the birds, rain, waves crashing against the rocks, using only their hands and feet. Here are a few pictures to show you what we got up to!



Government Guidelines in Wolverhampton

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information>

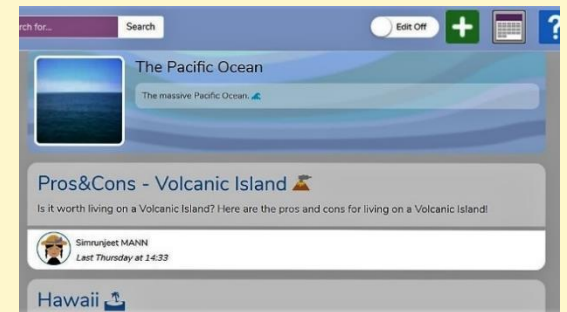
Communication

Please contact the school via the school email address if there are any positive cases over the half term holiday. We have a duty of care to ensure we all remain safe.

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Year 6

During Spring one, Year 6's topic was The Pacific Ocean linked to our class text Kensuke's Kingdom. Throughout the topic, we learned all about the Pacific including locational, historical and cultural aspects of various Pacific Islands and completed cross curricular activities, including KenKensuke's Kingdom art and Blogging.



To celebrate World Book Day, Year 6 got involved with the get caught reading challenge – here are a couple of our favourites.



For our first week back together, Year 6 enjoyed STEM activities as part of British Science Week. We designed, made and

tested drawbridges using accurate measurements, our knowledge of forces and the use of a lever or pulley system.

