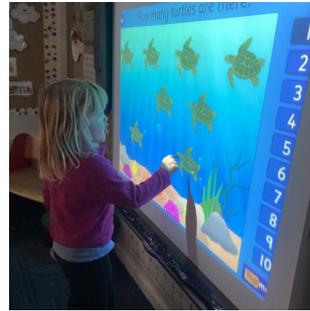




This half term, Pre-School have found out lots of information about jungle animals. We have looked at their patterns, where they live and what they like to eat. We have also been practising our throwing and catching skills, counting and subitising, listening for initial sounds and in this final week, we are learning about Easter.



Reception have had a great half term! They especially enjoyed listening to lots of Julia Donaldson stories and taking part in a Julia Donaldson dress up day. In maths, the children have been busy learning about odd and even numbers and the composition of numbers to 10. In phonics, the children have been busy practising reading tricky words ready for us to practise spelling them next half term. During outdoor learning, Reception have planted seeds and observed the different seasonal changes. This week they enjoyed a visit to Shelf woods to spot different signs of Spring.



Year 1 have had a busy term! We have been enjoying our Toy topic, which has included learning about toys from the past. We became history detectives and asked our relatives questions about toys they have enjoyed. In English, we have been inspired by Lost in the Toy Museum to write our very own stories! We enjoyed sharing these with Reception. In Maths we have been busy practising our maths magicians, and have been enjoying working practically on our weight, length, mass and capacity topics. Our science topic has been based on materials. We have been investigating their properties and learning new vocabulary such as transparent and waterproof. A few more highlights have included a visit from some cute chicks, a Red Nose Day disco, our excellent digital artwork in Computing and a visit from Brighthouse library to decide Calderdale Book of the Year. We are already looking forward to the Summer term where we will learning about Castles and going on an exciting school trip!



This half term Year 2 have done lots of exciting learning. We have found out about life in Kenya and the Maasai Tribe and even watched a video filmed for us by a school in Kenya. In Art, we have looked at African prints and created our own thumb pots inspired by these. We have also enjoyed starting our next Science unit on plants and this will continue into next half term.



Year 3 have had another exciting half term packed full of learning. Linked with our Geography topic, we have written and published holiday brochures about the Mediterranean and completed extensive research about the different Mediterranean countries. In Maths, we have worked hard to develop our skills and fluency surrounding our timetables and have shown brilliant understanding of fractions which many children normally find difficult. Every week in Science we have also done an experiment linked to the different parts of a plant and we now know how important plants are in helping us survive and what is essential for their own survival. A rest is now definitely needed to make sure we are ready for another challenging, yet fun half term in the Summer.



Year 4 have had a very busy half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their English lessons, writing a warning poster and an action sequence based on the book *The Iron Man*. They have been learning about electricity in Science and how to make simple circuits, as well as using data loggers in Computing to gather different data sets from around school. In RE we have looked at Holy Week and the different events that took place. The children are still working hard on their times tables ready for the check in June.



Year 5 have had a very busy half term. We have conducted lots of science experiments to investigate the properties and changes in materials. We have also enjoyed having our student teacher, Mr Ali, helping us in lessons, particularly his science lesson where he made a bottle of cola erupt with carbon dioxide gas to demonstrate an irreversible change. In PE we have explored a range of movements and balances to create our own dance routines. We have learnt all about how good are imported and exported all around the globe, and explored the options of buying Fairtrade products, through our Geography lessons. In our English lessons we have rewritten the poem 'The Spider and the Fly' as a story and turned them into books to share with others.



Year 6 have had a wonderful, productive and hard working term! We have developed our understanding of concise and key vocabulary when writing in a particular author/characters voice. In Maths, we have shown resilience towards our fractions, decimals and percentages topic, which is a key element for our SATs papers. We've thoroughly enjoyed learning our song in Music (please check out Facebook for our performance), creating our phone case holders in DT and discovering the key influences of the Early Islamic Empire on the British Empire.

