

Learning Together

Summer 2024



Here is some of the fantastic learning that has taken place in the Summer Term.

Let's share and celebrate our amazing learning journeys....

Nursery



What a fantastic Summer Term we have had in Nursery. Our topic has been 'The Seaside' and we have shared lots of stories and non-fiction books about this, which include 'Harry and the Dinosaurs Go On Holiday', 'Ten Little Pirates', 'Look What I Found at the Beach' and 'The Rainbow Fish'.

We found out what the seaside was like over 100 years ago and compared this to our own experiences today.

Sports Week and Sports Day was amazing and we showed everyone how good our PE skills are!

We role played in our ice-cream van and served fish and chips in our fish and chip shop restaurant.

We had a Theatre Workshop about creatures under the sea and helped Shelly the Turtle find her friends.

We had a visit from Eltham Fire Brigade and had great fun sitting in the fire engine, trying the fire helmets on and spraying water from the hose.

Our End of Year Celebration was a great success and it was lovely to share our 'Year of Learning' with our parents in our photo slideshow. What a fantastic final term! We are very proud of all of the children and hope they all have a great Summer Break.

Reception



What an amazing Summer term we have had in Reception!

We were proud to showcase all of our amazing achievements this year in our first class assembly. We loved performing 'Superworm' and wearing our cool glasses!

What a fantastic first sports day we had! It was great fun getting involved with all the different sports activities during sports week. We particularly enjoyed the cheerleading where we got to show off our dance moves and poses.

We have really enjoyed our new topic 'The Seaside' and learning real life facts about different sea creatures. One of our favourite stories was 'Billy's Bucket' where we got to use our imagination to think about if we had a magic bucket, what we would put in it. We have had great fun getting creative in class designing different shells and creating a lighthouse collage in our art lesson.

The highlight for this half term has been our trip to Minnis Bay beach. We particularly enjoyed building sand castles with our friends and eating our ice-lollies.

We have had a fantastic first year in school and we are so proud of all the children and their amazing achievements. We wish you all the best for Year 1!

Year 1



Year 1 have had a super busy term!

As part of our Kings, Queens and Castle topic in history, we took a road trip down the motorway to Leeds Castle. Whilst there, we dressed up in costumes of all the people who had lived in the castle since it was first built. We then had a tour of the inside of the castle and found the 'secret stairway'. We were given VIP access to parts of the castle that not many other visitors get to see! It really helped us to understand how people become Kings and Queens, and also deepened our understanding of the parts of the castle by seeing them in real life, these being the moat, drawbridge and battlements!

We were so inspired by our time at Leeds Castle, Mrs Foskett taught us the art skills of colour mixing, colour creation and collage to create Leeds Castle pieces of artwork!

Also this term, we thoroughly enjoyed sports day. It was great to have so many people cheering us on whilst we demonstrated our skills of throwing, running, tactics, teamwork and collaboration. It was a hot, sticky and fun afternoon for us all!

Sports Week was great fun for us all. We loved cheerleading. We learned about 'stunting' and practised our cheerleading poses with partners. We found out what the terms 'low V' and 'high V' meant and played games using them. In our other lessons, we danced like animals under the sea, created our own yoga poses and learned the basic rules of cricket.

What a great term!

Year 2

It has been an excellent Summer term in Year 2.

In maths we have looked at shapes and their properties as well as using them in patterns. We also learned about numbers to 1,000 and measurement for capacity and volume using millilitres and litres. Finally, we have explored calculation strategies using column method addition and subtraction.

In English we read a book called 'Sticky McStickstick' who is a walking stick belonging to Michael Rosen. We wrote a letter in the first person from the point of view of Sticky McStickstick using emotive language. We also read the beautiful poetry book called 'What do you see when you look at a tree?' In response to the text, we wrote some descriptive poems exploring the many things a tree can be.

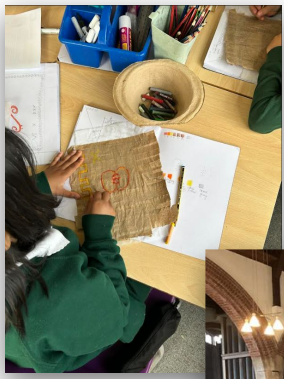
Throughout this term the children have explored different nurses and how they have impacted current healthcare. In history, Florence Nightingale was the first nurse we learnt about and we compared what she did and achieved with Edith Cavell. We also looked at and remembered Mary Seacole and what she accomplished. We compared all of them and how they embodied the Danson Values.

We had a brilliant Sports Week and had the opportunity to experience and learn many new skills including cricket, cheerleading, dance, fencing, dodgeball and cricket. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed a very hot Sports Day, demonstrating great teamwork and resilience in completing the different activities.

In geography, we developed our map skills and explored how Danson Park and the surrounding area has changed over time. We also visited Danson Park and followed a map, answering questions about the park on our walk.



Year 3



It has been an extremely busy and exciting term in Year 3. Here are some of the highlights...

The children had a fantastic time during sports week. They have been working hard all term to hone their athletic skills which they showed off to you all on their sports day. The staff were all extremely proud of each and every children who showed the Danson values of friendship, respect, collaboration and resilience in abundance.

Later in the term we had a fantastic day at the British museum, we saw some incredible relics from the past and really enjoyed consolidating all of our learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain. We were so impressed with the behaviour of all of the children on the trip and we even had members of the public praising them for their politeness.

We were also extremely lucky to be invited to St John's church to learn all about what happens in the church. We really enjoyed learning about the different colours that the vicars wear throughout the year and we even got to see what happens during a baptism. This trip really brought our RE learning about Christianity to life.

Year 4

What an amazing summer term year 4 have had to end the year!

In the first week back, we went to Horton Kirby Nature Reserve as a link to our science topic. We had a fantastic time bird watching and pond dipping where we learnt amazing facts about some of the animals that we found. We also spent time searching the long grass and wading in the river find insects. We used classification keys to help us identify the various creatures.

Throughout the year, the children have been working hard on developing their times table fluency. We have practised this with games and quizzes, and the children have made great progress in preparation for the times table check. They have shown great commitment and determination which has clearly paid off! Well done to everyone!

In English, we have been reading a book called 'How to Bee' linking to our Geography topic. We have immersed ourselves in the book by writing from the main character's point of view when writing a letter. We finished the unit by writing a set of instructions to make a bee hotel, which we ended up making as part of Geography lessons. We have placed these bee hotels around the school environment to encourage and support bees in these areas.

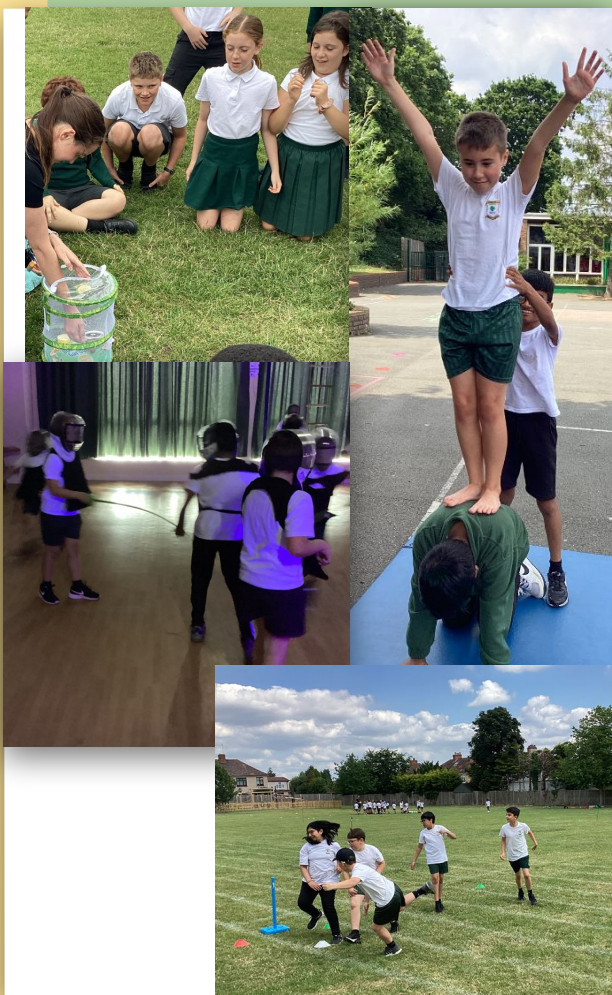
We continued to engage with topic by inviting the beekeepers from Ruxley Beekeepers association to the school. They came equipped with beekeeper suits, honey and a range of products made from beeswax and honey. We were fortunate enough for them to also bring along an observation hive, where we could watch the bees working in action. This was a fascinating experience and the knowledgeable visitors shared so many amazing bee facts with us!

We also had a fantastic time during sport week where we were able to taking part in various sports and learn a range of new skills. Some examples of the sports we tried were: cheerleading, American football and cricket. During the week we took part in sports day where we saw great examples of the Danson Values including collaboration and resilience.

It has been a fantastic end to this academic year and we hope the children all have a great summer.



Year 5



Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this term in preparation for their transition to Year 6. Our science learning particularly captivated the attention of everyone, as we watched caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies in our classrooms. Each class table named a caterpillar and watched its process of metamorphosis until it reached the butterfly stage. We released the butterflies outside and hope that they have a successful life!

In geography, we have been learning all about the physical and human features of North America. We have studied the countries within the continent but we have focused lots on the United States of America. We compared the Rocky Mountains to Ben Nevis (one of our school houses) and compared the River Thames to the Colorado River.

Our latest English learning has been focused on writing an alternative fairytale, 'Snow White In Hawaii' which relates to our understanding of North America. We connected this learning to our computing work too where we have been learning about augmented reality. We created QR codes to take the viewer to a voice recording of a book review. In DT, we also used our story writing as an inspiration to create a pop-up book for younger readers.

Sports Week was a huge success for Year 5 and we got to take part in track and field events on Sports Day, glow in the dark dodgeball, fencing, cricket and how to make a healthy smoothie with the 'smoothie bike'. It was a very warm week and we were so proud of how the children got stuck into their different activities. We also wanted to thank parents and carers who were able to attend Sports Day.

We needed to apply our maths skills on Sports Day in one of the tasks where each team had to collect the most amount of water in a bucket. In maths, in the summer term, we have learnt about converting units of measurement, volume and continued with our decimal knowledge.

Well done Year 5 for a brilliant term and we wish you all the best for your journey into Year 6!

Year 6



Year 6 have ended the year on a high. We have had an extremely busy term and the children have all been amazing.

All of the children should be incredibly proud of their success in the statutory assessments (SATs). We are so pleased with how they showed resilience and determination and all of their hard work paid off. Well done everyone.

The summer term has been a very active one. During Sports Week, the children took part in their final Danson Sports Day. In addition, we were lucky enough to have a trip to Danson Park Adventures to do watersports on the lake. Everyone had lots of fun and yes, many got wet - some more than others! A great day was had by all though.

As well as the watersports trip, Year 6 also had two other trips this term. First, we went to Chislehurst Caves to consolidate our learning about World War II. Inside the caves, the children learnt about how it had been used during the war as a shelter from the air raids. It was interesting to see how people lived in an underground town and helped us to empathise with what it must have been like to live at this time in history.

More recently, we visited Horton Kirby to complete some geography fieldwork. The children completed a river study and enjoyed getting into the river to collect data and establish the speed at which the river moved at different points. In the education centre, we learnt about why this is and consolidated our learning about the parts of a river.

Of course the highlight of this term has been performing our production of *Revolving Children* based on the novel *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. All of the children (and adults!) worked incredibly hard to put this together and the finished product was nothing short of amazing.

Year 6 we are so proud of you all. You have been a fantastic year group and we wish you all happiness and success for your futures as you move onto your secondary schools. Well done year 6!