



## Spring 1 2024

We've had another busy Half-term! It was so lovely to see all of the classes from Reception to Year 6 visit Chester zoo this half term. They had a wonderful time!

On Friday this week Mrs Ogle will be retiring after 25 years as one of our midday supervisors. She has been a wonderful member of the school team and she has had a positive impact on thousands of pupils, during their lunchtimes, over the years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ogle for everything she has contributed to our school and wish her well for her retirement, she will be greatly missed!



### Dates for Spring 2

26th February	School reopens 8:45am
11th-14th March	Parents evenings
13th March	Nursery visit to Smithills Farm
19th-22nd March	Reception Spring Walks to Platt Fields
28th March	School Closes 1:30 pm

Our Parents/Carers Coffee morning is every Tuesday at 9am everyone is welcome.

### Attendance and Punctuality

It is extremely important for your child's learning that they are in school and on time every day. Our school target for attendance is **96%**. Well done to those classes that have exceeded it this month.

### Attendance for Autumn 2

Class	Nursery	Bumblebees	Butterflies	Ladybirds	1AS	1MG	1MN	2KW	2LF	2TS		
%	85.5	93.8	91.4	93.6	93.4	94.9	91.7	94.3	94.6	95.1		
Class	3JB	3JS	3LT	4CV	4KH	4RV	5PA	5SS	5TD	6AW	6BH	6HE
%	95.1	93.7	96.5	95.3	95.2	92.6	95.8	94.9	97.5	97	96.3	93





## Early Years Foundation Stage

### Nursery

This half term our topic has been animals. We really enjoyed reading the book, 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and 'Bear Snores On' by Karma Wilson. Come into nursery and take a look at the bears that we made.

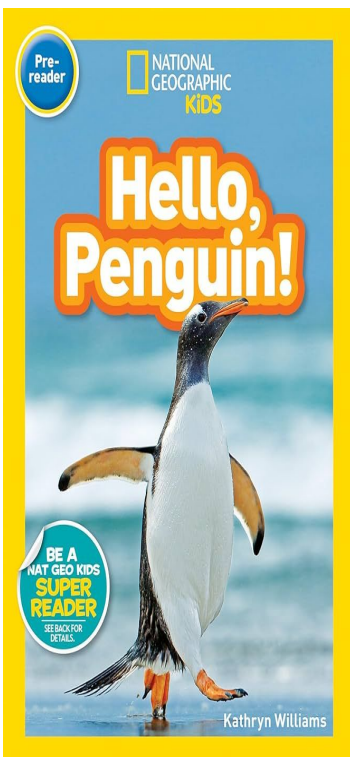
We also enjoyed our first trip to the Powerhouse Library. Thank you to all our parent helpers for coming with us and making the trip a huge success.



### Reception

This half term reception have been looking at animals in cold places. We have read the books 'The storm whale in winter' and the non fiction book 'Hello Penguin'. We have been learning about Antarctica, what animals live there and how it is different from where we live in Manchester.

In maths we have been looking at numbers to 6 and finding 1 more and 1 less.







## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

We have had a busy and enjoyable half term in Year 1.

The children had a brilliant day at the Chester Zoo where they saw a range of animals including monkeys, snakes and butterflies. This fitted well with our Science topic of 'Animals including Humans'.

We have been writing instructions on how to make Gruffalo crumble. Everyone has worked hard writing the instructions and they enjoyed tasting the crumble too!



### Year

2

This half term has been an eventful term for Year 2.

Year 2 have been mastering multiplication and division, writing mythical stories, learning about different religious celebrations and exploring the country Kenya.

Year 2 had a FANTASTIC time at Chester Zoo. The highlight of the trip was walking through the butterfly house and the bat cave!

Year 2 also had the pleasure of participating in dental workshops, which taught them the importance of dental hygiene.





## Lower Key Stage 2

### Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been busy learning about the difference between cities and villages. As part of this, we enjoyed a trip to Manchester City Centre where we saw the town hall, the cathedral, lots of different transport systems and lots of banks. We compared this with Little Bollington and noticed that there are more farms and fields in a village and there are less main roads. In maths we have been learning about measure and how to convert between metres, centimetres and millimetres. In English we have written an information text based on our class book Stone Age Boy. In Science we have been learning about the human body and how our joints and muscles work.



### Year 4

We have had a wonderful half term in Year 4.

The children have been learning about many different things. In our writing we have produced two pieces of work based on the myth, Theseus and the Minotaur. In geography we have learnt about the continent of Europe and what it is like in Greece. Also this half term we have been learning about Electricity including how to ensure we are safe and how to construct a complete circuit.

Finally in Design and Technology we have been learning about Pavilions and we have made one using our visit to Chester Zoo as our inspiration.







## Upper Key Stage 2

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant and busy half-term! In English, we wrote and published information texts about tigers. We even had the chance to see them on our trip to Chester Zoo. In maths, we have become multiplication experts and are now learning about decimals. In geography, we have really enjoyed learning all about Brazil - we even made brochures to persuade people to visit. In science, we have done many investigations into materials and their properties - ask us what happened when we tried to make a solution from cinnamon and water! In DT, we have been making arch, beam and truss bridges out of different materials (including spaghetti!).



### Year 6

Year 6 have been busy yet again this half term doing lots of wonderful work. In English, we have been writing some fantastic instructions. In Science, we have been doing lots of investigations around our topic of Light. In Geography, we have been learning about climate change and the children have produced some amazing posters! The children have continued to enjoy learning to play the glockenspiel and ukulele in music lessons. The children also enjoyed their trip to Chester Zoo and they represented the school really well.





## Reading

This half term 15 of our year 5 children have been qualified as Reader Leaders by the Children's Literacy Charity. They have received training on how to support children with phonics and questions to ask a younger child when they are reading.

World Book day is on Thursday 7th March and we have lots of exciting plans in school.

Remember to bring your book bag to school every day.



## Online Safety

Many children enjoy listening to music and music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. However, children can access songs that may contain inappropriate language. It is easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to. Some music apps want to make music a social experience will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could mean your child might talk to strangers online. Some safety tips are: to use child friendly apps; turn off explicit content; explore the apps yourself; have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard. Use privacy controls and regularly check the privacy setting of your child's app. Make sure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private.





## PE and Sport

### **Basketball Tournament**

well done to the team that went to the basketball at Whalley Range High School in February.

The team played 5 matches against different schools and played with respect, great teamwork and developed many new strategies as the results showed: they won 4 matches and drew one match.



### **Hockey Tournament**

We took a team to play in the school games hockey tournament at Trinity High school in Hulme.

They enjoyed learning some new skills before playing in the tournament. They played with great passion and teamwork securing 3 wins and one defeat. Most importantly again they demonstrated amazing school Games Values.







## Spring 2

Our learning in Spring 2 will be:

### Nursery

Theme - What is in the Egg?  
Maths - 2D shapes, counting  
Fossils using Clay

### EYFS

#### Reception

Theme - Superheroes/Spring  
Maths - numbers to 20, Measuring, money  
Growing plants

### Year 1

English - Story and recount  
Maths - Place value, length and height, mass  
Volume  
Science - Animals including humans  
History - Changes within living memory  
DT - Food - Making a sandwich  
R.E - How and why do we celebrate?

### KS1

#### Year 2

English - story and thank you letters  
Maths - Length and height, mass, capacity  
and temperature.  
Science - Animals including humans  
History - Significant events - Great Fire of  
London  
Art - African Textiles

### Year 3

English - job description and story  
Maths - fractions, mass and capacity  
Science - Plants  
History - Stone Age to Iron Age  
Art - Drawing  
R.E - Why are festivals important?

### LKS2

#### Year 4

English - information text and setting  
description  
Maths - Fractions and decimals  
Science - Sound  
History - Olympic Games  
Art - Observational drawings

### Year 5

English - Poem and persuasive information text  
Maths - Decimals and percentages, perimeter  
And area, statistics  
Science - Evolution and Inheritance  
History - Vikings  
Art - 3D work

### UKS2

#### Year 6

English - Story and information text  
Maths - Fractions, decimals and percentages  
Science - Animals including humans  
Geography - Climate Change  
Art - Large Scale painting  
R.E - What do religions say when life gets  
hard?

