



Spring 1, 2026

The children continue to show exceptional dedication and hard work, which was particularly evident in our Year 4 assemblies. which showcased the pupils' growing confidence . Our Reception class enjoyed an exciting trip to the zoo, while Year 5 pupils expanded their scientific understanding during their visit to Jodrell Bank. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for hands-on learning and discovery. Our school's Steel Band has been making impressive music, performing to Key Stage 2 pupils during the aspirations half term. Their commitment to musical excellence continues to inspire our school community. We are particularly proud of our sports teams, who have been achieving continued success in various competitions. Their determination and teamwork reflect the values we nurture at Claremont Primary.

In governance news, I am pleased to announce that Safia Bahar has been appointed as our new Parent Governor. With nominations received and no election required, we welcome her contribution to our school's Governing Body.

As Ramadan approaches during the half-term break, we extend our warmest wishes to all families observing this important time—Ramadan. Mubarak!

Dates for Spring 2

23rd February—School Reopens 8:45am

5th March—World Book Day

20th March - School Closed - Staff Training

24th/25th March - Parents Evening

27th March - MUFC Girls Football Tournament - Finals Day

31st March—Reception—Spring Walk

2nd April - School Closes at 1:30pm

Attendance for Spring 1

| Class | Nursery | Reception | 1SC | 1LN | 2AS | 2ZK | 2KL | 3KH | 3LF | |
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| % | 84.5 | 90.6 | 90.2 | 93.4 | 96 | 94.5 | 97.7 | 94.3 | 92.5 | |
| Class | 3CE | 4CV | 4RF | 4JB | 5AW | 5TK | 5RR | 6BH | 6CK | 6TD |
| % | 94.8 | 93.7 | 97.4 | 89.3 | 96.9 | 96.8 | 90.8 | 96.2 | 90.5 | 96.6 |



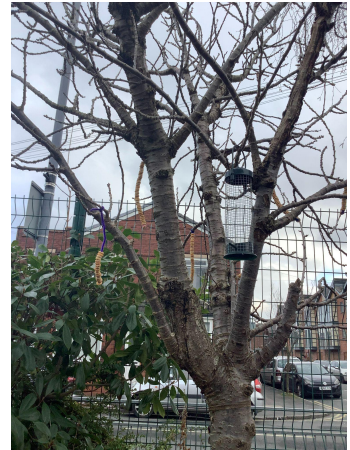
Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery

This term, in Literacy we have read 'I Can Fly' and 'Bear Snores On.' We have written speech bubbles and draw fabulous bear faces.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers three, four and five. We enjoyed going on number hunts, using five frames and sorting different sets of objects according to how many.

Creatively, we have experimented with cutting, glueing and hand printing, designing wonderful penguins and bears. We have talked about Winter and helped to make cheerio bird feeders for the birds.



Reception

This half term we have been learning about animals who live in cold places. We read *The Storm Whale in Winter* and the non fiction text *Hello Penguin*. To further enhance our learning we visited Blackpool Zoo which was an amazing experience and rather cold too! Thanks for all who came along and helped us. The children had a truly memorable time. In maths we have been learning about the composition of 5 and 6 and using the words 'whole' and 'part'. In phonics the children are learning digraphs and are making huge progress with their reading and writing. We have enjoyed making paper plate cats to represent one of the characters from *The Storm Whale in Winter* and we have painted penguins paying particularly attention to their features. As part of our topic we also made ice balloons and enjoyed talking about freezing and melting and looking closely at the ice.



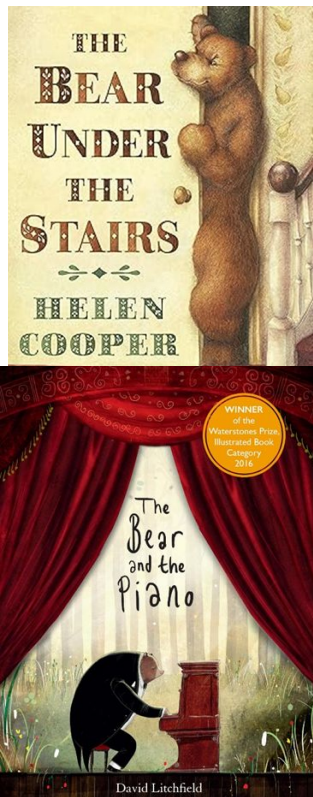
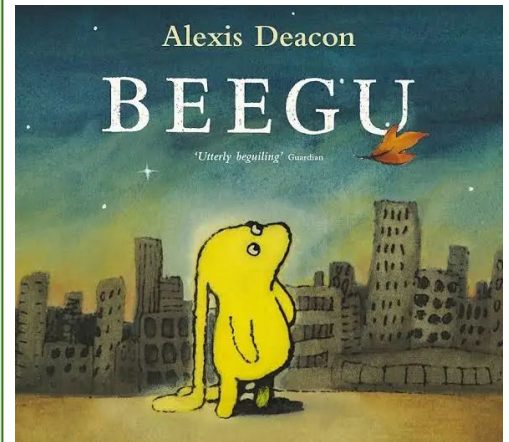
Key Stage 1

Year 1

This half term, the Year 1 children have been working exceptionally hard. In maths, they have been exploring the concepts of doubles, as well as addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have been busy creating imaginative narratives and informative pieces, showcasing their creativity. The children were inspired by the story *Beegu* to create their own aliens who went on a variety of adventures. The children loved designing their own aliens.

In science, one of the highlights has been their exploration of the senses, particularly taste, which has encouraged scientific inquiry and experiential learning.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy half term! In English, the children have been enjoying *The Bear Under the Stairs* and *The Bear and the Piano*. They have written an information text about bears as well as an engaging narrative.

In Maths, the children have been exploring the connection between repeated addition and multiplication.

In Science, they have been learning about the uses of everyday materials and have enjoyed working scientifically to discover that the shape of some solid objects can be changed. In D.T., the children have loved investigating structures by designing and exploring a baby bear's chair.



Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy half term learning all about the story of The Pied Piper of Hamelin in English. We have explored the character and the setting, held a debate and have written our own story with a moral.

In maths we have been diving into multiplication and division in depth. We've looked at the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. We've explored how they're linked and how we can use these facts to work out multiplying larger numbers.

In Science we have been looking at Movement and Nutrition. We have learnt about the human skeleton and how our muscles allow us to move. We've also investigated how food provides us with energy and have developed our understanding of a healthy diet.

Year 4

In writing we have written two different text types: a narrative and an information text. We created some marvellous sequels based on our class book Winter's Child and then we produced information texts based on our book, The Crown. In maths, we have been busy learning formal methods for multiplication and division. During our science lessons, we have been finding out about states of matter. In geography we have been learning about the Pembrokeshire National Park which is in Wales and is by the coast. We also had an artist who came into our lessons to deliver art. We created some aliens which have been displayed around the school.

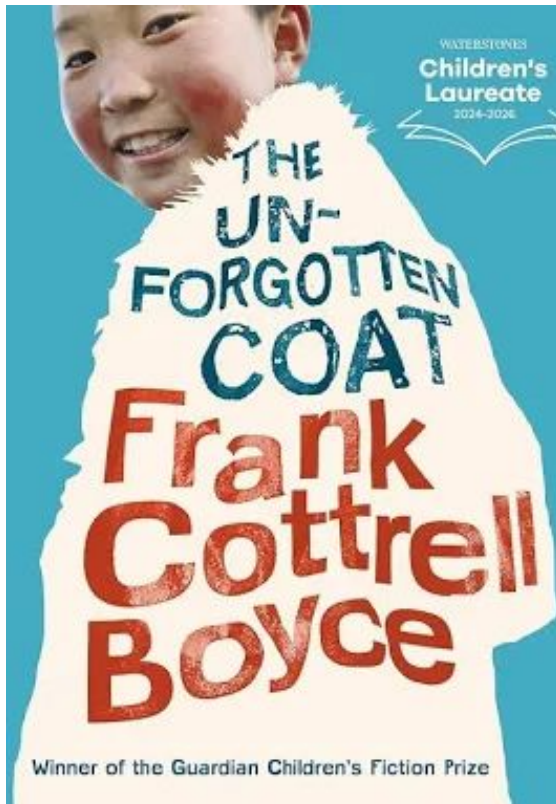




Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant half term. We have enjoyed reading about Percy Jackson and writing our own chapter books based on Greek mythology. In maths we have continued our learning on fractions. In science we have learnt about Earth and Space which led to our trip to Jodrell Bank to see the Lovell telescope and hear from scientists. We enjoyed the hands on experiments and the space dome where we had a tour of the stars and our galaxy. We have also made our own toys out of felt using our sewing skills in DT.



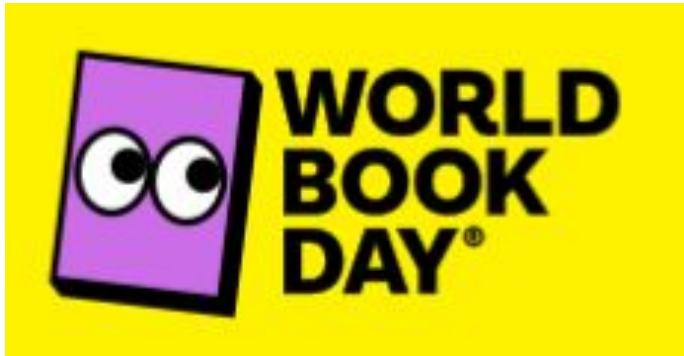
Year 6 have had a busy half term. We have enjoyed reading The Unforgotten Coat and writing our own dialogue to create character. In maths we have worked hard learning about percentages and decimals. In science we have learnt about light and have loved learning about the various biomes on earth in Geography. We have also have fun learning how to debate on a range of topics, such as school uniform and social media which has supported us in writing our discussion piece.



Reading

World Book day 2026

We will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 5th March. Our theme this year will be "The day the Crayons Quit". Children can come to school dressed in their favourite colour. There will be lots of activities throughout the day .



Please remind your child to bring their reading book into school everyday. It allows for them to have regular reading time in school whilst developing their comprehension skills and fostering a love of books. Having their reading books read at school and at home will help the children to continue to develop these skills.

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
-MARY POPE OSBORNE





Sports



Disability Awareness Week

In January Mr Liburd organised a disability sports awareness week for the school. The children participated in a range of activities, including seated volleyball, goalball, seated archery, and boccia.

The children had great fun and were able to discuss how it may feel to have a disability and adapt activities so everyone can play and enjoy sport to the best of their abilities.

Basketball school games competition

10 Year 5/6 children were selected to take part in the basketball school games Inspire festival at Whalley Range High School. They learned a range of new skills and took part in some friendly matches.

Hockey school Games competition

We took 2 teams to the hockey Inspire competition; they had all been practicing hard at lunch and break times. Both teams competed really well, placing 2nd and 4th.

Football competition v Divine Mercy

We took 3 Year 6 teams to the football competition at Platt Lane against Divine Mercy.

The children showed great school game values and determination and skill. We placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th.





Unicef



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Activity time

Take the time to do something that you find relaxing. Whether that be painting a picture, playing an instrument, or playing sports with friends.

Why not try an activity that you haven't done before?



Inclusion



Claremont coffee morning is open to all parents/carers on
Thursdays from 9 to 10 am.

It's a great place to relax, make friends, and meet new people!

We are lucky to have so many parents that come along, and special guests sometimes come to say hello—these past few weeks we have welcomed a PARS representative and Naomi from Greenheys Adult Learning Centre, and of course the delicious food you bring and share once a half term is wonderful!