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Spring 1

2025



Spring term

January

Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday 27th January

Chinese New Year/Buddhism – theme day – Wednesday 29th January

February

Children's Mental Health Week – 3rd – 9th February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February

Last day of term – Thursday 13th February

First day of term – Monday 24th February

First day of Ramadan – Friday 28th February

March

SIAD: Self-injury Awareness Day – Saturday 1st March

World Book Day – pupils can dress up as their favourite book character – Thursday 6th March

Parents Coffee Morning – 19th March

Red Nose Day – do something funny for money (pupils can dress up) – Friday 21st March

World Autism Acceptance Week – 24th 30th March

April

Last day of term – Friday 4th April

Foreword from the Principal Jon Mount

Orton Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm delighted to welcome you to our latest school newsletter. We are proud to be a part of your child's educational journey and are committed to providing a nurturing and inspiring environment for all our pupils.

In this edition, you'll find updates on our recent school activities, upcoming events, and important announcements. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged with the exciting developments and achievements within our school community.

Our pupils have been performing remarkably well, as you'll see in the newsletter. It highlights a variety of activities that our pupils have been involved in this half term, including: Chinese New Year celebrations, horse riding and out in the community litter picking.

We value your partnership in fostering a supportive and inclusive educational environment. Your feedback and involvement are crucial to our success, and we are eager to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of our pupils.

Warm regards,

Jon



This half-term in Orton Class we have been sharing the book 'We all go travelling by' and learning about all the different vehicles in the book.



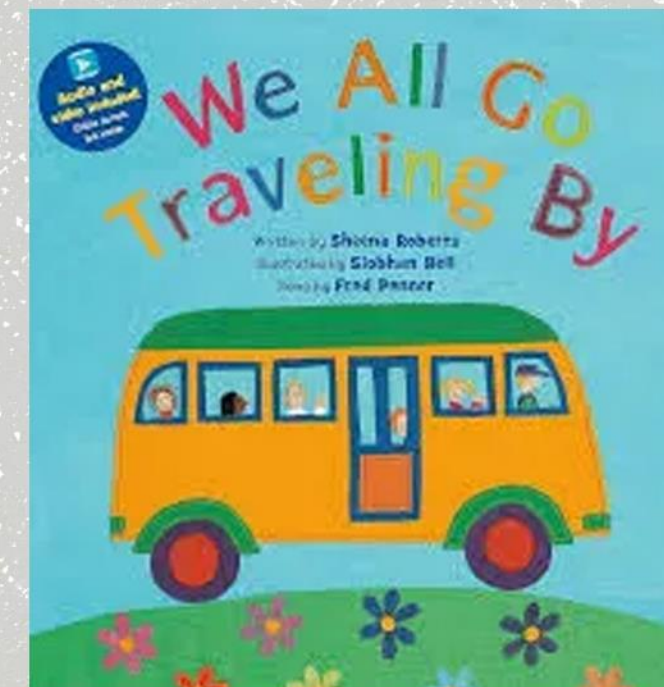
Mackintosh Class

This term Mackintosh class have been developing our fine and gross motor skills whilst out in the community and in school!



Pryor Class

This term in Pryor we have been reading the book "We all go Traveling by" this is in line with our topic out and about. We have had lots of fun learning about different modes of transport in the book, as well as modelling these through toys related to the topic and painting traffic light colours to understand what we may see whilst out in the community



Gascoigne Class

This term we have our topic has been "Out and About". We have explored different areas in school and enjoyed accessing the community. We have learnt about different modes of transport, those that use land and the air. In Science we have explored by using our senses, changes in the seasons and weather.



 
Kay Class

In Spring 1, Kay Class looked at different forms of movement by handling, labelling, making and experiencing different forms of movement and transport.



Clay Class

This half term, Clay Class have been doing subtraction in Maths, they have been brilliant at it.



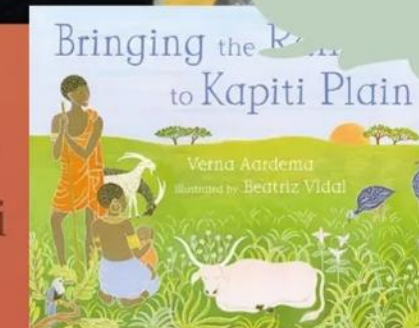
Bell class

This term Bell class have enjoyed studying Hot Places. We have compared them to the UK, looking at animals, weather and culture. In Science we have enjoyed exploring materials and testing them for different properties including absorbency and waterproof. To support our PSHE learning of 'right and wrong choices' we have been looking at ways we can improve our classroom and the wider school with litter picking and recycling bins.



A highlight this term has been celebrating Chinese New Year. Our class loved taking part in the various activities especially the virtual reality!

We have been reading *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* in English!



★ Also a huge well done to the Bell class students for their amazing PE skills this term, students have been working in teams to play a game of boccia.

Cumming Class



This half term in Cumming class we have been exploring capacity through the use of words full and empty and attempting activities linked to this topic.

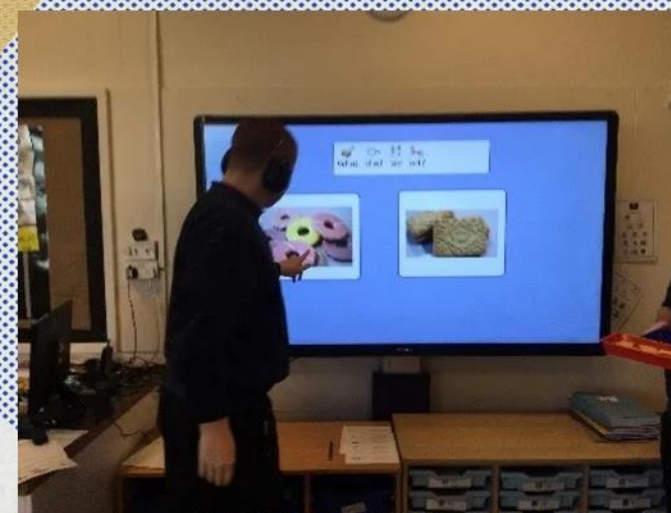
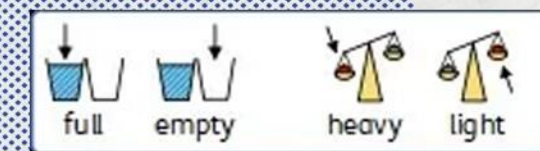


Bates Class

This half term Bates class have been....



Exploring capacity and weight using a range of sensory experiences using correct terminology



Learning about citizenship and making choices as part of a group for our ASDAN New Horizon qualifications.

Steele Class

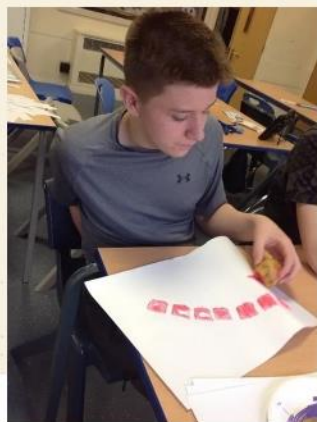


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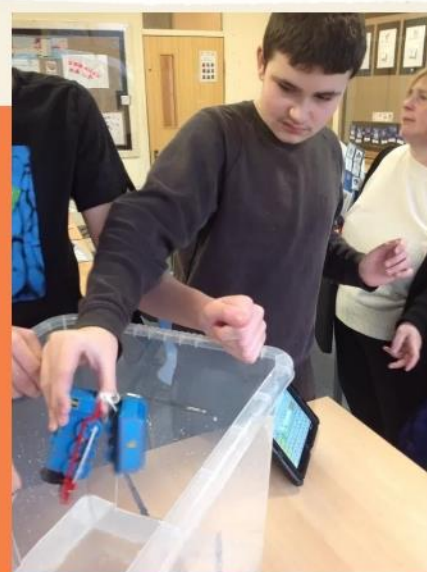
Class

Steele class have been learning about hot places, and more specifically Australia. As a class, we have explored the animals of Australia, the art of the Aboriginal people and the location of Australia on the globe



We were learning about environment and being a good citizen in PSHE this half term. We talked about different ways of helping the environment by doing recycling, putting litter in bins and turning lights and electrical appliances off when we are not using them. We did some litter picking in the community to make it a better place for local residents.

In science, the class is learning about properties of different materials. This has led to experiments testing the absorbency, elasticity, texture and reflective abilities of physical matters we might find in life



Dyson Class

This half term Dyson class have been looking at ways to help the environment in PSHE, and how we can be a good citizen. Did you know recycling five plastic bottles creates enough insulating fibre to fill a ski jacket! Dyson class have been working hard to recycle paper and plastic in school. We have been out into the community litter picking and have donated food and clothes to charity shops to help others!



Mental Health week! 03/02/25- 07/02/25
This half term we have had mental health week. Dyson class have had the opportunity to enjoy relaxing activities to boost positive mental health! Pupils enjoyed a relaxing spa treatment, some enjoyed time on the computers and some enjoying crafting and drawing their own creation! Its okay to not be okay!



Buttery Class



This half term we have been celebrating Chinese New Year and 2025 is the year of the Snake. We looked at the different animals and the different years that they represented. We worked out what animals our birth years were. We had a real selection! We had tigers, a horse, rabbits and a dragon. In school we had a VR workshop where we were able to visit ancient China and The Great Wall of China, learnt which animals were in the Chinese calendar and learnt about the story of the animals in the calendar. We all had a really great time.



Barrett Class

Darwin went on a bus to Doncaster and paid his fare with his travel pass as part of travel training. Darwin walked up to the Danum museum with staff upon arrival. Once at the museum Darwin looked around the railway heritage displays. Darwin got to see two steam engines, Green Arrow and No. 251 and had his photograph taken with them. Darwin has a great interest in trains and he had a fantastic afternoon looking around the exhibits.



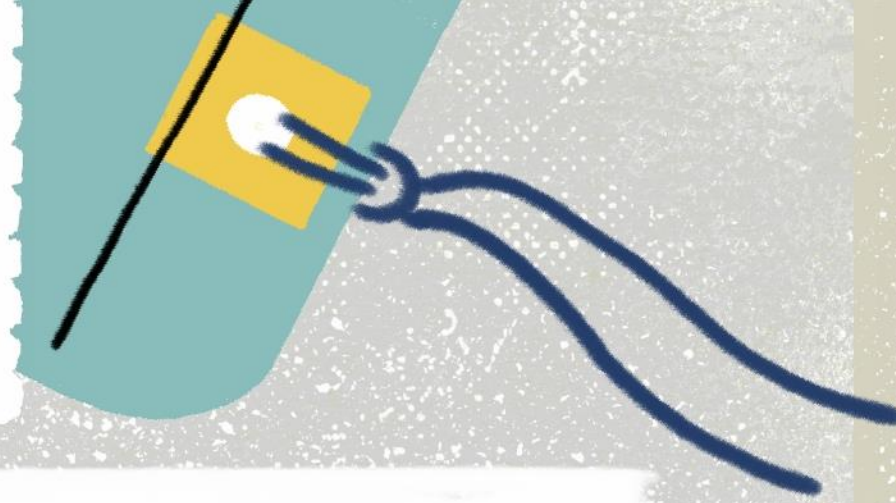
Smith Class

This term, Ilyas has started horseriding and really enjoys it! He has brushed the horses, learnt to mount and dismount and sits on one to walk round the school. Well done, Ilyas!



Some of Smith class have been learning to cross the road safely. They follow visuals and are making great progress!

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Mckinley Class



Post 16 students continue to explore the many areas of life and living skills, each area will help them to develop the skills needed to interact and communicate with others and the environment. The individualised activities are planned in order for each student to make progress towards their future goals.

To welcome in the new year McKinley class has been involved in a range of different activities both in and out of the school.

For Btec Sport Alec and Luke got to visit Barnsley College to see the wide range of sporting equipment and resources which helped towards their course. They have also been involved in trying a new activity in curling!

At Worsbrough Mill, Lee, and Frank have made a fence from broken branches from the grounds which will help maintain and strengthen the current ones in place.

For their Horticultural class Lily and Hanu have been making grass heads which are ever growing and we will update in Spring 2.

Lastly, all the class have been involved in cooking a range of different recipes from Pasta Bake to Paella.



Work Experience placements



Money Management



Travel Training



communication



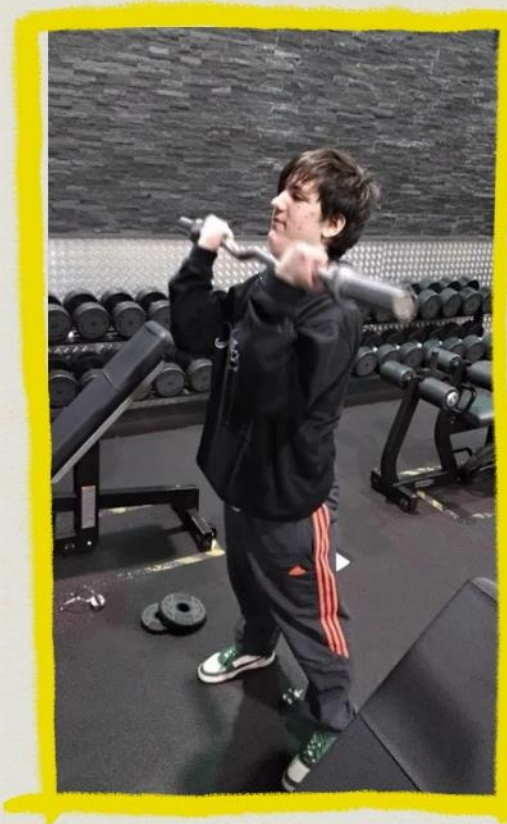
Textiles



communication



Hub 1



Pupils in Hub 1 have been keeping active during the Spring term. Students have been engaging in a variety of physical activities including cycling, basketball, football, accessing the community, visiting a local gym and socialising and interacting with others in the playground.

Hub 2

The Pupils of Hub 2 have been building their independence skills. Children have been creating some amazing dishes in the kitchen. Pupils have been focusing on different techniques in the kitchen, such as different chopping styles, cleaning our work area and buying the items we need for recipes. The pupils enjoyed the delicious food they created.



CREATIVITY - PRINTMAKING

Using a roller on a styro-foam block to create an image..



SALT

Makaton

Throughout the year we are going to share you a set of useful Makaton signs to be used along with your everyday communication.



Shop



Garden



School



Play



Doll



Train



Tablet



Ball



Bricks



Pupils are learning about printing using various block printing techniques.

School Council

On Friday 24th January we held our half termly student council meeting. School Council meetings give our students the opportunity to promote the voice of the student body in a meaningful way. Some of the suggestions from our students are --

- Rules for playground equipment
- Headphones for all pupils using computers
- Slide for playground
- Competition to design a school mascot
- Would students like to have gardening as an enrichment club?

These are just a few of the suggestions that School Council brought to the meeting.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 29th January students at Robert Ogden school took part in celebrating the Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar calendar. Our students enjoyed trying on the Chinese dragon costume. 2025 is the Year of the Snake.





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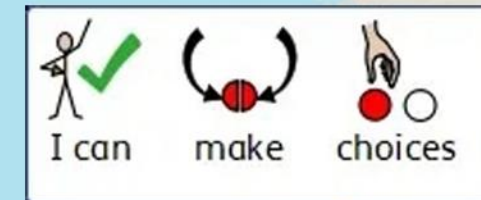
BATES CLASS



Alvey Class went to Tropical World in Leeds to learn about hot habitats around the world. We experienced a tropical habitat and a desert habitat and looked at plants and animals that live there. We are going to look at how animals adapted to live in these hot habitats in our humanities lessons.



PIC•COLLAGE



Playing number and shape games on the interactive smartboard



Recognising different emotions and playing feelings bingo

