

Newsletter – Friday 28th May 2021

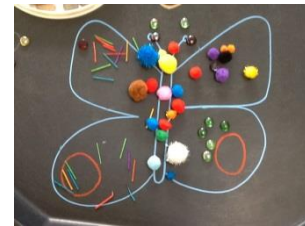
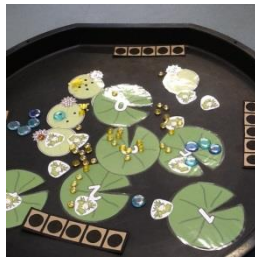


Dear Parents & Carers

We have reached the holidays after a cold and wet half term. There is the promise of some sunshine to come in the next few days but we will believe it when we see it! Despite the weather the children have all been working very hard and done some really exciting things. We hope you have a lovely half term and we will look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready for the last half term of this academic year on Monday June 7th!

Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about the lifecycles of a frog and a butterfly. We have read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'The teeny weeny tadpole'. We have observed tadpoles and been very creative making frogs, tadpoles, caterpillars and butterflies using different materials.



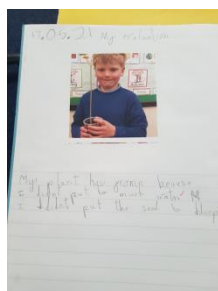
Reception

The children in reception have continued their work finding out about people who help us. We have read lots of non-fiction texts about doctors, hospitals, fire fighters and dentists. We were very lucky to have a visit from the fire brigade at the end of last week. They showed us the fire engine and talked to us about what they have to do for their job and then we got to have a go at squirting water from the huge hoses! This week our special visitor was Sandra from Leyburn Dental Practice who came to talk to us about how to look after our teeth and what she had to do in her job. The children asked some great questions and now they know they have to brush their teeth twice a day and it should be the first thing they do when they get up in the morning!



Year 1

In year 1 the children have been planting seeds and looking at plants in the local environment as part of the science work. They have been watching their plants and finding out what makes a plant grow well. Their work suggests that we have a dandelion problem in our school grounds!



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been learning lots of things about Muslims. We have been learning about mosques, the Qur'an, Ramadan and the celebration of Eid. We were really surprised to find out that there are 99 names for Allah and that Muslims learn and recite all of these names.

Year 3

This half term year 3 have been looking at our local area. They have looked at some of our local attractions and some of the different geographical features such as dale, moor, scaur and fell. Covid restrictions have prevented them from doing any fieldtrips so far but we are hopeful that they might get out and about during the next half term.

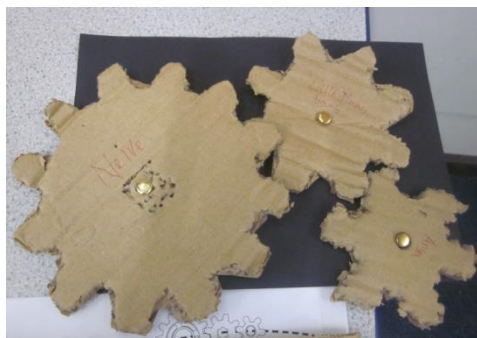
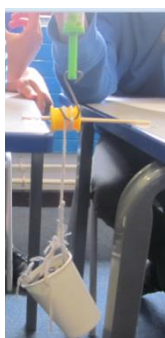
Year 4

To celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) which was on 17th May, the children in year 4 have been learning about LGBT+ representation in the media. We talked about different relationships and the importance of diversity and tolerance. They then made their own flags to show they are proud to be who they are and read some LGBT+ picture books which the children really enjoyed.



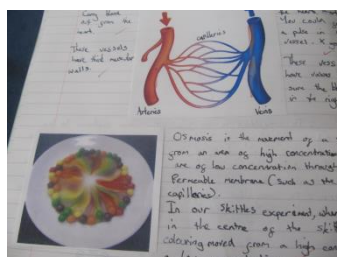
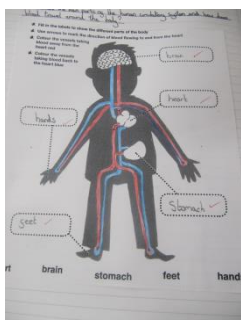
Year 5

Year 5 have had great fun exploring forces in science. We have made gears, levers and pulleys to investigate the impact they have as simple machine mechanisms.



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in Science. We have conducted investigations into the effect that exercise has on our bodies and how nutrients and gases are transported around our bodies. We were amazed at the way the food colouring in skittles travels in water through osmosis!



And finally...

An update from the DFE about contact tracing

where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school or college, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school or college.

Staff responsible for contact tracing are not asked to be on-call at all times and may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this can be done by text or email).

Please continue to keep us updated to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 28th May - Break up for half term

Mon 7th June - Children return to school

Wed 16th June – Y5 Carlton Lodge

Thurs 17th June – Y4 Carlton Lodge

Mon 21st June – Y6 Bikeability

Friday 23rd July – Break up for summer