



Newsletter Monday 6th February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that next week will be the end of the first half of the spring term and that we are nearly halfway through the school year. Where does the time go?

Contact details

We have had some difficulties contacting parents and carers recently. Luckily, the issues have not been emergencies but, should your child have an accident in school, this could cause unnecessary distress to both you and your child. Please make sure that the office has your **current** phone numbers and email. Thank you.

OPAL Play leader

OPAL is a wonderful time of the school day and helps the children to problem-solve, be creative and enjoy opportunities to be as independent as possible. If this type of work appeals to you too, then please contact the school as we are looking for play leaders to work with our children during the OPAL lunchtime sessions. This could be every day, or days to suit the candidate.

Willow Dome



Pete from Yorkshire Willow came to school on Tuesday and made a willow dome and tunnel, with a little bit of help from the children.

Here is the finished product and we are really looking forward to watching the leaves appear in the spring.



The children were so inspired that they made their own archway.

Bowes Museum Outreach

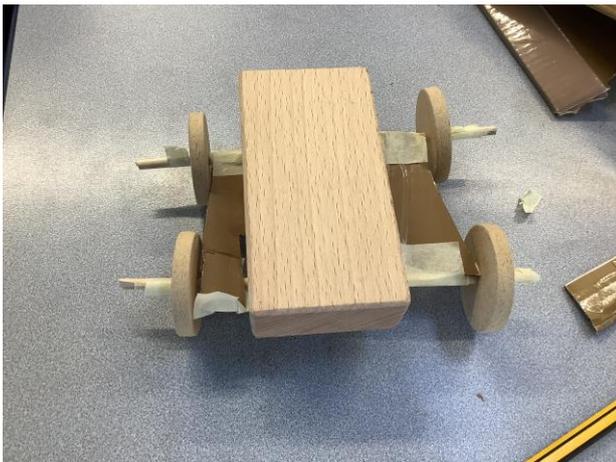
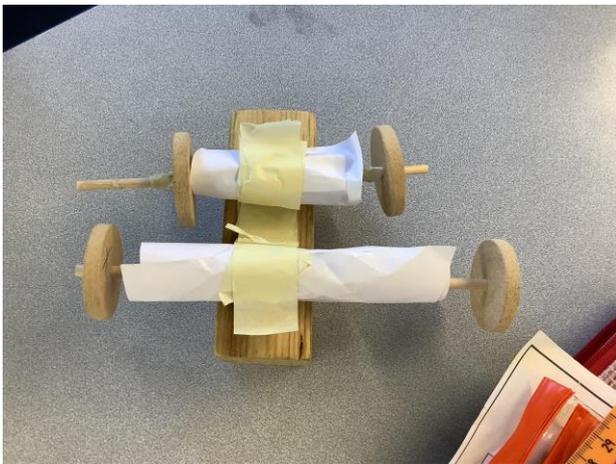
Year 4 had a fantastic workshop from The Bowes museum. We handled replica artefacts and had a go at sketching them. After that, we wrote hieroglyphics on papyrus and modelled our own clay jewellery. It really brought our learning this half term to life!





Design technology

Year 2 have been exploring toy vehicles and making mock-ups of their own. It is quite challenging work and easy to forget that the children are just 6 and 7 years old.



They now know all about wheels and axles and have had to think long and hard about how to keep those two components together!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 6th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February – Year 1 visit to Bowes Museum

Wednesday 8th February – Friday 10th February – Scholastic Book Fair in school

Thursday 9th February – Reception visit to Metcalfe Farms

Friday 10th February – Break up for half term

Monday 20th February – Back to school

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Thursday 30th March – PTFA Disco

And finally...



We have some wonderful news! Miss Watson has welcomed her new baby, Teddy, into the world!

He was born on the 21st January, weighing 9lb 5 oz. Both are doing well and we are looking forward to meeting him in person soon.