

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share some of the wonderful highlights and updates from our school community from Term 5.

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this term. They approached the tests with incredible resilience, determination, and strength. We are immensely proud of every one of them. No matter the outcomes, their effort and positive attitude have been truly commendable. Remember you leave a legacy far beyond a test score, please enjoy your last term at Grove Park and the many leavers' events we have planned for you.

Sports Day Success

Congratulations to everyone in the **Arctic Community** for a fantastic Sports Day! It was a brilliant event filled with teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship.

A special well done to the **Thinkers (Blue Team)** for taking the overall win—what an achievement!

We are disappointed that the weather prevented **Serengeti community** from enjoying their event, but we have **rescheduled this for 4th June**, and we look forward to another fantastic event and welcoming those families to the special morning.

A big thank you to our PE team, whose hard work and dedication make these opportunities possible for our children. Their commitment ensures that every event runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all.

Sports Focus Activities

This term, we launched our sports enrichment focus, and what a great start it has been! Pupils have taken part in two fantastic activities:

- **Martial Arts**
- **Drumba (drumming fitness)**

Both experiences introduced children to new sporting opportunities while highlighting local clubs and activities available in the community. Looking ahead to Term 6, we are excited to offer:

- **Dance Workshop**
- **Hockey Sessions**

We are thrilled to continue expanding our pupils' experiences and encouraging active, healthy lifestyles.

Attendance Matters

At our school, we carefully track attendance because being in school regularly is crucial for children's learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. Even small amounts of missed time can impact progress, friendships, and confidence. It is therefore very important that all absences are reported to the school office as soon as possible. This helps us ensure that every child is safe, accounted for, and supported.

If a child is absent for three consecutive days without contact, we may carry out a home visit. This is nothing to worry about, it is part of our duty of care. These visits allow us to:

- Check that the child and family are well
- Offer any support that may be needed

- Help remove any barriers to returning to school

Our intention is always to work in partnership with families in a supportive and nurturing way, if you have any questions about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

HSA – We Need You!

Our HSA plays a vital role in our school community, helping to organise events, raise funds, and bring families together. We are currently looking for new members to join the team.

Being part of the HSA can include:

- Helping to organise school events and fundraisers
- Sharing ideas to improve school experiences for our children
- Supporting with activities such as fairs, discos, and community events
- Attending occasional meetings (as much or as little as you can offer)

You do not need any special experience, just a willingness to get involved and support the school community. Even giving a small amount of time can make a big difference. We would love to welcome more parents and carers, please contact the school office if you are interested in joining or would like more information and this will be directed to the HSA team.

School Office Reminder

A gentle reminder that the school office closes at 4:00pm each day. While we always welcome communication from families, any emails or correspondence sent after this time will be received and responded to on the next working day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

This term has been all about Healthy Heroes. We have been reading a variety of books including, Supertato, Handa's Surprise and Jack and the Beanstalk.



We had great fun cutting, making and tasting a fruit salad. We then used this to write our own recipes.



In DT we had great fun designing and making a trap for Evil Peal



Term 5 in Polar Bear Class

In Literacy, we have been working hard to reach our targets when writing.

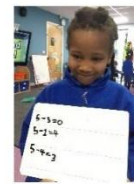


We went on our first school trip to Bobbing Church. We got to complete a I spy game of features in the Church.



We had great fun taking part in our very first Sports Day! Thank you for coming to watch us.

In Maths we have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and using rekenreks to show amounts.



Term 5 in Puffin Class

This term, we have blasted off into the exciting world of space, learning all about planets, stars, and the incredible job of astronauts. We have also enjoyed growing plants and watching them change over time, while becoming confident mathematicians through our work on fractions. Alongside our learning, we had lots of fun taking part in Sports Day and showing fantastic teamwork and determination.

Our Value Champions this term were:

Erve-Jane, Andrew, Oakley, Tobias and Kelly

We are so proud of you for demonstrating our school values, keep it up!

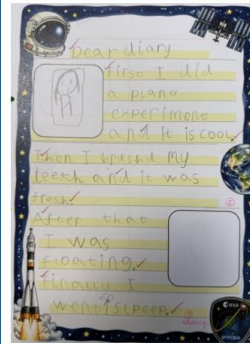


In maths this term, we began by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s before moving on to learning about fractions.

We have explored finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts, which has been quite tricky at times.



Sports Day!



We have enjoyed writing diary entries as if we were the astronaut Tim Peake travelling through space. We used exciting vocabulary and tried hard to describe what it might feel like to live and work aboard a spacecraft.



A gentle reminder that Phonics Screening Check week begins on Monday 8th June.

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And just like that, Term 5 has come to an end - I cannot believe how quickly this year is flying by! Next term, we are looking forward to learning all about looking after our planet. We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for our final term together!





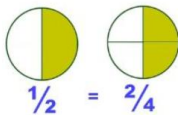
Snowy Owl Class



This term, the children have enjoyed learning all about the Victorians. They have used their observational skills to look carefully at pictures and objects to help them discover what life was like and to discover the differences between homes, clothes and schools. The children especially enjoyed our School Victorian Day and really helped them to understand how different life was for children in Victorian times. Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Vine were thoroughly surprised that the children were able to sit quietly for the whole day!



In maths, we've spent this term learning all about fractions of shapes and simple amounts. Children are able to recognise $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ and know that $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$.



We have used our knowledge of fractions to introduce time on an analogue clock

Please continue to practise telling the time to o'clock and half past at home

In science, the children recapped on what plants need to grow and have extended their learning by identifying the difference between seeds and bulbs. They then set up an investigation to discover what is the best temperature to grow them in.



We are so proud of the children's efforts during our Sports Day on Monday, not only did they show great resilience in all the events, but they were respectful and supportive of each other - WELL DONE!



Congratulations to our school values certificate winners this term:

Archie Nina Musa Raeleigh Lily

Narwhal Class

This term our discovery topic was "Rise of the Romans"



With our penultimate term nearly over, we have had lots of learning going on about 'The Romans'.

The children have really enjoyed learning where the Romans came from in our discovery topic, listening to the Romulus and Remus story of how Rome was found and learning about Roman life from clothing, building, food and what they did for fun.

We are busy writing a Roman Gladiator story incorporating all of our learning this term.

In science we have learnt about plants and what they are made up of and setting up experiments for growing plants and looking at irrigation, this topic continues next term.



Our Maths lessons this term have mainly been based on fraction as well as mass and capacity. We have been looking at how to change measurements from kilograms to grams and litres to millilitres. The children are working hard on quick recall of times tables as well.



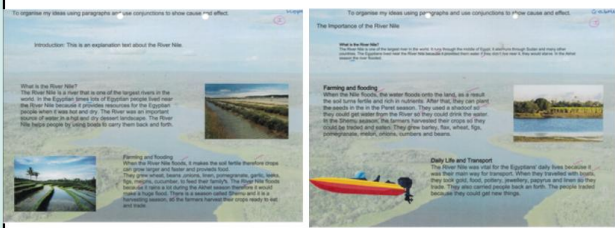
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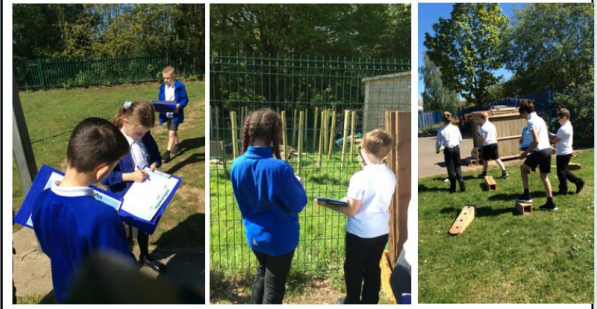
Writing & Discovery

This term, our writing has been inspired by our exciting topic on Ancient Egypt. We have created Egyptian character descriptions, written an explanation text and brought our work to life on Purple Mash! Along the way, we have been building our writing skills by using conjunctions to show cause and effect, practising possessive apostrophes and exploring similes to make our descriptions more vivid.



Science

In Science this term, we have been exploring states of matter, learning about solids, liquids and gases. We went on a learning walk around the school to identify examples of each in our environment, helping us to see how science is all around us every day. We have really enjoyed investigating and developing our understanding through hands-on experiences!



Computing

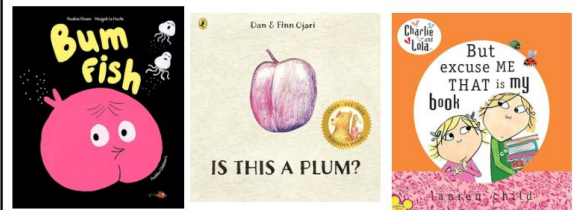
In Computing this term, we have been learning about audiobooks. The children have written, performed and recorded their own stories, developing their creativity and confidence. It has been wonderful to see them bring their ideas to life through storytelling and technology!



Book Club

This term, we have enjoyed sharing a love of reading as a class. We have brought in our favourite books to recommend to others, spent time reading together in the library and taken part in quizzes to test our understanding. It has felt just like having our very own little book club!

Our book recommendations for this term:



Sports Day:

We had a fantastic time at Sports Day this term, competing in our STEAM teams to earn as many points as possible. We especially enjoyed taking part in the fun races and spending time in the family area. It was a fun-filled day full of teamwork, effort and smiles!





Year 5 - Snow Leopards



SUSTAINING OUR WORLD

We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning about how we can help sustain our world. In geography, we explored different types of land use and considered how these impact the environment. By making links to our local area, we learned about landfill sites and discussed why changes to how we manage waste are so important for the future of our planet. We had some thoughtful conversations about Milton Creek Country Park, which was once a landfill site, and why transforming it into a recreational space has been so beneficial for the community and the environment. We learnt to use google maps in geography to locate Milton Creek Country Park and investigate the surrounding area land use! Linking closely to our topic, we celebrated Earth Day in class and made some important pledges about how we can make small changes to our daily routines to help protect our environment and support the climate.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed returning to Forest School this term, where we have been able to connect our classroom learning about sustainability and land use to the outdoors.

In art, we explored a new concept of 'Installation Art' through our artist study of Yayoi Kusama.

Linking to our topic, in writing we have been learning through the story of Sofia Valdez who fights to persuade her local council to change a landfill site into a beautiful, welcoming, family friendly park. We have focused on our grammar skills of modal verbs, personification and adverbials through our own persuasive writing pieces. In Pathways to Read we read 'Pollution: A look behind the scenes.' We explored this information text as a class, retrieving key knowledge about topic vocabulary and making important inferences along the way.



We hope you enjoyed sports day as much as we did!



In maths, we have been working hard on arithmetic practice daily as well as our maths units of graphs & tables and geometry, including angles!

In science, we have been learning about plastic pollution and global warming. We have thought closely about the impacts humans are having on both of these arising issues and what we can do to make a difference for future generations.



Other topics that the children in Year 5 have been studying this term:

- Who should get to be in charge? (RWV)
 - Music (French)
- Economic Wellbeing, managing our money (PSHE)
- No Outsiders story key message of friendships (PSHE)
 - Word Processing (Computing)
- Athletics - preparation for Sports Day! (PE)
- Building a groove & Balinese Music (Music)



Well done to Phoebe, Jaiden, Oakley & Ava for earning a value certificate this term! 😊



We are looking forward to making many more memories with your children in Term 6 moving onto our Vanishing Elephants topic and sharing this all with you.



Year 6-Reindeer Class



This term, our topic was:
Can we Save the Tiger?



Firstly, a massive well done to the whole class in how they approached and prepared for SATs week! By keeping focused throughout each paper and staying organised, they truly showed what they're capable of. I am so proud of you all for handling a challenging week with such determination and resilience!



In preparation for Sports Day, we practiced our athletic skills in PE. Well done to everyone's participation across all events! It was lovely to see everyone get stuck in and have fun!

We took part in several workshops this term, including MMA and Drumba!

In Writing, we wrote a first-person narrative based on a short film called 'Something Fishy'. We enjoyed exploring the story and coming up with creative ways to build the atmosphere of the story!

In PSHE, our topic was Identity, where we discussed what makes up our identity and the importance of respecting each other's differences.

Next term, we will prepare for our Leavers Assembly with our topic: 'The Greatest Show'!

A huge well done to our value certificate winners this term: Alfie, Azalea, Ernest, Harper, Ollie!