



Heather Field School

Summer Term '2' 2025

Newsletter



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What a fantastic last couple of weeks we have had to end the academic year. Last week we had our Summer Fayre, which was amazing. The weather forecast was kind to us and it was lovely to see the playground full of our school community. We managed to raise over £1000, which is an incredible amount of money that a local charity will benefit from. I would like to say a special thank you to Carmen Owen for her coordination of the parents and carers stall. This was the first year we have had a parents and carers at the Summer Fayre, which I think is testament to how supportive the parents and carers are Heather Field School. Another highlight of last week has to be our Summer Concert, which took place at Newcastle College. I was blown away by the creativity and courage of all of our magnificent pupils that performed and would like to give a special thank you to Matt Giles for all of his hard work in putting the show together. I would again also like to thank our wonderful parents and carers who travelled on mass to Newcastle to support the event and our children.

A reminder that school will obviously close this Friday (18th July) for the summer holidays. School will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 3rd September. Due to there only being two inset days, there will unfortunately be no in person IEP day for the Autumn term. Instead parents and carers have the opportunity to have an IEP phone call with their child's new class teacher. These phone calls are to be arranged through their child's current class teacher.

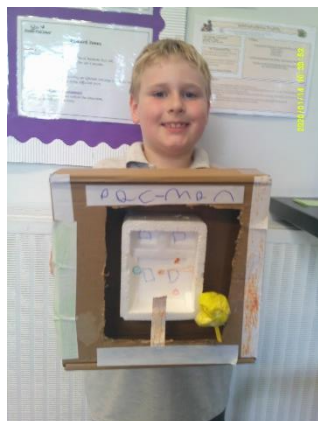
I would like to wish everyone in our school community a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the new academic year.

Richard Leech (Head of School)



Class Sow

Class Sow have enjoyed Design Technology this half term. KS1 pupils have been learning about seaside towns in the United Kingdom. C said, "I love going to the seaside with my family, it is lots of fun!" They began by exploring seaside puppet shows and designed their own theatre boxes. Following this, pupils created their own models using recycling materials. Pupils enjoyed adding detail using a range of materials and skills. Pupils then designed and made their own wooden spoon puppets and enjoyed creating their own puppet shows for their peers. N said "I love this lesson and cannot wait to take it home and do a show for my family."



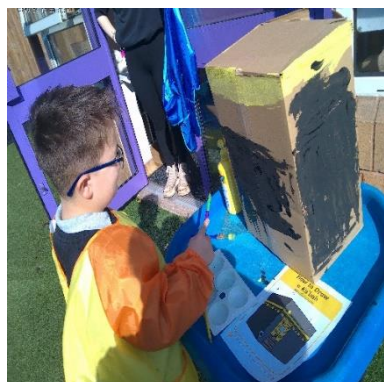
Class Tern

Class Tern have worked well in PSHE throughout the Summer term. In their physical health and mental wellbeing topic, students have developed their understanding of respectful relationships. Students were able to demonstrate a positive understanding of how to work and play with others and enjoyed taking part in some teamwork games. Students discussed with each other how to work best as a team before successfully completing the team building activities. It was lovely to see students work together positively in order to complete the tasks! During the 'through the hoop' activity, M said "let me help you" to his peers whilst helping them climb through the hoop. K shouted "we did it!" when completing the task and high fived his peers. Class Tern have also enjoyed exploring the different topics around keeping healthy, food and exercise and how to keep safe in the sun. R said "don't forget your hat!" when identifying the importance of sun safety. Well done Class Tern!



Class Penk

This half term, Class Penk have been developing their knowledge on how Jewish people and Muslims celebrate and express themselves. Class Penk began by exploring what Mecca is like. Pupils enjoyed exploring the Holy site and were able to identify key aspects of the religion. Pupils then enjoyed creating a frame using Jewish moon and star symbols to decorate. Next pupils explored the importance of a Mezuzah. Pupils looked at an example of a Mezuzah and showed an understanding of its meaning and purpose. Lastly, pupils were able to recognise that the Torah is the Holy book of Judaism and enjoyed writing some of their own class rules in Hebrew. S said that she found the Torah interesting, and J said that the stars and moon were beautiful.



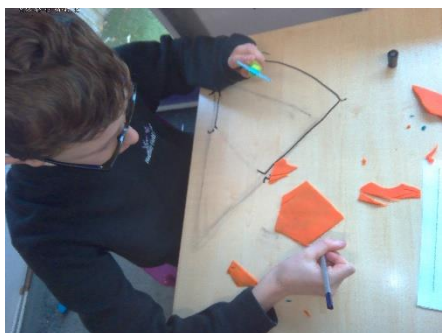
Class Waldron

Class Waldron have been developing their writing and comprehension skills within their English lessons this half-term. KS3 have engaged with their text 'The Bear and The Piano', developing their understanding of character emotions through musical activities and re-enactments. M said 'He misses his friends' and B stated 'He loves the theatre' as they explored the emotions of the main character within the text. KS2 have been exploring the story 'Tuesday' and developing their comprehension of the text through a 'crime scene' and news reporter activity. K shared 'I am a real reporter' and J said 'This is the best day ever' when they were tasked with interviewing characters from the story with their very own press passes. Within their Geography lessons, KS3 enjoyed learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. They created their own volcanoes and seismograph artwork to help with understanding. KS2 positively engaged with their Design and Technology lessons, creating wall hangings through print and sewing.

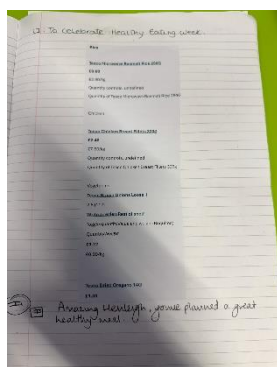


Class Manifold

Class Manifold have worked hard in maths this half term. They have gained knowledge in a variety of areas. Some pupils have been exploring 2D/3D shapes and others have been working towards their functional skills. These pupils have been able to interpret data, work out probability and much more. 'D' said maths helps him to learn how to count money. 'C' also stated he feels confident in completing his functional skills exam. It has been lovely to see each of our students meet their individual targets and progress in maths during the term. Well done!



Class Dove KS3



Children in Key Stage 3 in Class Dove have celebrated lots of diversity throughout the Summer Term. Events celebrated included Volunteer Week, where pupils helped around the school, emptying bins, and making cups of tea and coffee for SLT and admin staff. The children also celebrated King Charles III's birthday, where they made him a birthday card and designed a birthday cake. Pupils have also enjoyed learning about Healthy Eating Week as part of their diversity studies and understood that part of a healthy diet does consist of a treat every now and again. The

class enjoyed their treat when they made their own milkshakes that they created recipes and shopping lists for, before creating them independently in Home Skills. As part of this week, pupils also shopped for items to make a balanced meal from.



Class Dove KS2

Class Dove KS2 have enjoyed music lesson this term where they have expanded on their ability to play along with a variety of music. Starting with reggae, children explored songs by Bob Marley, following musical notes to play different parts of the famous song "Three Little Birds". T showed great enthusiasm for this saying "that's actually quite easy, just G A G - can I play both parts?". Children also enjoyed some uplifting music by Joanna Mangona where they learned to recognise the sounds of a variety of instruments. Finally, children listened to songs by Chaka Khan and Sister Sledge, analysing how the songs are made up of verses and choruses, before creating their own dance movements in time to the beat. E shared their opinion throughout this range of music saying "They're catchy with some nice lyrics but they're not as good as pop music!".



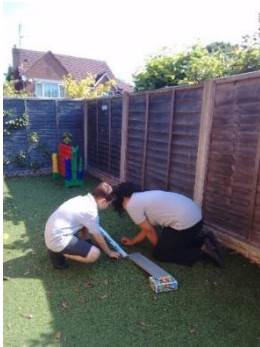
Class Trent

During this term Class Trent have been focusing on Islamic Art. They have looked at the different designs used within Islamic Art and recreated them, creating patterns and writing in an Islamic Calligraphy style. The students have been enthusiastic and enjoyed trying to write their names in Arabic. Alongside learning about Islamic Art they have been learning about religion through art. One topic they worked on was answering a question using art, most of the students chose the question 'Is God real?' Class Trent have created some fantastic artwork and have fully embraced this topic.



Class Dane

In science this term, Class Dane have been exploring the topic of Forces and Magnets. Students designed their own comparative test to discover if the type of surface a marble is rolled on, impacts the distance it rolls, and then they had great fun carrying out the test. Pupils recognised what factors would need to be changed and what would need to stay the same in order for the test to be fair and they demonstrated accuracy in their measuring skills. J was surprised by the results, commenting "I thought the marble would go further than it did on the playground because it is quite a smooth surface!" R replied, "That's the fun of being able to test it out!" Students displayed excellent collaborative learning skills throughout the whole test, and it was great to see them challenging each other's thought processes.



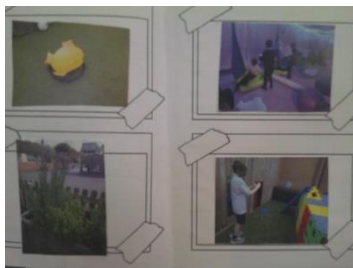
Class Churnet

This term in English, Class Churnet have performed a deep dive on the book written by Patrick Ness called 'A Monster Calls'. Students have enjoyed analysing the different components that make a good story. They explored how suspense is built with the use of language and sentence structures and considered the conventions and subversion of the fairytale genre.

The class particularly enjoyed the lesson where they appreciated different characters' points of view depending on their own personal situations. O commented, "I feel sorry for the Grandma – people don't realise how upset she will be – they just focus on Conor because he's just a boy."

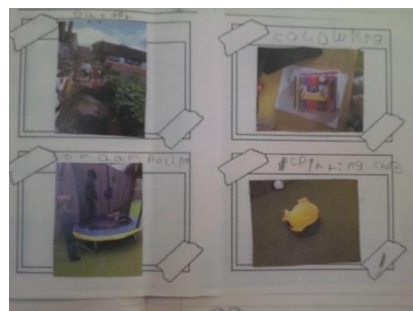


Class Meese



This summer term, the children in Key Stage 2 have enjoyed exploring the world of photography. They learned about different types of cameras and how they work, as well as the many reasons people take photographs — from capturing memories to telling stories. Pupils then used their new skills to take their own photos and carefully

curated them into personalised photo books. R showed great enthusiasm when choosing what he wanted to picture 'I want a picture with my friends.' To complete their projects, they edited their images and added thoughtful captions, showcasing both their creativity and technical understanding.



The children in Key Stage 1 have been developing their digital skills by exploring different apps and learning how to navigate them. They discovered how selecting and clicking icons or buttons prompts a response from the computer, helping them understand cause and effect in a digital world. The children especially enjoyed using the Paint app, where they experimented with colours and tools to create their own digital masterpieces, combining creativity with growing confidence in using technology.



Class Blithe

Class Blithe have worked well in geography this term. In their 'The restless earth' topic, students created a model volcano and compared before and after a volcanic eruption. Students were able to experience a volcanic eruption using the VR headsets and recreated an earthquake in the classroom, J commented 'That was loud and made me jump.' I commented 'The volcano eruption destroyed so much.' Later in the term Blithe explored how water is managed around the world in their 'Can the earth cope?' topic and pupils made a shaduf and visited a local reservoir.



Class Stour

During Topic this year, KS1 have been exploring Castles. They have worked together to make a class castle from junk modelling. They have used their drawing skills to sketch their own castle, they have even visited 2 castles, as well as using biscuits to model their very own edible castle!



Throughout the year, KS2 have been exploring Europe. They have role played activities from different countries as well as created their own passport to visit different countries and have taste tested food from a variety of different countries in Europe. The children have especially enjoyed using their passport to visit Italy and create a delicious Italian pizza!



Class Severn



Class Severn have enjoyed the summer term, culminating in our Independence Fortnight. During the fortnight they visited the farm completing lots of different activities including jet washing a bull. They also completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award expedition on Cannock Chase during two of the hottest days of the year.



Class Derwent



Class Derwent has thoroughly enjoyed our English lessons this half term. We have been developing our phonics skills, focusing on learning new sounds and beginning to form letters. The children have shown enthusiasm during mark-making activities and participating in our squiggle while you wiggle sessions.

Additionally, we have explored poetry and rhyming patterns, as



well as thinking about the meaning behind our key text about monsters. The children enjoyed creating characters inspired by the poems, paying close attention to the character descriptions to inform their designs. B said "Blue monster is scary. Big eyes."



Class Spey

Class Spey have enjoyed PE this half term. Our favourite PE activity is swimming. The pupils have gained knowledge and confidence in the pool with some pupils being able to show their ability to put their head under water and cover their faces with water, with others being able to begin to complete front crawl independently. A says "splash" when at swimming and enjoys using the toys in the pool. E has said on lots of occasions, "I love swimming!" Well done everyone!





Have a wonderful Summer Holiday

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in school
on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.



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