

CURRICULUM NEWS

November 2023



Anti-Bullying Week

This takes place in November each year. This year's theme was 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and classes took part in special PSHCE lessons and assemblies - and of course Odd Socks Day, to celebrate the things that make us all unique!

THIS MONTH AT SSJS

This half-term is always a busy one, with lots to get through on the curriculum - and with Christmas coming up!

We are already well underway with our next 1000 books target, with every pupil now having received 2 books this academic year (taking us to over 350 for this term).

We've had a number of fantastic events that our pupils have been able to take part in, too!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th December - Carol singing at Towneley Court (school choir)
- 7th December - Science afternoon for parents
- 12th December - Y5 and Y6 to St. Andrew's church
- 15th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas production
- 19th December - Rewards Assembly, behaviour reward day and last day of term



TT Rockstars Battles!

REMINDERS

We ask that you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Please remind them to bring their reading books and reading records into school every day!

Further information about our school curriculum can be found on the school website.

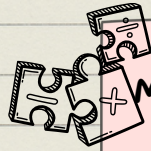
Our Facebook page also carries regular updates about your child's learning and school or community events.



Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

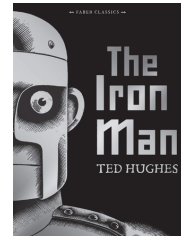
Some of our current topics:

The UK
The Digital World
Light
Dance Like An Egyptian!



Maths:
Multiplication
(3x and 4x)

YEAR 3



What we're reading...

English:
Newspaper
articles

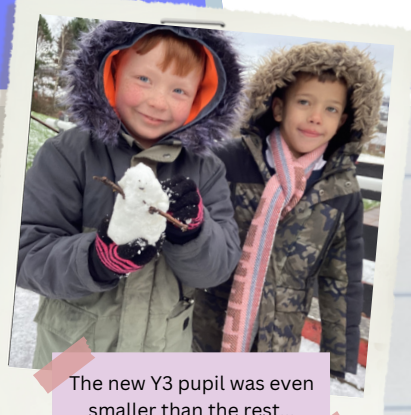
"The maths challenges are hard but I like them!"
Jenson



Book giveaway time!

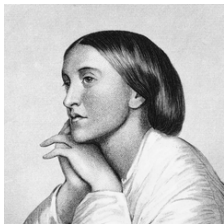


Author Zoom meeting!



The new Y3 pupil was even smaller than the rest...

YEAR 4



What we're reading...

Some of our current topics:

Sound
Rock 'n' Roll
The Bible
Europe
Dance (Gladiators)



Maths:
Division

English:
Poetry (nature)

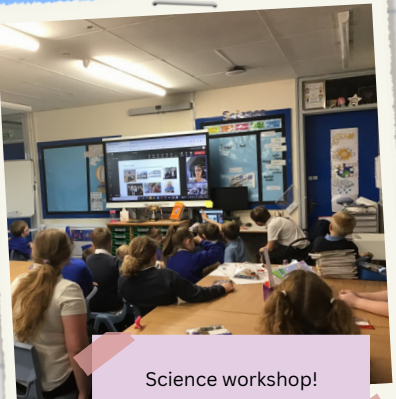
"I really enjoy free verse poetry as there are no limitations!"
Drew



Fun in the mud at cross-country!



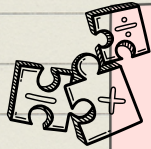
Enjoying the November snow!



Science workshop!

Some of our current topics:

- Stuffed toys
- Materials
- La date
- Dancing (Spacewalk)
- South African drumming



Maths:
Word problems

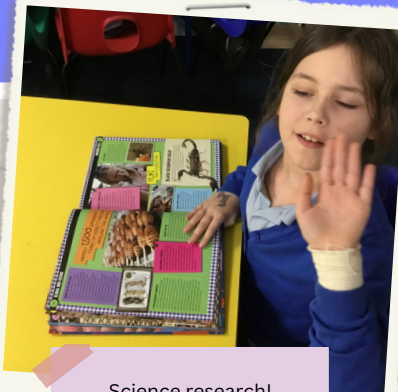
English:
Writing in the style of an author

"Our text is very funny and we're doing some really good writing from it!" Mya

YEAR 5



What we're reading...



Science research!

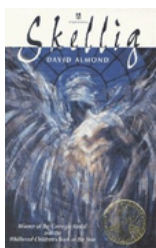


Multiplication masters!



Learning about the life of an author!

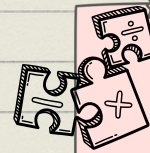
YEAR 6



What we're reading...

Some of our current topics:

- Fingal's Cave
- Managing risks
- Woodwork
- Classifying living things
- Swimming



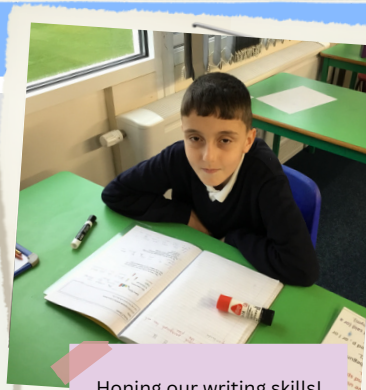
Maths:
Fractions (part 2!)

English:
News reports

"DT is fun because you need teamwork and we are developing engineering skills!" Sophia



House captains!



Honing our writing skills!



Showing off our choices from the latest giveaway!

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular events in November

POETRY AFTERNOON

Some of our children had a fantastic afternoon at Towneley Court this month, taking part in a community event with the residents.

Pupils performed their own poems and shared some of their favourite work.

These poems have also been entered into a national competition, with some great prizes on offer - including having the poem published in a book!

Watch this space!

Poetry Together

This annual event aims to bring together different generations in a community through a love of poetry.

We hope that this will become a fixture on the school calendar in future years!

Sharing our favourite poems!



APPRENTICESHIP TALKS

As part of our CRL (career-related learning), pupils from Y4 and Y6 were treated to a presentation and Q&A with visitors from Durham County Council. We learned about the role of the council and that they are responsible for lots of things in our community, including roads, leisure centres and even schools.

We discussed how you can 'earn as you learn' on an apprenticeship and heard about all the different types of apprenticeships on offer!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Y5/6 girls' team recently took part in a tournament hosted by Durham Women FC at Maiden Castle.

The team went from strength to strength across the morning and eventually finished third, following some great performances!

Fantastic teamwork and determination on show throughout. Well done, girls!



Squad goals!