

### Owls (EYFS)

The Owls have enjoyed 'Going on a Bear Hunt' through their role play and storytelling this half term. We adapted this slightly and went on Bug Hunts too. It has been great to take a close look at different insects and minibeasts through magnifiers and spot all the features they have. We have enjoyed painting our favourite bugs ready to go on the wall in the hall. Measurement has been a focus for our maths this term. We have learned how long or short things are, and how heavy or light. We filled and emptied containers as we learned about capacity. We had our final tennis coaching session this week. We have enjoyed improving our skills of balance, aim and control through the activities Charlie taught us. We still enjoy lots of outdoor learning, so as the weather warms up, please remember to send in your child with their water bottle, sun hat and

sun cream. Although we can supervise them, the children need to be able to apply their own sun cream, so you might need to practise this at home with them. Putting names on makes sure they don't get muddled!

### Sparrows (Y1).

In Maths, we have been busy learning about how to add and subtract to make number facts. We have been using equipment and drawing pictures to help us with this. In English, we have been reading new stories to help us learn about the structure of stories.

We have been finding interesting vocabulary to make our writing interesting and entertaining for the reader. We have been working hard to write our own story. We have also really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this half term.

### Chaffinches (Y2)

This half term, our topic is themed Below the Surface: An Underwater World. So far we have enjoyed learning about the water cycle and the Great Barrier Reef. In our Art we have created lovely pictures that show reflections in water.

During our maths lessons we have been busy solving missing number problems alongside revisiting our previous learning to help us when we undertake the SATs. In English, we have enjoyed reading the story of Traction Man. Based on this book we have started to write our own super hero stories using a toy from home. We have lots of great ideas for these stories. When we write our stories we will use a range of sentence types, conjunctions, contractions and expanded noun phrases when we write our final version.



**Asfordby  
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## Summer Newsletter 1 Headteacher's Message

Hello Everyone

We have had an amazing Half Term. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have done us proud in their attitude towards National tests and their eagerness to show everyone what they are made of. Expectations of the National Curriculum are high and, as a school that wants the very best for each and every child, we work hard to support them in their journey to reaching these goals.

It does mean times tables and spellings are crucial-and the ability not just to read and decode words, but really interpret what the words mean-even in a Maths test, the questions have to be understood. They also need a wide command of vocabulary, so having fun with a range of books and words is essential. We ensure our Curriculum offers these opportunities to explore language and ideas and we are pleased to be able to work with our partners to enhance this, such as: Hywel Roberts, Curve and the Royal Shakespeare Company-who are visiting us on June 14th to discuss future plans. Exciting times!

Essential to all of this is your support and we hope you are making use of all the resources we offer to help your child consolidate their learning and share with you at home.

### Robins (Y3)

This half term, we have been learning about angles in Maths. The different types of angles are right, acute, obtuse and reflex. We are Anglemasters now and can identify and draw them all. In English we have been learning about emotive language and have written 'remarkable recounts', settings and character descriptions. We have based our writing on the book 'Leon and the Place Between' which has amazing illustrations and lots of fantastic language which we have been tasting. We've learnt about the Battle of Bosworth and why it happened, designed time-machines to take us back in time to the Middle Ages to fight in the battle and we can now sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French. This half-term has been awesome!!!!

### Swallows (Y4)

This half term in Year 4 we have had a great time looking at anything and everything Victorian. The children have really enjoyed looking at different Victorian inventors and seeing how their contributions to society are still around today.

We have used our brilliant Victorian knowledge to create diary entries within the children's Aspiring Authors wallets in school. The diaries are full of historically accurate descriptions and amazing authorial intent, we would love for you to come and read them.

### Eagles (Y5)

This half term in Eagles Class we have been learning about the Adventures of Odysseus. We started off by reading a book about him and went on to write a story map which will aid us when we write our own Adventures of Odysseus.

In Maths we have been learning about symmetry and angles, it is really fun!

We have been learning about life cycles and how things reproduce and if they come from eggs in our Science lessons.

### Kingfishers (Y6)

It goes without saying that this half term has been a busy one for us, but we couldn't be prouder of how hard we've worked. Yes, we've had our SATs, but we've also been focused on fun collaborative projects, including designing our own theme parks in Maths (we're stretching our brains planning some ambitious profit margins!) and carrying out scientific investigations. We've enjoyed learning how exactly electricity flows around circuits to power movement, or produce sound or light. We wonder if you could name all of the parts of a cell (the scientific name for a single battery) that help the electrons to do this? We're really looking forward to getting into the swing of rehearsals for our production, Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, and our leavers assembly next half term too - be prepared for some epic theatrical performances!

## Headteacher's messages

### **Dough Disco Day**

We have been selected as the school to live stream across the world for this International event. Shonette Bason wood, who we have worked with over the last few years will be coming here with her crew to lead the festivities. It will be filmed and streamed across the internet. Dough Disco is founded in neurological research as a means of strengthening neural pathways from brain to fingers to support writing and fine motor skills-and it's FUN!

### **Polite notice:**

Please note that dogs are not permitted onto the playground unless this is a part of a pre-arranged curriculum visit. We have a number of children who have allergies and are nervous around dogs and we have a duty of care to supporting them.

**Please can you send your children to school with a water bottle every day. Thank you.**

### **Class teachers**

Every year we publish your child's class teacher for the next year in the school report. This supports learning in their current class as well as school planning. Although we don't expect any staff to leave, they have the option to resign up until after May half term, and we have to finalise budgeting and staffing following this, so we have tight timelines.

Mr Pearce continues to be unwell and we send him our well wishes. Mrs Stapleton will be back from her holiday after Half Term to stay with year 5. We would like to welcome Miss Sarah Lawrence, who will be undertaking our lead SENDCo. She is in school every Thursday and will be arranging to catch up with those of you who have children with additional needs over the coming months. She is already working with senior leaders and staff, as well as some of our children.