



Gaddesby Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another very busy half term at school and I hope your children all enjoy a well deserved break over the February half term. We have been very busy again this term with lots of exciting activities and school trips going on as well as welcoming in to school lots of visitors such as Drs, dentists, vets, the fire service, disability sports coaches to name just a few.

Our school trips allowed us to deepen our understanding of our topic areas with visits to Twycross Zoo and Bosworth battlefield. Further school trips will continue to take place later in the school year.

Our children are really engaged in all of their topic areas across the school and it's been wonderful to see some of the amazing work being completed across all of our classes.

In order to keep the children ticking over during half term it would be super if you could continue to read regularly, practice spellings and get stuck in to times tables rockstars.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leigh Fox

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

21st - Doughnut Sale (Bring £1)

22nd - FOGS Bring in your Bag2School donations day

MARCH

7th- FOGS Cinema Night

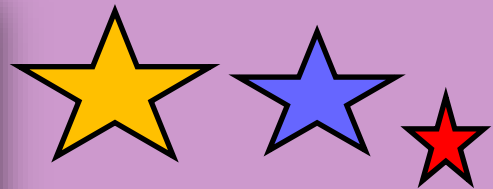
14th-16th - Year 4 Residential to PGL Caythorpe

21st - Class Photos

23rd+24th - Parents Evening

28th+29th - Life Education Bus Visit

30th - Yr3+Yr4 Trip King Richard III Centre



Congratulations to all those children that competed in the Ratcliffe Cross Country race at the end of January.

Also the very best of luck to Scarlett Aikens, Georgina Faulknall, Leo Loddington, Oliver Carter, Oscar Crabb and Louis Comber who will represent South Charnwood at the county cross country this weekend.

GOOD LUCK!

Year 2

This half term year 2 have loved investigating animals and their habitats. They have sorted animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and acted out food chains in the outdoor classroom!

Inside they investigated micro habitats hunting for minibeasts in a range of habitats. They then looked outside and found several



sleepy worms, centipedes and woodlice!

Year 2 have loved having one of our governors Mr Ruparelia work with them in

PE, developing their ball control and they have progressed wonderfully in both confidence and skills. In PSHE the children have been finding out how to keep safe both inside and outside and have investigated people who could help them if they need support.

In writing the children have focused on recounts and non-fiction texts based around our Sensational Safari topic producing careful work showing super progress with presentation and word choices. Here are a few examples.

The children love to sing the continents song and can now name all 7 continents in size order!

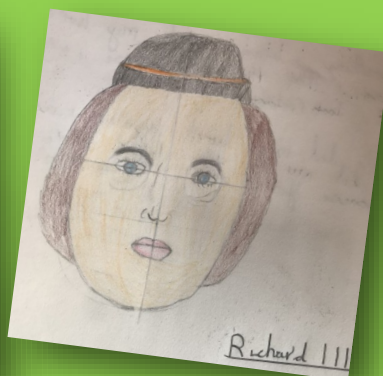


Year 3

This half term the Year 3 class have started learning about their topic 'War of the Roses' and we have had a fantastic time! We have been learning about who the war was between, why it happened and how it all ended at the Battle of Bosworth. We even got to take a trip to Bosworth Battlefield where we had a guided walk of the battlefield, met a knight and explored the visitor centre. We had such a great time!



As well as a trip to Bosworth battlefield, in our art lessons we have been learning how to draw portraits. Here are some of our portraits of Richard III! Next half term we are going to continue our learning about drawing accurate portraits but are going to be using different mediums. We are ever so excited!



YEAR 6

EYFS

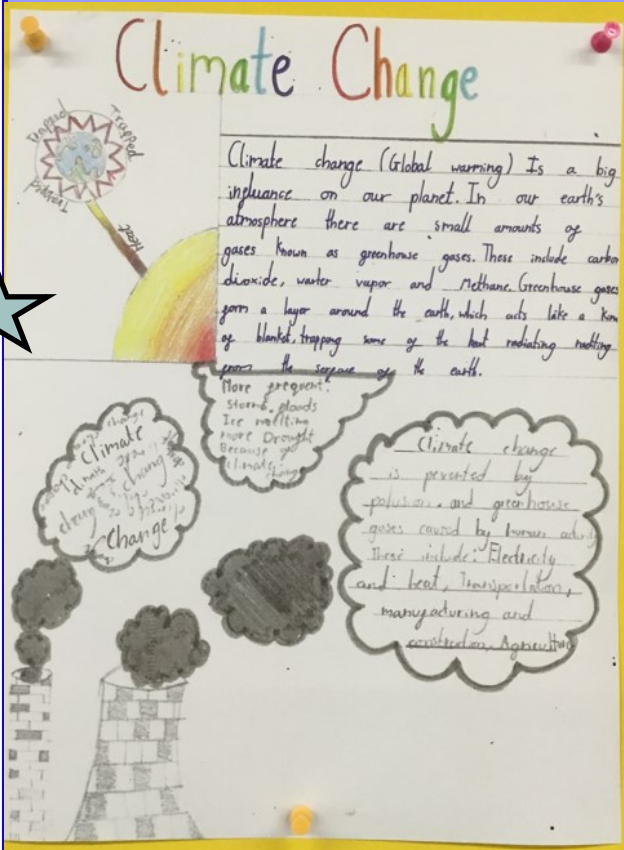
This Spring term EYFS have been learning about People Who Help Us and we have been focusing on learning about a different person that helps us, every single week.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have met some real people who help us, who were all absolutely fantastic in helping us learn about their occupation and how they help people in our community. The firefighters visited us in their fire engine and we practised aiming their water hose at a cone, a children's doctor at Leicester hospital brought her doctors bag and taught us how to put on a triangular bandage, the police officer brought their police car and we loved the loud siren and then we had an amazing visit from the dentists who taught us so much! On behalf of the Busy Bee Class we would like to say a huge thank you to our visitors, for coming into our school. External visitors have been a great way to enrich our topic learning!

On Friday 4th February EYFS went on their very first trip to Manor Farm. We had been learning about farmers that week, so it seemed quite fitting to take a trip to the farm. On arrival at Manor Farm, we dropped our bags off in our classroom and then got busy! We went to visit the smaller animals that lived

and were introduced to a rather noisy, attention seeking parrot, who wanted lots of fuss! Miss Stansfield had to dance with him, so he would stop making noise! We then met the owls and even got to stroke one. After lunch we visited all the bigger animals— Miss Stansfield and Mrs Meredith liked the dancing llamas and we even got to end our day with a little trip to the play barn. The Busy Bees behaviour was fantastic and were great representatives for our school.

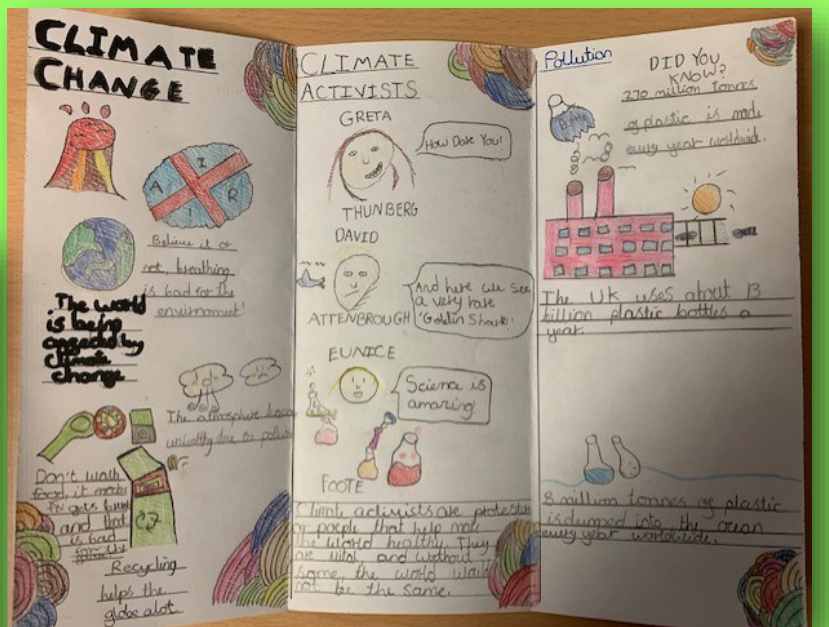
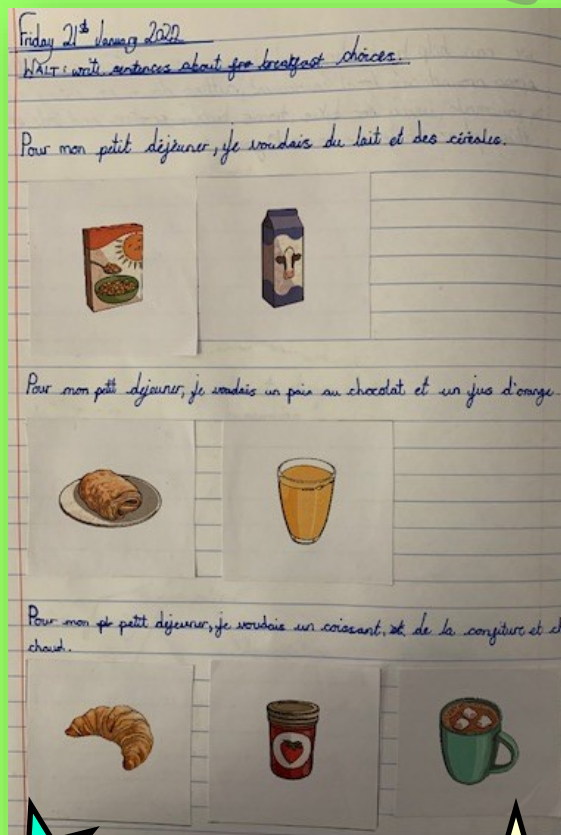
Here are some of our learning pictures from Spring term 2.



In Year 6 we have been really enjoying our eco-warriors topic and have produced some great work all about climate change.



Year 5



Year 5 have had an excellent half term so far learning all about being Eco-Warriors! We have looked at what is causing climate change and found out some surprising facts (including how cows and sheep produce methane - hint, it's a bit smelly!) We have gone deep down into the oceans to see how we are affecting the wildlife in them and we've been exploring lots of different ways that we can all help to save our planet. Our English unit has been writing persuasive letters and we used this opportunity to write to Boris Johnson to persuade him to take action on climate change now before it's too late. We've also been really busy in our French learning, learning the French for different foods and how to ask for what we would like for breakfast and sandwiches.

Year 1

This half term year 1 have had so much fun!

We were lucky enough to have 2 ladies come to visit year 1 and talk to us about what firefighters do, how they can help us and different ways to keep safe near/around a fire.

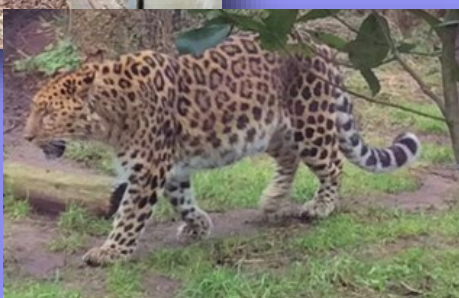
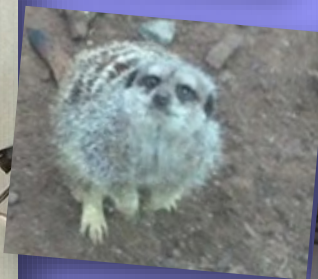
Our topic this term is Sensational Safari. At the beginning of our topic we went on an exciting safari hunt around school to see what animals we could find. The children did a great job searching for the animals!

In PE we have been practicing out ball skills. We have been working in pairs and practicing how to control the ball and pass the ball using a bounce pass and a chest pass. We really enjoyed a session with Mr Ruparelia who came to into school to do a fun session with us too!

This half term we have been back to forest school. As part of our Geography and science learning, we have been exploring Africa, safari animals, minibeasts and their habitats and food chains.

Year 1 & 2 Visit to Twycross Zoo

Year 1 and 2 had the best day out exploring Twycross Zoo! We were lucky enough to meet a very knowledgeable man called Finn who taught us all SO much about all the animals we seen. Here are some of things he taught us about each animal; where they come from, how they survive, what they eat and what they enjoy. We got to see meerkats, giraffes, tigers, chimpanzees, penguins, snow leopard, gibbons and zebras.



Year 4

In year 4 we are thoroughly enjoying learning about The War of the Roses. We passed 'the crown' between the Houses of York and Lancaster to understand why the country was divided. We've developed our sketching skills through carrying out still life sketches of roses and also drawn some fantastic portraits of Richard III. We all had a fantastic time at Bosworth Battlefield and learnt so much. Following our trip we located where we had been on Ordnance Survey maps and learnt about grid references and keys and map making. We've done some great narrative writing based on our class novel 'The Fox and the Ghost King' and have now begun work on newspaper recounts.

In science, we have been learning about sound. We've observed how sounds are caused by vibrations by observing what happens when we bang a tuning fork and put it and also what happens to rice when we bang a drum. We've explored how sound travels and how pitch can be varied depending on the size of the resonating chamber.

As always, we have been working hard in maths and been learning about multiplication and division.



CINEMA NIGHT
GADDESBY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
MONDAY MARCH 7th 3.15pm - 5.45pm

Ticket includes
a hotdog, juice
and ice cream!

Tickets
£5



KIDS!
You can win
The Luca
DVD in our
raffle!

Make your payment through Paypal - fogs@gaddesby.bepschools.org
Any payments from last time will be carried forward.
If you cannot make the new date then please email
fogs@gaddesby.bepschools.org for a refund.

**Doughnut sale at
Gaddesby School!**



**Get them on Monday 21st
February before they sell
out!**

**Profit goes to Alex's wish
charity**