

Kemball School



Summer Newsletters 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe another year has flown by. Do you think time goes quicker when you are getting older? Or maybe it's just that we are always so busy!



Anyway another school year is done and there is some sad news as we have staff leaving us to start exciting new adventures. Ben (Aynsley 1 teacher) is moving to Newfriars FE College. He has been a real asset to our school, especially in the way that he has developed our student's sporting experiences. Luckily a lot of our year 11 student are moving to Newfriars for their Post 16 education, so it will be good that they will have a familiar face there. Charlotte (Regency 2 teacher) has also made the decision to leave and has secured a position in a special school closer to home. Again she will be missed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and wish them every success in their future endeavours. Katrina is also taking some time off work to have her baby but we will be welcoming her back when she has finished her maternity leave. On a happier note we are welcoming new staff to the school. We are excited to welcome the following teachers: Tammy (Coalport 2), Shannon (Gladstone 1), Meghan (Paragon 2), Sian (Wedgwood 2) and George (Aynsley 1). We are also welcoming TA's Laura, Louise and Brandon.

It is leaving time for our year 11 students. They are all more than ready to go off to college and we are so proud of them all. It has been a real privilege to watch them grow through the years into the mature, independent and sociable young adults they are today. We will miss each and every one of them.

Helen, Emily and I were reflecting on the past year just the other day and were considering just how much progress your children make in the course of a year. Even the tiniest of steps are huge achievements and we feel blessed that we get to be a part of that journey. Every day at Kemball is an adventure. You never quite know what to expect but I know for sure that we wouldn't want to be anywhere else!

Thank you once again for your support this year, it really does mean a lot to us all. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. See you for more fun and games in September.

Lisa





Aynsley 1 – Summer Newsletter



We have had lots going on this term, which is for many of our students their last ever term at Kemball!

We of course wish those who are leaving us for college all the very best.

To ensure that we finish our year with a bang, we have been working on lots of different projects.

Firstly, many of our class have completed the final modules of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. These have included the expedition at Stanley Head, where one day we were sunburnt, and the other soaking wet through! Tents, orienteering, teamwork games and cooking on stoves saw us through those 2 days up on the moors, and all of the students deserve the accolades that they will pick up as a result of under-taking this expedition. The final module of the Award was Volunteering. Examples of our group projects were Car Washing, making light bottles and decorating stones in order to sell to raise money for charity. An excellent effort all round.

In other areas, we have finished our topics of "The world around us" and "Energy sources", as well as enjoying our last English text of the year, the mysterious story of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Other memorable moments from this term include an excellent effort at this year's Sports Day – including victory in the relay race! As well as outstanding individual performance in both Sports Day and our football fixture against Coppice School in front of the crowd on our school field. Not forgetting, as a class we have followed up last year's *Madness* Summer Performance with another 80s classic – *Ghostbusters*. *Who ya gonna call?*

Many thanks to all parent and guardian support over the year, we have achieved so much, and a special best wishes and good luck to our Year 11 leavers heading for college.

Have a great summer!

Ben, Jeanette, Mandy and Stacey.

Aynsley 2 Summer Newsletter

Over the summer term Aynsley 2 have done lots of travel training. Our first trip was a bus ride to Trentham Gardens. We enjoyed a meal at Frankie and Bennies where pupils ordered their food and worked out costs. Pupils then planned their route to the Brompton Park and museum. They all spoke to the bus drivers when stating destinations. Pupils showed great respect offering to give up their seats for the elderly. We then travelled to Stafford via train. Pupils independently ordered their tickets at the ticket office.



Over the summer term Aynsley 2 have been working on the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Pupils have set up their own enterprise projects raising money for charities. The projects are:

- ✿ The shining candles
- ✿ Kemball car wash
- ✿ Lamaz jewellery
- ✿ Personalised plates

During Cultural Studies week, we discovered lots of interesting things about Morocco. We created a Moroccan tagine and Moroccan orange cake. Pupils also created several Moroccan weave patterns. Aynsley pupils created a fact file about Morocco and enjoyed taking part in a music session with Key Strings.

In RE Students have been researching Sikhism, Islam and my faith and my community. Students took part in a visit the City Central mosque and learned about inter faith week.

During the Summer term Mental Health and Wellbeing day we looked at the importance of keeping active and giving our time. Pupils gave their time helping the younger classes with their Sports Day. Pupils helped to move benches in the functional outdoor area.

In Science we have been exploring Sound and Light – Cause and effect. Students have taken part in a variety of practical experiments involving light and shadows.

The functional department had visits from Abbey Hill and Newfriars College. Our Year 11 leavers have taken part in transition visits to their chosen colleges.

We say a sad farewell to our Year 11 leavers and wish them every success in their chosen college. We hope you all have a great summer holidays and thank you for your continued support.

Danielle, Shelley and Jackie

Bridgewater 1

We have had an amazing summer term in Bridgewater 1! We have been learning about our topic 'Me as an explorer'. We have focused on rocks and soils and forces and magnets in science. In geography we have looked at different climates and have been comparing these and in history we have learnt all about Mary Seacole. During our design and technology lessons we have been making vehicles to go exploring in, using junk modelling and recyclable materials. In art, we have been drawing famous people.

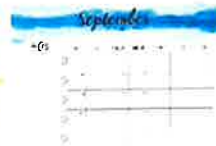
Our texts this term have been 'There's a tiger in the garden' and 'Hoorah for Mary Seacole'. The children have enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole and the work that she did when helping the soldiers during the war.

We have continued with our RE days and MWHB (mental health and wellbeing) afternoons this term. The pupils have enjoyed practicing wellbeing through revisiting the following topic areas – connect, give, keep learning, take notice and be active. The children thoroughly enjoy these themed days, and they astonish us with their dedication to their work. During RE, we learnt about our faith and our community and explored this through dance, educational videos, dressing up, carrying out religious rituals and exploring artefacts, we also went on a local drive looking for places of worship.

We had our Cultural studies week this term where we learnt lots of new facts and information about Morocco. We tasted Moroccan dishes, collaged the Moroccan flag, looked in an Atlas and located Morocco and learnt a dance. The children learnt about the history of Morocco and about a famous explorer who travelled the country too. The children always show great levels of engagement when learning about a new country and culture.

We have participated in lots of walks in the community where we practice our road safety and the children have also thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and are showing greater confidence in the water, as well as showing huge improvements in their swimming skills.

We thank you all for your continued support and hope that you have an enjoyable six week holiday. We wish all the children transitioning to new classes, the very best of luck, and we look forward to welcoming back the children to Bridgewater 1 in September.



Steph, Sally, Stacey, Anna and Maddie.

Bridgewater 2

Summer 2023

Our sensory stories this term have linked to our umbrella topic of 'The Sea'. Our first Sensory Story was 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David and Ronda Armitage. The children really enjoyed this story about how the naughty seagulls kept on eating poor Mr Grinling's lunch. They gained a lot of skills and knowledge from our sensory activities we

had to go with this story. They were able to predict what was going to happen and comment or communicate about how the characters felt at different parts of the story. I think their favourite activity to go with this story was when Mrs Grinling was making lunch and then the children had to request food using their own communication methods and then they were able to eat the food they had requested. They became very good at communicating their wants at this point in the story!

Our current sensory story is 'Tiddler' By Julia Donaldson. Our Pupils have really loved this story and we feel they have got so much out of it and the activities we have done each day to go alongside our sensory story sessions. I think their favourite part of the story was when the children were given the opportunities to request and blow bubbles.

Both books had a set of targets to link with the stories to develop their understanding over time and by the end of the half term the children were all able to fully engage with the sensory activities. All children have been fully involved in the sensory aspects of this story and have been able to use pictures or props to complete a simple story map.

Our topic sessions have linked to the theme of 'The Sea' and we have explored and learnt about all aspects of the sea and sea animals. The children have found out about the animals that live in the sea, they have also had to 'rescue' sea animals from a dirty oily sea and clean them using sponges and brushes before they released them into the clean sea.

The children have made paper plate jellyfish and choosing the colour and materials they want to use to make their jellyfish.

The children have also created their own rock pools using playdough and developing their fine motor skills by squeezing and kneading it to make a rock pool shape. They then chose which sea animals they wanted to put in their pool and added shells and pebbles, they looked really effective!

We have carried out lots of interesting Science investigations around the theme of the sea and we made cakes and decorated them to look like a fish

We have been able to get out and about a lot during this term and we have enjoyed lots of community walks to develop awareness of road safety and understanding of money and shopping. We have also been lucky enough to visit The Blue Planet Aquarium where the children loved looking at all the fish and sea creatures there.

I have so enjoyed teaching your amazing children this year and I know I speak for all the staff in Bridgewater 2 when I say that we are so proud of each and every one of them! We are so pleased we get to keep them all for another fun filled year!

Thank you for all your support this year, your children really are a credit to you!

Coalport 1 Newsletter

Coalport 1 have had an amazing summer term!

The curriculum overview for this term has been all about the sea.



Cognition, communication and Language

Coalport 1's topic this term has been the sea! The children have thoroughly enjoyed the different sensory elements to the droplets story. They have really enjoyed exploring sounds, smells, tastes and materials. The children have especially enjoyed exploring sea animals in the water play and different sensory experiences. Throughout the sensory story the children have worked on their EHCP targets. The children have enjoyed exploring eBooks and used sensory play to practise their mark making.

In mathematical thinking & problem solving your child has been working on several skills such as counting, matching and number ordering, measurement and heavy and light. The children have also worked hard on their number skills using numicon. The children have worked well with their writing skills, reading and communication where all the children are now using different forms of communication to communicate likes/dislikes, wants/needs and more.

During Topic we have enjoyed investigating the pirate tuff trays and we especially enjoyed dressing up as pirates. We enjoyed using our craft skills to create treasure chests. The children have loved exploring the creatures that live under the sea in the sensory trays and we even spent an afternoon making pirate hooks from varied materials.

We have worked hard this term practising for our summer show. Coalport 1 staff are so proud of how far the children have come this school year and we loved celebrating the pupils' achievements in our achievement assembly.

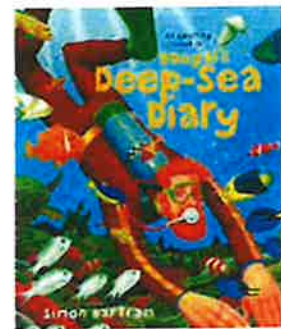
We wish you all a fabulous summer and we can't wait to welcome you back in September!

Coalport 2

The end of the school year is approaching. It has been amazing, full of fun year for all of us. We have enjoyed being in school and making lots of memories.

In the Summer term we covered topic "The Sea." Children loved this topic and displayed wonderful responses during activities linked to adventures looking for Atlantis under the sea and learning about water cycle. This topic took us on adventure under the sea in sensory story "Dougal's Deep Sea Diary," when we learnt about the lost city called Atlantis.

We learned about sea creatures and had fun creating sea animals using recycled materials. Our adventures continued by exploring learning about pirates and having fun during treasure hunt.



Cultural studies week was a great fun when we visited Morroco. We travelled around Morroco and learnt about their culture, music and food. Children loved learning Morrocan traditional dance and creating traditional clay tiles.



We had a brilliant year and all our children have been fantastic, they also shown amazing progress and gained new skills in all areas.

Have a lovely summer and we are looking forward to make some more great memories with your children in September.

Ramona, Julie and Catherine.

Coalport 3

We have been exploring the topic 'Explorers' this term and we have explored different technology, different types of extreme weather, different habitats and the clothes suitable for those conditions. We have also explored the different animals that live in the habitats.



Our first sensory story this term was 'Jungle book' and we enjoyed exploring hot and cold and all of the different animals in the jungle. We also enjoyed showing what we preferred when given choices. Our second sensory story was 'A droplets journey' where we explored what happens to water, spraying it on umbrellas, exploring cleaning the water and pouring water to see what happens.



This term we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. We had a King and Queen parade and celebrated with a picnic in the hall with the rest of the school. We have also had a trip this term where we visited Our Space and enjoyed a lovely day outdoors exploring sand pits, zip lines, swings and big wooden instruments. We were very lucky as it was a lovely day.



Finally we have continued to run the café for other classes in the school to visit and have prepared toast, pancakes and other lovely snacks to sell. We have also taught some of the other classes some circus skills including boules which got a little competitive.

We have had a fabulous year in Coalport 3 and hope that you all have a happy and safe summer holidays. See you in September!

Fiona, Yvonne and Bekki

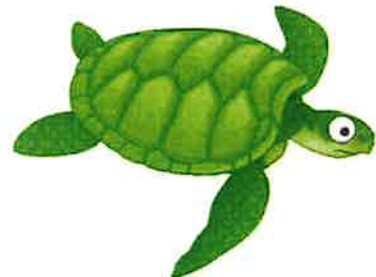
Doulton 1

Our final half term of the academic year has been so much fun! We started off the half term by learning all about Morocco for our school Cultural Studies week. We explored different aspects of Moroccan culture through a sensory story and during the week we got to explore lots of Moroccan themed activities. We had a Moroccan themed lunch, took part in a themed music session and we all contributed to a whole school art project to create clay tiles.



After cultural studies week, we then got stuck into our topic. This half term we have been exploring 'Traditional Tales'. For our main sensory story, we have read 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have loved exploring the sensory props. We loved it when the wolf popped up behind us and we had to run away! In our topic lessons, we have spent time exploring other traditional tales such as 'Jack and The Beanstalk', 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We have enjoyed exploring our continuous provision activities that have supported the stories.

We have also experienced our first 'Kemball Sensory Spectacular'. We got to listen to an immersive under the sea story all about a turtle named Bob, who taught us all about the importance of not littering our beaches and the sea. We also invited our families in to share the story with us which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



We have also been on a whole pathway trip to 'our Space'. We all loved exploring the sensory soft play, especially the ball pit and slides! We also got to go on the zip line! The smiles from our children said it all....We had the best time!

To draw our fantastic year to a close, we invited all our families to share our end of year achievement assembly. There were lots of happy tears, from parents and class staff! It is such a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how much our children have developed, progressed and grown and most importantly to see how much fun our children have had in Doulton 1 class this year.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.
Danica, Clare, Chelsea and Charlotte



Doulton 2

Doulton 2 have been exploring the topic of Transport and Holidays. We have been finding out about places we have visited and how we might have got to those places as well as finding our favourite types of transport.

In Maths we have been focusing on counting and capacity. We have enjoyed taking objects out of boxes and placing them into boxes. We have also been having fun with lots of water and sand play, exploring how we can fill up and empty a range of containers using the different mediums. During counting sessions, we have been feeling the numbers on our hands and clapping them out as well as exploring the shape of the numbers using our tactile number lines.



In English we have been reading *The Magic Train Ride* and *We All Go Travelling By*. We have enjoyed listening to the sounds of the different types of transport and feeling the wheels roll up and down our arms. We also enjoyed watching and listening to the switch activated train which kept making us smile as we heard it whizzing down the tracks! We have explored mark making in a variety of mediums through the use of Write Dance and this has produced some fantastic work and fun sessions too.



In our topic sessions we have focused on where we have been on holiday, we have explored the seaside, Spain, Japan, America and Tanzania. We looked at each other's holiday photos and found our friends together. We loved being able to share the experiences through the photos sent in. Our class also enjoyed finding transport around school such as our wheelchairs, bikes, little cars, buses and scooters, once we had found them, we used a switch to take a photo on the iPad.

We have all had a fantastic year together and we look forward to starting the new year in September.

Best wishes from Katy, Hayley, Karen, and Cathy.

Gladstone 1 Summer Newsletter

Gladstone 1 have had a lovely summer term. They have had a fantastic time celebrating the end of the school year and starting their new classes.

English- During this term we have covered lots of different English skills including, writing, reading, fine motor skills such as threading, scissors skills and phonics. All the children have worked hard during this year in all aspects of their English skills. This has shown through their confidence in the English lessons.

Maths- During this time we have explored numicon, weight-using scales and exploring heavy and light. We have also covered other skills including shapes, number formation, counting. All the children have worked hard during this term in all areas of their maths and this has shown with the maths work they have produced.

R.E- During this term we learnt about Sikhism we covered their religion, what they eat, where they go to pray and we also compared their religion to others and explored cultures. We also visited a Mosque and a church during this time to look and learn about these buildings.

Computing- During this term we been exploring bee bots during computing and learning how we can programme these to move in different ways and how we can use the bee bots to get to different locations around the room. All the children worked hard to explore what all the buttons do and follow different instructions.

Topic-

P.E- During this term we have been learning about ball skills in PE and the different ways we can use balls e.g. throwing, catching, kicking, aiming the balls into a net or a hoop. We have also been swimming which all the children have grown in confidence over the year moving in the water and being able to learn some swimming skills.

Thank you for your continued support this term and this year we all really appreciate it, we hope you all have a lovely summer break ready for your new classes in September.

Have a fantastic Summer Holidays, Good luck in your new classes for September.

We would also like to welcome Shannon who is Gladstone 1's new Teacher

Emma, Amer & Mandy

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GLADSTONE 2 SUMMER TERM

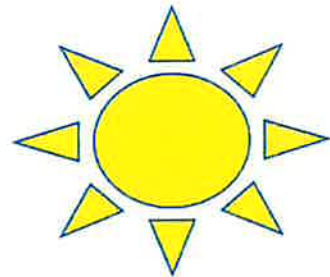
Gladstone 2 have had a very busy Summer Term! We have thoroughly enjoyed our Cultural Studies week where we learnt many things about Morocco. During Cultural Studies week we tasted some different ingredients before writing a shopping list and then going on a lovely trip to Tesco to buy our ingredients. We then had a lovely time making our Couscous and everyone was fantastic at preparing the vegetables and other ingredients and we were so impressed how much the children enjoyed their Couscous!

During the RE Days we have enjoyed more cookery this time making 'Mango Lassi'. Again all children were fantastic at preparing the ingredients and tasting the smoothies. One thing that has stood out this term, is that we have so many good little chefs in our room!

We have been very lucky to go on many outings this term. We have been to the Dorothy Clive Gardens where we learnt all about caring for plants and potted some of our own plants to bring back to school. We have also been to two religious buildings a mosque and church and spoke with their leaders.

We end the school year with our Choir giving us amazing performances in the Secondary Summer Show, They have sung covers of 'Let it Go', 'Firework' and 'You've got a Friend in Me' which were beautifully sung and signed!

We are looking forward to a new term in September!



Maple

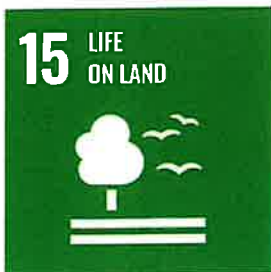
Maple class have had a wonderful summer term. The warmer weather has been well received and has lifted all our spirits. Maple class really enjoyed cultural studies and relished the opportunities to learn more about Morrocco. We also enjoyed the pathway trip to Our Space – especially the zip wire and wind tunnel. Following on from this Maple were able to fully embrace the sensory spectacular in the hall with the highlight being when parents came to share this experience with us. Maple class staff were extremely proud of all pupils and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their achievements with them at the achievement assembly. We are currently very busy in our preparations for the summer show and fayre.

Maple staff feel this year has been a whirlwind of action and fun times. The progress the young people have made has been astronomical. We wish all a fantastic summer break and look forward to the adventures of the next academic year.



Minton 1 Summer 2023

What another brilliant term it has been in Minton 1. During Summer 1 we looked at Design and technology around our community. We had the opportunity to go around and explore a variety of different sculptures that are around Stoke-on-Trent. We used a range of materials to create our own sculptures using items that we could recycle. We completed a joint project as a class where we built our own tree sculpture to symbolise our trust and to also represent the tree sculpture that is in Hanley.



During Summer 2 we have been exploring the sustainability goals and have focused on life below water and life on land.

For this topic we have looked at how we can keep our planet safe and focused on what we can do daily to support this. We have used materials that were collected from home to help us create different pieces of art work for our ECO art that have been displayed in the garden and in the classroom.

In English we have focused on the text, Five Children and It, and during Summer 2 we have been reading Clean up. We completed lots of different activities to support our understanding of the story. We have been looking at sound and light in science and built up our skills to make our own light bulb circuit. We have looked at sustainable energy and focused on wind power and how it works.



Throughout the term we have been on lots of trips to support and extend our learning. We have visited the Library to take back and borrow books for our reading area. We went to Home Bargains for our personal care supplies. We each had a shopping list and purchased all our personal care items that we needed to use at school. We have been to Hanley Park and Westport Lake as part of our topic to carry out some litter picking and to help keep the environment clean and tidy.

For RE we visited Hanley Mosque. Whilst there we were shown around and learned how Muslims pray and worship. To finish off our year we went on a visit to Peak Wildlife Park. We got to see some amazing animals and helped to look after and feed them.

We have had an amazing year this year and we are looking forward to what next year brings. Have a lovely summer everyone. See you all in September.



Natasha, Emma and Shaun

Minton 2

We have had a jam-packed summer term and we cannot quite believe we are already at the end of another school year!

In English, we started this term reading *The Great Kapok Tree*, which linked with our topic of 'Eco Earth'. We enjoyed learning about deforestation and even made our own Newsround report about it! We then read *The Little People Big Dreams* book on Great Thunberg and learnt about her influence. We were inspired by her actions and held our own cake sale to raise money for Greenpeace. We raised over £100!



In Maths, we have worked hard on our problem-solving skills and demonstrating our understanding using Numicon, dienes and other practical resources.



In our RE days, we have learnt about Religion in our community. We really enjoyed our visits to the church and to the mosque and then wrote about what we had learnt back in class. We could then compare the similarities and differences.

In Science, we have been learning all about Animals and their habitats. We thought about how animals have adapted to survive in the habitats around the world. We loved going to Peake Wildlife to learn about the different habitats of the animals that we saw there.

In computing, we enjoyed using the beebots and makey makeys to work on programming and algorithms. This half term we have made our own digital art using street art software and wordles.

Our Friday topic mornings have been all about eco earth. We started the term by learning about global pollution and how the different types of pollution are caused. We also thought about the impact of pollution and what we can do to reduce it. We have also thought about sustainable travel and how transport over time has changed and what impact this has had on the environment. We enjoyed designing and making our own wind powered cars. As part of the topics, we have also loved our trip to tittesworth reservoir where we looked at how the rainwater is collected and used to give water to houses.



We had lots of fun on our cultural studies week learning all about Morocco. We made our own passports and enjoyed the 'plane ride' over to Africa! We designed and made our own couscous, did some Moroccan weaving and even visited the Trentham Monkey Forest to see the Barbary Macaques who are originally from Morocco.

All of the children in Minton 2 have made us so proud this year, they have worked incredibly hard and we have made some great memories!



We hope you have a lovely summer holidays and we will see you in September!

Hannah, Sam, Sophie and Scott (Minton 2 Team)



Paragon 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a year it has been!!! I am so proud of all of the children and the progress that they have made this year. They have made some beautiful friendships and have all put smiles on our faces for the whole year.

It has been a very busy term with lots of exciting events and activities. We have explored everything to do with Morocco as part of our cultural studies week, have visited the science museum and had breakfast at Toby Carvery. We have also enjoyed playing outside a lot in the sunshine.

Our overall topic was 'Weather' and we have enjoyed all of the activities that go alongside this. We talked about the different places we visit at different times of year and made a map of the places we have been. The children enjoyed running the 'tourist information' centre and helping us plan a journey around Stoke and to the seaside in Wales.

During our Mental Health and Wellbeing day we took part in a variety of activities around the themes 'keep learning', 'be active', 'give' and also sports day on the same day.

Every Monday we have been going to the café ran by pupils in Maple class as part of their life skills sessions. The children have enjoyed spending time with the other class and have enjoyed the variety of snack they can have (pancakes and crumpets have gone down a treat!)

Our PE focus this half term has been the adventure playground and practicing our ball skills. They have enjoyed the challenge of the different obstacles in the playground and have been practicing their balancing skills in particular.

We have had an amazing year in Paragon 1 and hope that you all have a fantastic summer.

Eleri, Becky, Lydia and Natalie
(Paragon 1 Team)



Paragon 2 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic year in Paragon 2 and I will certainly be sad to leave the class at the end of this year as it has been so great to see them progress so well. The children have made fantastic progress over the year and I know I speak for all the staff when I say how proud we all are of them. This has been another hectic term with lots of exciting events and activities.

This term we have enjoyed exploring the two stories of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Tiddler'. The children have really enjoyed these stories, especially Tiddler and the progress that they have made in their fine motor and book handling skills through the stories and our other sessions has been great to see. In our Maths activities, we have enjoyed exploring Numicon at the Seaside and the children have loved engaging in water and sand play with a range of counting and shape based activities related to this.

In Topic we have really enjoyed exploring the seaside through a range of activities including exploring the Victorian seaside, looking at seaside habitats and looking at a range of sea creatures. The children have been using their symbols to show us their understanding and continue to make great progress in using their communication methods and the boards that we use in class. We have especially enjoyed our trip to the Blue Planet aquarium this term and the children loved seeing a range of sea creatures, especially in the amazing walk through tunnel.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sensory Spectacular 'The Turtle's Tale'. The children really enjoyed engaging with this throughout the week and it was lovely that many parents were able to join us.

This half term we have enjoyed exploring Morocco for Cultural Studies week and the children really enjoyed engaging in our sensory story. We also enjoyed creating artwork related to Morocco and exploring Islam. The children loved our exploration of the Sahara desert and Atlas Mountains, finding and creating through art the animals that live there.

In Physical Development we have enjoyed exploring parachute games and continue to use the soft play and sensory diet room to develop our gross motor skills. The sports day was a great success and the children were fantastic, securing 4 wins for Paragon 2! Thank you to everyone who came, it was lovely to see you all.

Overall, it has been a very busy but very fun half term and it has been lovely to get out and about with the children, especially on our community walks. I am going to miss them very much but I am sure that they will continue to work hard and progress well as they work with their new teacher Meghan and the class staff or move into their new classes. Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September!

Cath, Savannah, Ebony and Stacey (Paragon 2 team)



REGENCY 1 SUMMER TERM 2023

During the Summer term, the pupils in Regency 1 have made the most of the weather and got out into the community as much as possible.

Much of the work has been on a cross-curricular theme.

SCIENCE – Light & Sound- Lots of exploration of mirrors, torches, shadows, how we hear, sound effects and how we can see sound in action. Energy & Sustainability- Fossil fuels, renewable and non-renewable energy.

GEOGRAPHY – Eco Warriors- We focused on how we can use the countryside and more importantly, how to protect it for the future. We made countryside code guides and looked at a fantastic book called “Window,” which shows how an isolated countryside house becomes swallowed up in the expanding city over time.

HISTORY – Technology in the Home- This allowed us to explore everyday items such as the television and music technology. In one lesson, the pupils handled and used videos, cassettes, CDs, vinyl and record players, wind up and battery radios, as well as iPods and Spotify.

RE is now covered by two whole days every half term. The subject is covered by studying the area in question by looking at food, art and practices as well as the underlying values of the religion. We have looked at the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and at what Humanists believe.

PE We have covered cricket, scatterball, athletics and Boccia this term and joined with another class to help deliver PE to some wheelchair users.

ART & DT For art, we looked at Eco Art and applied this by using unwanted plastic bottles and other plastics to create jellyfish and fishes. Some fantastic results! In DT we looked at Technology in the Community by looking at how we use playgrounds. We researched playground equipment and selected good designs, designed the layout of a playground and then tried to construct a working model roundabout.

PSHE Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco. We covered all of areas and developed a better understanding of the health issues that could be a factor. Managing Finances. Covering how to budget, calculating wages and ways to pay.

ICT (Branching Databases & Computer Art) To begin with, we used paper versions of branching databases to sort objects before using a couple of computer programs to write questions and sort data. For computer art, we looked at designing cards, using pixels to create art, logos and paint packages.

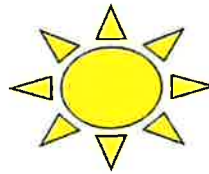
Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) We have had 2 activity days on this topic where we have the opportunity to make things, carry out activities and think about ourselves and others. In one, we tried Tai Chi and some brain breaks.

On Fridays, we carry out life skills. We have done a lot of walking in the community to visit the shops and then have made things in the cookery room such as Eton Mess, Cous Cous and Oatcakes. We walked three and a half miles through Hem Heath woods.

We also have daily phonics and reading sessions.

We always make time for discussion and enjoy our conversations going off in another direction and then using Google and YouTube to discover even further. Best of all, we have a lot of fun. Same pupils, same staff for September, see you then! Enjoy your summer.

Ian, Louise, Kim, Robyn and all in Regency 1



Regency 2 Summer Newsletter

Regency 2 have had a fantastic summer term, they have visited lots of places from Aldi, Blurton Café, a recent trip to Trentham Gardens and the Year 10s had an amazing experience at Stanley Head as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.



At the start of Summer term the year 10s used all their knowledge and skills they had learned over the year to take on an adventure of their life at Stanley Head. They enjoyed using the camp stoves to make their lunch, dinner and breakfast. They set up their own tents for somewhere to sleep and when it rained all night and the following morning they took their tents down, they were very wet and very tired but a fantastic time was had by everyone.

Whilst the Year 10s have been gaining skills for their Duke of Edinburgh Award the year 9s have been focusing on their life skills. They have spent lots of time in the cookery room baking, cooking and lots of cleaning and learning how to stay safe in the kitchen.

During our Cultural Studies week, we discovered lots of interesting things about Morocco. We tasted lots of new foods couscous, Moroccan meatballs, hummus and Moroccan sardines. The meatballs were a hit!

At the start of May, we enjoyed celebrating the King's coronation, we created a crown using jewels and tissue paper, we designed a flag to wave during the parade and then all the school enjoyed celebrating with a parade on the playground. For lunch, everyone enjoyed afternoon tea in the hall.

Most recently, everyone has enjoyed joining in with secondary sports day. Everybody tried something that challenged their abilities from running, hurdles, relay and throwing. Even the staff joined in! Everybody had a fantastic time.



As our time together in Regency 2 comes to an end, we hope everybody has an amazing summer and a well-deserved rest.

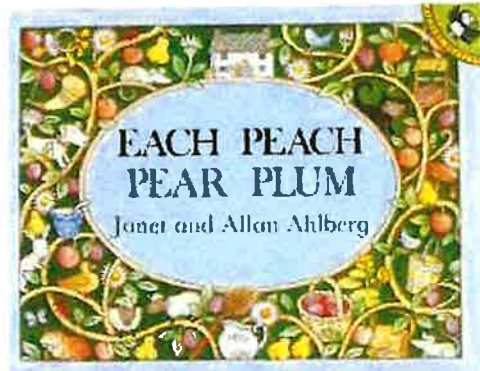
We hope everybody enjoys there new class in September. It has been a pleasure to teach your child.

Charlotte, Sam, Sarah, Nikita and Mark

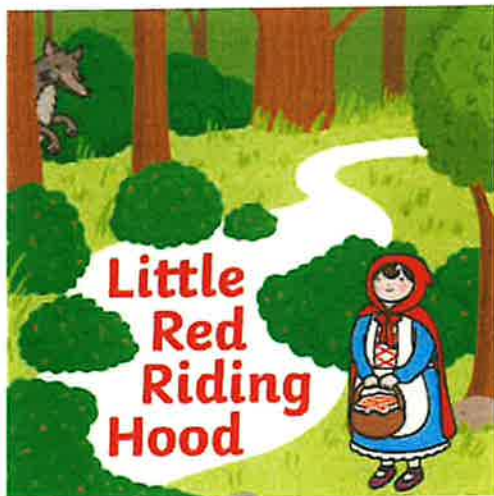
Spode 1

Spode 1 have had a brilliant Summer Term! We are very proud of the progress that the children have made this year!

This term we have looked at two sensory stories. We began with 'Each Peach Pear Plum', the children loved exploring the sensory aspects of this story. Then more recently we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' where the children have been focusing on developing their communication and problem solving through a range of different activities such as matching, sorting, exploring different textures, mark making, counting, ordering and much more.



As part of our Nursery Rhymes topic in Summer 1, we enjoyed taking part in lots of role play and arts and crafts activities. In Summer 2 we began a new topic, Traditional Tales where we have been exploring different stories such as The Ginger Bread Man and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We took part in science investigations- floating and sinking, explored light / dark and engaged in building experiments using different materials.



For our RE days this term we have explored special places. We thought about the places that are special to us and then explored some places of worship. We engaged in sensory stories and spent time exploring the themes through various activities such as creating a Mosque 'gift box', making coconut barfi and tasting dates.

We would like to thank parents/carers for all of their support this year and hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday!

Thank you,

Katrina, Melody, Caity, Gemma & Brandon

Spode 2

Wow Spode 2! I can't believe we are already at the end of the school year, and what a wonderful year it has been.

Our topic this term has been transport, which has been filled with lots of fun activities. The children have all really enjoyed exploring the different types of transport as well as holidays both in the UK and abroad. The children have enjoyed looking at the weather and what we might use different types of transport for.

Everyone has really amazed us in PSHE this half term. We have worked hard on our independence skills, and the children have really improved with their dressing skills after swimming. We have had a lovely trip to Tesco, and the children have all been exploring how to wash dishes and share with their peers. Everyone has been eager to increase their independence too, working on their face washing, toileting and tooth brushing.



This half term we have enjoyed two different sensory stories; 'We all Go Travelling By' and 'The Big Blue Train'. The children demonstrated excellent listening skills for both stories and really enjoyed to explore all of the different sensory props. During our maths sessions, we have covered many different areas; developing our counting skills, colour sorting and measuring using the scales. All of the children have worked hard during their English lessons too, and we are so impressed with how their mark making and fine motor skills have improved. We have also done lots of work on our phonics, reading and communication. We really are so proud of how the children in Spode 2 have improved in all areas of their communication and problem-solving skills!



This term we have enjoyed some visits to the sensory spectacular, creative team day, and a wonderful trip to runway visitor park at Manchester airport. All of the children had a lovely Mental Health and Well-Being Day, where we had fun connecting with our peers. It was wonderful to share the children's achievements with you all, and I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed seeing what the children had been up to over the last year in Spode 2. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you again for all of the support you have given us this year, we are very lucky to have such wonderful children and parents in Spode 2. We are so incredibly proud of all the children in Spode 2, and are very grateful for the wonderful year we have had.

Have a lovely six weeks off!

Lucie, Katie, Jenny and Kayleigh

Wedgwood 1

This term has flown by in Wedgwood 1 and all the children have settled into being back in school.

We have done lots of exciting activities and learning about lots of different things.

In Science, we have learnt about 'Everyday materials'. The children learnt the different vocabulary used to describe different materials e.g. transparent, translucent and opaque and then tested materials properties for themselves. The children particularly enjoyed building their own waterproof shelters and then testing if they worked (only one shelter prevented a teddy from getting wet).

Recently the children have been learning about 'Habitats and keeping them safe'. The children have learnt about the different features that habitats need to have for animals to survive there and different ways in which we can help to them safe.



Our topics this term have been 'Types of Pollution' and 'Sustainable travel now and in the future'.

Whilst learning about 'Types of pollution'. The children could identify ways in which pollutants can harm us and our environments and began to explore how we can reduce pollution.

When learning about 'Sustainable travel now and in the future.' The children have learnt different transports over time and began to order them on a timeline. The children have also learnt about future ideas for forms of transport that will reduce pollution.



Whilst covering this topic the children learnt about other forms of power sources for cars. The children tested wind powered cars from thrust (balloon powered) or wind powered. The children then worked in small groups to design and then make their own cars. They then enjoyed testing their design and verbally evaluating what they could adapt to improve their cars.

All of the children have had a fantastic year in Wedgwood 1. We are all very proud of their achievements.

Have a good summer.

Steph, Jas, Zoe, Elaine and Clare



Wedgwood 2 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy year in Wedgewood 2 and it has been so great to see the children progress so well. The children have made great progress over the year and I know I speak for all the staff when I say how proud we all are of them. This has been another hectic term with lots of exciting events and activities.

This term we have enjoyed exploring the two stories of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and 'Tiddler'. The children have really enjoyed these stories, especially Tiddler and the progress that they have made in their fine motor and book handling skills through the stories and our other sessions has been great to see. In our Maths activities, we have enjoyed exploring Numicon at the Seaside and the children have loved engaging in water and sand play with a range of counting and shape based activities related to this.

In Topic we have really enjoyed exploring the seaside through a range of activities including exploring the Victorian seaside, looking at seaside habitats and looking at a range of sea creatures. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sensory Spectacular 'The Turtle's Tale'. The children really enjoyed engaging with this throughout the week and it was lovely to see those who joined us.

This half term we have enjoyed exploring Morocco for Cultural Studies week and the children really enjoyed engaging in our sensory story. We also enjoyed creating artwork related to Morocco and exploring Islam. The children loved our exploration of the Sahara desert and Atlas Mountains, finding and creating through art the animals that live there.

In Physical Development we have enjoyed exploring parachute games and continue to use the soft play and sensory diet room to develop our gross motor skills. The sports day was a great success and the children were fantastic. Thank you to everyone who came, it was lovely to see you all.

Overall, it has been a very busy but very fun half term and it has been lovely to get out and about with the children, especially on our community walks. We very much look forward to welcoming our new teacher Sian Jones in September and are sure that she will settle well into the class. Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September!

Wedgewood 2 team



Summer Term Music



Choir has continued to build and it has been great to be involved in the secondary show this summer. Choir is open to all the pupils across the school and everyone is welcome. This term we have some new members from our primary classes which is wonderful, especially as we will very sadly be losing some year 11's who have been in the choir for many years. They will be missed.

Pupils in Progression and Functional pathways enjoyed a visit from Key Strings in cultural studies week learning about the history of music and where the instruments came from, linked to our Morocco theme.

In their music lessons all the pupils have continued to work really hard in music this term, creating some great music as they continue to develop their musical knowledge and ability.

Paragon 1 have worked hard thinking about how to play the instruments in different ways to create some soundscapes for the weather and summertime.



Bridgewater 1 went walking with some dinosaurs, creating some great rhythmic patterns on our big drums.

Gladstone 1 and 2 have enjoyed going exploring this term, thinking about making sounds for an adventure, ending up at a rainforest. They have loved exploring different sounds for the animals and insects and playing loudly and quietly to create the right effects.



Wedgwood 1 and Minton 2 have used their topic of ECO Earth to create some interesting music. Wedgwood created music using found sounds, making their own instruments out of junk and creating some fabulous improvisations. Minton 2 wrote their own ECO song and started to use the keyboards to read music to play some tunes.

Minton 1 have used our instruments to create sound poems for different weathers and transport. They have enjoyed playing in different ways to create the right effects.



The engagement and multisensory pupils have enjoyed some great musical stories, creating sounds to represent the characters.



Doulton 1 and **Spode 1** used instruments for nursery rhymes and going for a walk in the woods with the 3 bears. **Doulton 2** and **Spode 2** went on lots of journeys using the drums to go walking, running and skipping, creating different rhythm patterns and playing loudly and quietly.



Paragon 2, Bridgewater 2, Coalport 1 and **Coaplor 2** have been to the sea, using sounds to represent being on a pirate ship and then under the sea, cleaning up the seabed of all the rubbish so the fish have a nicer place to live. We created loud sounds and rhythms using some junk materials and quiet sounds on our beautiful metal instruments.



Wedgwood 2 and Coalport 3 went for a journey around the world, exploring instruments and music from the Caribbean, Brazil, Mexico, India and Africa. They also went on a fantasy journey to Where the wild things are, creating some great sound effects for the wild things.



Maple went off to Morrocco for their music exploring the sights, sounds and instruments. They then came home to create some traditional summer folk music using our soundbeam as well as percussion to accompany our song.

All in all it has been another busy term, and school year. But as always it has been so wonderful sharing and creating music with your children. I look forward to creating some more musical adventures with them in the next school year and wish all those leaving us to begin their own new adventures lots of luck and best wishes.



Have a lovely summer

Lorraine

KEMBALL'S END OF YEAR ECO NEWSLETTER

Message from eco-coordinator

"I just want to say a big thank you to all the pupils, staff and families that have supported us this year with all our eco work and fundraising"

Marine

We have had lots of success with our marine actions this year. We have reduced our plastic waste at lunch time and **banned single use cups** in the dinner hall and water fountain.



We also raised **£1234.70** at the **eco Christmas fair** with our no plastic, or recycled only plastic theme and raised awareness with our posters.

The **Turtles Troubles Sensory Spectacular** for engagement and multisensory pathways was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Pupils were immersed in a sensory show about a turtle and plastic pollution.

School Grounds

During the Summer term some of our eco committee visited Trentham Garden Centre and chose **indoor plants** for all the classrooms.



Energy

A special thank you to our **energy monitors**, Jacob, Rosie, Courtney and Kerry for monitoring our energy use round school and reminding classes to switch off screens and lights when not in use.



During the summer term all classes have taken part in an **energy free day** to raise awareness of the energy we use and how we can conserve it. Classes worked more outdoors to maximise natural light and found alternatives to technology.

Other News

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the May half term **eco bingo** and well done to the winners; Olivia (D1), Matilda (M1), Alesha (M2) and Sebastian (S2).



Minton 2 have been working hard this half term for their topic Eco Earth. They have been for a walk in the local community looking for environmental issues and have written to the local MP who replied thanking them. They also did a cake sale to raise money for Greenpeace.



Functional classes have also been working hard learning about their topic 'Our Planet'. They have learned about renewable energy, created their own countryside code and made some eco art. They have grown vegetables

Statement from eco member

"We went to Trentham Garden Centre. I really enjoyed making new friends and being responsible for choosing plants for our classrooms" Lulu - R1

Summer Holiday Hint and Tips

- 1. Marine:** Keep hydrated with a reusable water bottle, minimizing single-use plastic waste
- 2. Energy:** Harness the power of the sun by drying your clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- 3. Transport:** consider incorporating active travel into your daily routine. By choosing to walk, cycle, or use other forms of active transportation, you can make a positive impact on both your health and the environment.
- 4. Water:** reuse water from paddling pools for your garden plants.

