



Handforth Grange Primary School Newsletter

Term Time Holidays

If you are planning a term time holiday, please be aware that we cannot authorise term time holidays and a request form MUST be completed, term time holidays are subject to a fine from Cheshire East Council.

Nut Free School

Please can we remind parents we are a nut free school. Please avoid sending in snacks and lunchboxes with items containing nuts, this includes peanut butter, Nutella items, and crepes containing hazelnut spread.

School Dates

- Monday 6th November – School re-opens after half term
- Thursday 7th November - Parents evening 1:30-7:30pm
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need
- Tuesday 3rd December –KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal (school to watch)
- Wednesday 4th December – KS1 afternoon show
- Thursday 5th December - Influenza nasal vaccines
- Thursday 5th December – KS1 evening show
- Friday 6th December – KS2 Christingle at St Chad's
- Tuesday 10th December – Reception Nativity Dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 11th December – Reception nativity 9am
- Thursday 12th December – Nursery Sing along
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13th December – Reception Nativity 2pm
- Monday 16th December – Carols by candle light (grandparent's showing)
- Tuesday 17th December – Carols by candle light (6pm)
- Wednesday 18th December – Carols by Candlelight (4pm)
- Wednesday 18th December – Jingle Jog
- Friday 20th December – Singing in the paddock
- Friday 20th December – Finish for Christmas Holidays



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NURSERY



In Nursery this half term the children have been enjoying creating some loose part self-portraits using natural resources. The children were encouraged to think about how many eyes and other facial features they might need. They looked in the mirror and talked about eye and hair colour and compared the similarities and differences between each other.

During the Nursery Wellie walks the children have participated in, they have been creating more transient art in nature using things we found along the way. The task was to collect some natural items that would help us to create some muddy faces on our trees.



The children in nursery have enjoyed lots of outdoor play. Developing new skills such as throwing and catching. They have developed lots of confidence climbing and the climbing equipment.

RECEPTION



This half term Reception enjoyed going on a community bus trip to explore our local area and talk about the key features of our community.

We created fantastic self-portraits during art week, the children spoke about their features before creating their creations.



As part of Handforth gets healthy and our healthy lifestyle week, the children made healthy pizza. They were able to choose from a variety of different ingredients to create their own individual pizza.



KS1

In Maths the children have been developing their skills learning place value, addition and subtraction.



This term the children in KS1 the children have been learning about the seasons and the weather. They enjoyed discovering the wind direction on the playground.



KS1 have discussed facts about different types of animals. We discussed, fish, birds, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and insects. The children have learnt the lifecycle of a frog. They discussed terms like frog, froglet, frogspawn and tadpole, they were able to show their understanding by ordering and labelling the lifecycle.

This half term the children have been reading 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher. We created our own instructions on 'How to catch a 'Creaker' and worked on our own character and setting descriptions based around the book. LKS2 have really enjoyed reading The Creakers and their next class read will be Varjak Paw



LKS2



In R.E LKS2 have been learning about the humanism world view this term and we looked at spirituality and what people believe a soul is. We enjoyed Buddhist meditation and will continue to practice meditation throughout the year to help keep us calm.

Our activity day was amazing! The children especially loved the climbing wall and took part in all the activities.



UKS2



UKS2 were very lucky to have author Marie Basting come to school to talk to them all about her new book 'Auntie Medusa and Me'. They began by learning a bit about Marie and how she became an author, then they played a game called 'Truth or Porky Pie' where they had to say whether Greco-Roman facts were true or false (some of them were disgusting!). Then the children got up to mischief – like the characters in her stories – and made the teachers do different dances. Finally, some of the children bought Marie's book and had it signed by her right there and then!



This term UKS2 delved straight into their Ancient Greeks topic and explored lots of different stories from this culture, including Theseus & The Minotaur, Hercules, and Perseus & Medusa. They read a variety of different texts and used the books in the classroom, before getting together in groups and selecting a scene from a myth to perform to the rest of the class.

Some of the year 6 pupils were lucky enough to go and visit the residents at Oakmere Residential Home in Handforth and make poppy wreaths together. The Wreaths will form part of the remembrance parade in Handforth.



Rainbow Room

The RP's topic this half term has been 'Our World'. The children have been learning about our world through maps, sensory play, food, music, architecture and animals.



The Rainbow Room have enjoyed exploring the local nature on their park walks.

We have also been learning about animals in our science lessons and have been to see these as well. The rainbow room have been reading 'What a wonderful world' based on the song by Bob Thiele.



School News



Thank you for everyone who donated towards our harvest collection. Hope Central were very grateful and they will be donating to the local residents.

Year 4 and Year 6 developed their bike skills during their bikeability sessions. They were brilliant even in the rain!



KS1 enjoyed completing some team building challenges as part of their activity day.



KS2 had a great time on their adventure days. The children were able to use a climbing wall, participate in archery and team building games. Lots of new skills were learnt.





**Have A
Wonderful
Half Term**

School Re- opens Monday 4th November 2024