



### Headteacher News

Well, it has been a half term full of change and challenge! After welcoming back all pupils on 8th March, we have enjoyed the chatter of pupil voices and settling back into school life. We have continued to maintain all COVID protocols yet despite our best efforts, have needed to isolate several classes in recent weeks. Staff and pupils have worked hard to recover the momentum of learning and ensure pupils are progressing. Our long awaited building work nears completion and we are excited to welcome pupils into their new area. We continue to sing on the yard on a Friday and our Key Stage One pupils are such great singers I am hoping to start a Key Stage One choir! New York pupils continue to make us proud every day and have shown great resilience and positivity during some challenging times. A fine example of this are our Year 6 pupils, who suffered the disappointment of a long awaited outward bound residential visit to Robinwood being cancelled the night before. They embraced 3 days of outdoor activity, planned and designed by school staff. Year 6 did this with a smile on their faces, determined to make the best of an unfortunate situation. I am hugely PROUD of them.

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is \_\_\_\_ which is slightly below our target of 96.5%.

W/C	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
26/04	97.2%	2BK	99%
03/05	97.8%	2BK & 4BE	100%
10/05	95.1%	3GL	98%
17/05	93.3%	2BK	100%



## Class homework sites

This half term we have sent out links to our homework sites, as well as providing hard copies of homework each week. Our hope is that this makes homework a smoother and easier process at home and children can still complete their weekly tasks, even if they have lost their sheet. All homework links are available on the school website or below:

Nursery - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/nursery-homework-site/home>

Reception - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/reception-homework/home>

Year 1 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/year-1-summer/week-3?authuser=0>

Year 2 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/year-two-summer/1-dragons/home?authuser=0>

Year 3 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/year3homework/home?authuser=0>

Year 4 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/year4homework>

Year 5 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/meerkats-homework-6/week-7?authuser=0>

Year 6 - <https://sites.google.com/newyorkprimaryschool.org/year6spring2week2/home>

## Uniform

From the start of the summer term it was expected that all pupils wear full school uniform once again. (We had relaxed rules slightly up to this point). The uniform policy can be found in the School Prospectus on the website.

An extract from this is below.

*What a child wears to school reflects their attitude to learning. It portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values.*

- *Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
- *White polo shirt or blouse*
- *Grey trousers, pinafore or skirt with black tights*

*Black school shoes - please note coloured trainers may not be worn as a school shoe. Summer uniform of blue checked dress, polo shirt and shorts.*

# Annual Active Mile

On Friday 30th April the whole school, joined in with many other schools across the country to take part in our annual active mile. We ran, walked, skipped and jumped our way around the field, showing excellent teamwork and resilience. We loved cheering on our friends from different year groups.



## Great Science Share

On June 15th 2021, schools across the country will be taking part in the Great Science Share. Professor Brian Cox is opening the virtual event and children at New York have been submitting their questions for the scientist. What would you ask Professor Brian Cox if you had the chance?  
Email your suggestions to your class teacher!



Professor Brian Cox

## Year 5 Science

In Year 5, children are in the process of watching their caterpillars grow! We have been learning about the life cycles of different animals and one child asked how caterpillars turn to butterflies so we are going to watch the process in our classroom. We have loved watching them grow and shed their skin (exoskeleton). We are looking forward to seeing them change into their chrysalis form!



## Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 have been enjoying swimming lessons weekly at Tynemouth Pool this half term. It is fantastic to see the progress the children have made in such a short period of time.

The children say:

“The best part about swimming is jumping in.” Rosie.

“My favourite part of going swimming was learning to do the rocket.”  
Isaac.

“I like swimming very much, I would like to be a lifeguard when I am older.” - Dray

“I have enjoyed jumping into the big pool and swimming 100m.” Evie.

## Jamie Knight Football Freestyler

On 29th April, Jamie Knight, one of the world's top professional freestyle footballers, came into school to teach us the skills of Freestyle Football. Children were inspired while watching his skills and then took part in a workshop, learning ways to do the techniques. Children couldn't wait to have a practise at home!



## Year 3 & 4 Skip4Fit



On 5th May, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Skipping workshop with Skip4Fit. This year, Year 4 were unable to take part in the annual North Tyneside Skipping Festival therefore it was great for them to be able to practice some of the skills with the coaches.

## SKIP4FIT WORKSHOP

Year 3 enjoyed learning new skills ready for the hopeful return of the Skipping Festival next year!



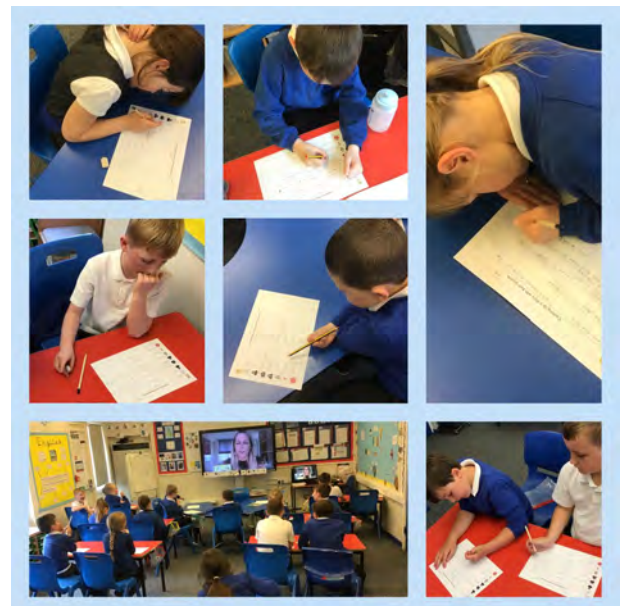
## Year 2 Author Event

We were lucky enough to join Rashmi Sirdeshpande for a live workshop where she told us all about what it is like to be an author. We discussed two of her books- How to change the world and How to be extraordinary. We learnt some important skills about being an author then wrote facts about Roald Dahl in the style of her book.



## Year 3 & 4 Author Event

On 4th May, Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in an author workshop with Ruth Quayle. She shared the first chapter of her latest book, Peril at the Bake Off and talked to pupils about how she became a writer. As a child, she loved reading and often takes inspiration from stories she has read. We all enjoyed 'cooking up a story' with her, linking our stories to food just like Peril at the Bake Off!



## Year 5 & 6 Author Event

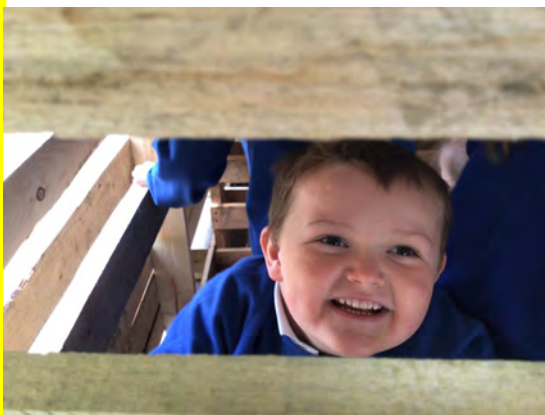
On 19th May, Year 5 and 6 attended a virtual talk by author, Helen Dennis, and were able to hear her story about how she became inspired by her Year 6 teacher to become a writer. Her books are all about mysteries and cracking codes, inspired by real-life events. Children in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to crack some codes of their own. We learnt how to read clues in words as well as clues in pictures - showing the importance of reading, even if letters aren't involved!



## Foundation Stage Outdoor Area

You may have noticed some exciting changes in our outdoor environment in the Foundation Stage. We have been planning these for a long time and it is wonderful to finally see the children enjoying these wonderful additions to our outdoor area. Our focus when redesigning the outdoors was to give children every opportunity to develop their language and communication, imagination, collaboration and teamwork alongside our independence. We are not fully finished as we have stages 4 and 5 to complete before the summer holidays and hopefully we can have an official big reveal very soon!

Our children think it is:



Amazing! We love the hut - we can listen to the birds tweeting and singing to each other - Charlie

I like watering our new flowers, there's lots they will grow really big- Freya





## 30 Hours and 2YO

This term our topic has been all about Under the Sea, we have enjoyed reading a selection of books such as; Rainbow fish, Mister Seahorse and Sharing a Shell. The children have enjoyed linking our topics of Messy Monday, Tasty Tuesday and our other fun days around the books and creating some wonderful art pieces, which we have displayed in our classroom. We are continuing to learn more about our fabulous Ocean the rest of this term, look out on Twitter for more pictures.



## Nursery

This half term we are linking our learning to Space. We have enjoyed reading for pleasure in our dark den, looking up at the stars and planets. We also had a go at astronaut mark making under the table!



## Reception



This half term we have been exploring Space. First we blasted off to the moon with Baby Bear in Whatever Next. When we landed back on Earth we made our very own Rocket Mice and tried to send them to the Moon!

## Year 1

This half term we are learning all about the Seaside. We have been reading *The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch* in English and we set our Owls and Bears a homework challenge to create their own lighthouse or to find out information about St Mary's Lighthouse. Did you know that St Marys Lighthouse is 46m tall and has 137 steps?



## Year 2

Our topic this half term is 'Dragons' and we have been learning the features to write our own finding tale based on the story of Kassim and the Dragon. We have loved our art unit this half term where we have further developed our sketching skills to design and create our own dragon eyes using clay. We have also learnt lots about different types of animation and created our own 2D animation and stop motion animations.



## Year 3

This half term we have started our learning on the Anglo-Saxons. So far we have learned about settlements and the reasons they chose to settle in different parts of England. In English we have read the story of Beowulf, which was originally a poem written up in Anglo-Saxon times and then retold over hundreds of years. We then innovated our own conquering the monster stories. In art we have been looking closely at Anglo-Saxon cross sculptures and how the patterns were created in stone. We have designed and made our own cross sculptures, trying to recreate some of the patterns.



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## Year 4

In Year 4, we have been learning about Living Things and Habitats in Science. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting woodlands to search for invertebrates in our local environment. We were concerned to find that there were not many bees therefore we have been thinking about how we could attract bees to our field and woodland area.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about 'Amazing Africa' this half term. Children have learnt about the events of the Apartheid and the role that Nelson Mandela played in ending this. Year 5 have shown empathy when thinking about how children living in South Africa must have felt during these times and have related this to our class book, 'Journey to Jo'burg'.

In Art, we have explored the artwork of Paul Goldstein who takes photographs of African animals - we are in the process of creating our own watercolour versions of these.



## Year 6

In Year 6, we have been learning about the Battle of Britain and other significant events in WW2. We enjoyed learning about the Wilkinson's Lemonade Factory Disaster in North Shields and wrote some fantastic newspaper reports. As well as this, we have used local maps of New York to plot where bombs were dropped and how our local area has changed since 1945. We were also thrilled with the efforts that children made in completing their air raid shelters for our project homework.



## Dates for your Diary

26th-28th May - Year 6 New York Wood—outdoor 3 day event  
28th May - Pupils break up for half term  
7th June - Pupils return for final summer half term  
8, 9, 10 June - Parent Consultations—please sign up  
15th June - The Great Science Share Day  
21st June - 25th June - STEM week  
7th July - In-school Summer Festival  
16th July - Last day of Summer term