



Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL



September 2022

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous start to the term we have had! Year 5 have visited Kentwell Hall on their Tudor trip, Year 1 have been learning about action words, clubs have started and our first share afternoon has taken place. We have been exploring the idea of fairness in our assemblies which has then been followed up back in the classroom. The children are all studying a new power of reading book (try asking them which book they are reading) and we are deepening the challenge in our Maths lessons.

Our new school development plan is focussing on 4 Key areas:

- To ensure equality and equity across the school community
- To ensure there is diversity across the curriculum in all subjects
- To improve the use and understanding of punctuation and grammar
- To increase the opportunity for challenge in Mathematics

After half term we will be holding an open evening where we can share our school priorities and enable parents to gain a better understanding of how we teach. There will also be our Autumn term parent consultation evenings on November 1st and 2nd. Mrs Leeks will also be holding SEND coffee mornings. Together with Dojo and parent mail I really hope this enables better communication between home and school but if you feel we could improve further then please let us know.

Mrs J Dedicoat

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER THE 19TH

Back by popular demand is our Fancy Dress Dale Hall Fun Run. This year we will be raising money for the school AND for Elizabeth Hospice.

Owlbert, our wonderful Dale Hall Owl will be there to watch the children having fun running round the field dressed as well...whatever they like!

All you need to do is ask family and friends to sponsor your child per lap. They will be running around the school field for 15 minutes. We run in year groups and try and run as many laps as possible in the time given.



We have decided that we would like to provide the children with outdoor exercise equipment to help maintain fitness levels and as a way of burning some of that excess energy!



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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

September has been a brilliant month for our Reception children who have made their first steps in their school journey. We had a great time welcoming the children and their family members to our stay and play sessions before they started full time. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school and how they are already so engaged in their play. We have been focusing on learning behaviours and independence and have been teaching the children some of our important routines, such as 'Choose it, use it, put it away' to help the children to learn how to respect our space and take ownership of their classrooms. We have already seen the confidence and resilience of many of the children grow, especially during social times of the day and when using equipment such as the rope swing!



Year One

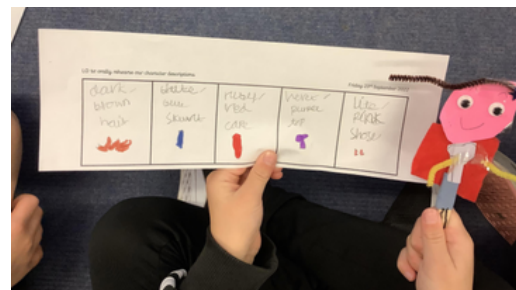


We are very proud of how well all the Year 1 children have settled into their new classes and the fantastic learning they have completed already! This term, the Jolly Postman delivered us a special book all about fairytale characters who he delivers letters to. The children have also been learning about the 5 senses in Science, and have particularly enjoyed exploring their sense of hearing in choosing time, where they have been busy making different musical instruments.



Year Two

We have been so proud of how well Year 2 have settled into their new classes. They have been busy learning all about Ed Sheeran and our local area as well as starting our Power of reading text 'Traction Man'. The children have created scenes from the story/ The children have even found time to create their own Traction man puppets which they used to orally rehearse expanded noun phrases to use in a character description.



Year Three

Year 3 have made a great start to life in Key Stage 2! We've begun our topic which is 'Down the drain' with some exciting science lessons. We followed the journey of what goes down our toilet and can give you advice on what you should and should not be flushing!

Our power of reading text is 'Krindlekrax' and we have already written as Ruskin and Corky. We've tackled number lines and partitioning so far in our place value block in maths.

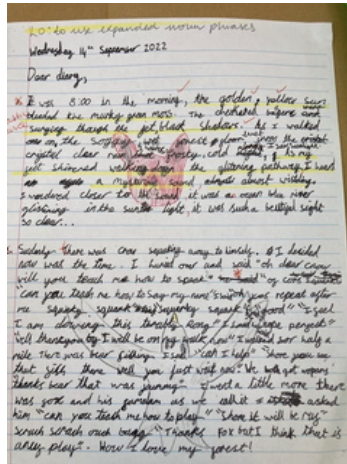
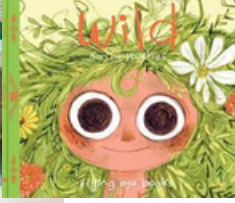
In PE we have had some exciting football lessons with Mr Catchpole and Miss Watts and some great Tag Rugby lessons with Mr Hatcher.

A great start to the new academic year.



Year Four

In year 4 we have been exploring the setting and environment of our new class story Wild. We have transformed our classrooms to magical woodlands and used this to inspire our own interpretations of David Hockney woodland art.



Year Five

What a fantastic start to the term we have had in year 5. The children have all settled into their classes and are keen to learn.

We started the term by introducing our new topic – The Tudors. In Panthers' class, we have been busy creating stained glass windows and chandeliers to give our classroom the feel of a Tudor banqueting hall. In Tigers, we have been immersing ourselves into Tudor life through roll play and drama. This is all in preparation for our year group trip to Kentwell Hall, which we can't wait to share with you in the next newsletter. In science we have been looking at forces, such as gravity and resistance. To demonstrate these forces, we have been making parachutes to help Lego characters reach the ground safely!

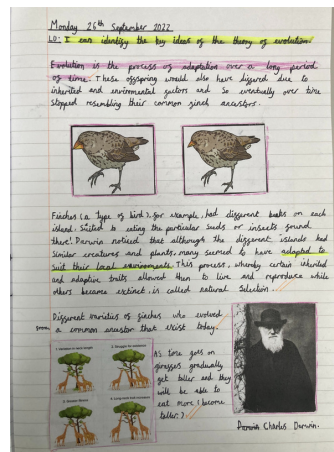


Year Six

What a wonderful start to the year for Year 6! The whole year group has started the term full of enthusiasm and with a fantastic attitude! Many of our pupils have applied, interviewed and been offered various jobs and responsibilities around the school. Those that have already started have done so with great maturity. It's great to see the positive effect they are having on some of the younger pupils across the school.

We are slowly immersing ourselves in our topic of explorers. We have considered journeys we have taken in our lives, begun reading about Ernest Shackleton and his journey, studied famous explorers from history and grasped an understanding of different hazardous environments, particularly Antarctica.

We have also been creating repeated patterns in art, learning about evolution in science and playing Tag Rugby in P.E!



Message from the Deputy Head

Hello everyone, It has been so lovely being back at school properly this term and I cannot believe that we are already coming towards the end of September. Last week Mrs Morris and I did a whole school learning walk and I was quite honestly blown away by what we saw. In every classroom I was met with settled, happy pupils who were excited and ready to learn. The learning behaviours were truly impressive and it did not feel like I was doing a walk in only the second week of term. We have some brilliant topics across the school this term and I am so excited that we have been able to bring back Share sessions too.

Mrs Spalding



Thank you so much for the amazing flowers that you have helped to create with your children. They really look so beautiful and bring so much colour as the nights draw in.