



Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A message from the Headteacher

March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

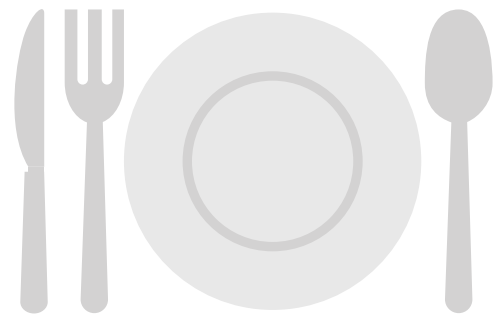
It is hard to believe that we are nearly in April- this year really has flown by. This has been a difficult term to navigate for the children, with staff and pupil absence at an all time high. This, coupled with the war in the Ukraine has added to the worries of our children so we have been putting a huge emphasis on children's well-being. We have enabled the children to explore ways they can help themselves, by asking questions, developing relaxation techniques and talking to each other.

I believe this has been a very difficult start to the year for all of the community and with inflation and costs rising, this in turn adds to the pressures we all face. Please contact us if you are experiencing any additional difficulties, however small, so that we can support you and your family in this challenging time. Clair, our family liaison officer is available to offer advice, support and our senior leadership team can often access additional funding or financial help where needed. Please contact the office to arrange a phone call or message us via Dojo directly.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs J Dedicoat



Thank you to everyone that entered the competition. The entries were so wonderful we have had to choose one from each class to combine into an overall design.



Our new style school dinners are really having an impact. We are seeing hardly any waste, the children have so much more choice and everything is cooked from scratch using local ingredients.

If your child has not tried a school dinner yet why not choose one of their favourites and let them try it for themselves?

Thank you so much for the clothes you have donated to the refugees fleeing the war in the Ukraine. They will be picked up on Friday 1st of April by Mr Cottey and I will keep you updated as to when they arrive at their destination.



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This Month's Highlights

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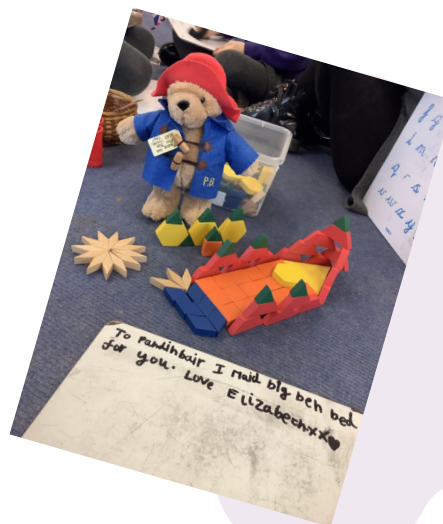


In EYFS we have enjoyed reading “The Gigantic Turnip.” We thought about all the vegetables we like to eat and decided to make a soup like the people in the story. The children wrote shopping lists for the vegetables we would need and then made soup. It was lots of fun and tasted delicious. After we had made it we thought carefully about what we had done and wrote instructions together for someone else to use, the children carried this on in their own learning time by making books.

Year One

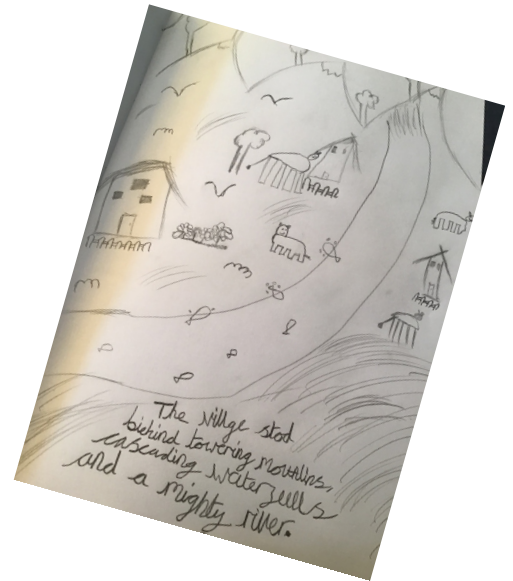
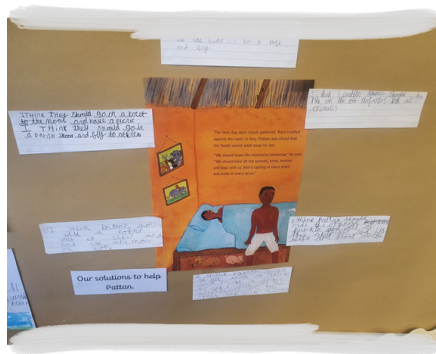


We have rounded up our topic of ‘around the world’ with a special visit from Paddington Bear. The children enjoyed learning about the UK, and particularly enjoyed exploring England’s capital, London. In Science, we have been identifying signs of spring and enjoyed a beautiful walk around the school grounds. We even found a bird’s nest in the forest school!



Year Two

This term Year 2 have been exploring the flood story of Pata's pumpkin. The children responded to the text by drawing images which were described by the author. They thought about solutions to offer Pata when the flood began. As well as being an illustrator and sketching images, colour mixing and finally their final painting. In science the children have been learning about the life cycle of plants and how to care for plants. The children have also really enjoyed learning about famous landmarks and representing their favourite ones in different ways



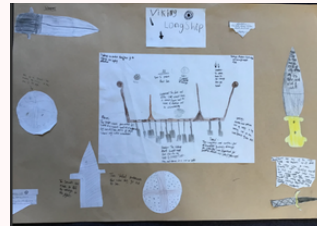
Year Three

It's been a jam packed half term in year 3! We were incredibly lucky and excited to welcome A.F Harrold down to our classrooms to speak with us about his poetry and writing skills. We used his visit to create our very own Advice-a-tron 216!

We've also been creating some wonderful art work whilst looking at our power of reading book 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. We've used chalk and pastels to create cave paintings as well as using our fingers to form magical Millipedes.

Finally, we have written a persuasive text to encourage people to visit the Stone Age. So make sure you grab a time machine and enjoy one of the Volcano powered jacuzzis!





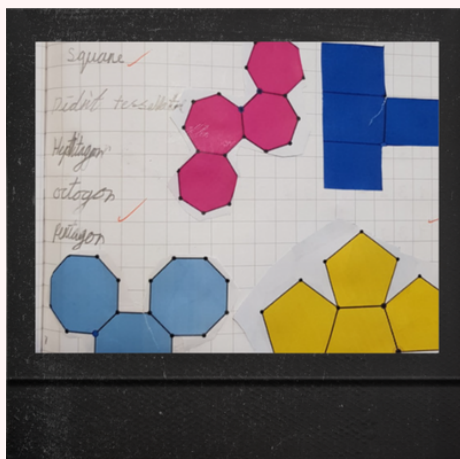
In Year 4, we have immersed ourselves into our new Power of Reading book *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children have been very creative decorating the classrooms which look amazing including a scrap metal heap, chains, cogs and the iron man himself!

In history we are continuing learning about the Vikings and we have been working in groups to create exhibits for a Viking exhibition.



Year Five

In Year 5 we have been investigating the 'Golden Age' of Islam. We began by using accounts from the time to create our own maps of 10th Century Baghdad - we were pleasantly surprised and proud of how accurate they were. We have also explored Islami art, especially the use of tessellation which we investigated in maths and ICT. We are really looking forward to our visit to Ipswich Mosque next week.



Year Six

Our Power of Reading book, 'The Other Side of Truth' has been the basics for lots of fantastic learning this month. We have created incredibly emotive poems and turned chapters of our story into play-scripts! The setting of the story continues to inspire beautiful artwork in Year 6 – we have been so impressed with the creativity and thoughtful designs the children have produced. Our new topic in Science is Electricity. We have been investigating how different components of electrical circuits work.



A message from the Acting Deputy Head

Easter is approaching and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine throughout March. We are so fortunate to have so much beautiful outdoor space and there is always a real buzz around school when the children are out there.

This half term, we have been able to relaunch the lunchtime clubs and I am pleased to be able to report these have been very successful. Many of the teachers and support staff are running clubs ranging from spikeball to coding and from relaxation to stories and games. The clubs have been very popular and most days we have seen up to 90 children attending them! I have spoken to many of the children who have been attending the clubs and it has been so lovely to hear their positive comments.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for more sunshine over the coming weeks!

Mrs Morris



Mrs Bray, our wonderful lollipop lady is leaving her post after 10 years. She has made the roads a safer place to cross and helped so many of us over the years. Luckily, she is increasing her role with us and is now our librarian and senior midday supervisor.