



Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



May 2023

Building Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been packed with opportunities, school trips, sporting achievements and assessments. The children have shown how resilient they have become and how much they relish a challenge!

Our children have really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone this term by asking more questions, having a go (our have a go challenges support this) and going back to improve their work. This is how we learn, by editing, redrafting, trying things in different ways and asking for support or advice from our teachers and friends. The teachers have all commented on how far the children have come. We are just as proud of the small steps as well as the giant leaps because it is moving forward that counts.

After half term we will be taking part in more sporting events, the Year 6 children will be attending their residential at Thorpe Woodlands and treating us to a school play and we will all come together again for sports day. We will also be supporting the children with transition in to their new classes with visits, drop ins and time with their new teacher. There will also be an opportunity for you to visit them once again in class via our parent open afternoon. More details to follow from the individual class teachers as to timings etc.

To finish the term your child will receive their school report which will detail attendance, provide assessment data and a final written statement celebrating all their strengths. It just remains for me to wish you all a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th of June.

Mrs J Dedicoat

We have now received confirmation that that all the proposed building work on the school will go ahead. To begin with, our roofs will be replaced, starting in July. This means there will be some disruption to classrooms but we will try to keep that to a minimum.

The second phase will be the roof compartments. This will start in the kitchen during the summer holidays. Some of our kitchen equipment will be replaced , including new ovens.

The third part is the most exciting!

The Dome will be knocked down during the summer holidays and be replaced with a new sports hall, complete with toilets, changing rooms and kitchen. This means by the end of summer 2024 we will be able to play sport all year round. We will also be able to use the building for before and after school clubs as well as lettings.

This has been in the pipeline for 5 years and I am so delighted that the school will finally have the facilities to support our superb sporting offers.

Jewellery and accessories

Please can you make sure your children are not coming to school with any jewellery, necklaces or rings. We do have a strict policy on stud earrings only please- if we see any other items we will confiscate them and return them to you on the playground at the end of the day. Please can you support us with this moving forward.

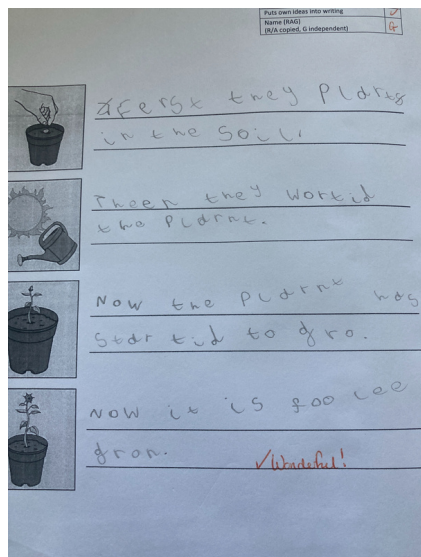
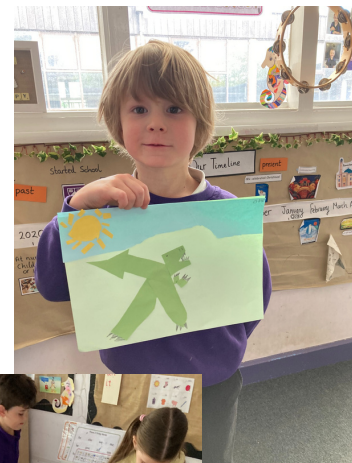


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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

In Reception we have been busy exploring all things growing. Using our Power of Reading text, Jack and The Beanstalk, we have been using our imaginations to create our own giants and think about what is at the top of the beanstalk. We have also used this as inspiration to get outside and start growing plants of our own. Thank you for your donations!



Year One

Year 1 have been immersing themselves in our new Power of Reading book 'The Lonely Beast'. So far we have enjoyed making predictions and retelling the journey of his quest to find new friendships. In History we have begun our new topic on famous explorers, so far we have learnt about the lives of Charles Darwin, David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. During choosing we have enjoyed building museums to display fossils and artefacts, making our own salt dough fossils, and creating nature journals to document natural objects.



Year Two

In our Year 2 Maths lessons lately, we have been learning about time and money. We have been practising telling the time to 15 minutes and the children have enjoyed making their own clocks in choosing time. We have particularly enjoyed playing shops and using different coins to make amounts.



In English, we have been learning about dilemmas and solutions and thinking of ways to help our main character Pattan. In choosing time, the children have been bringing these solutions to life.

Year 3 have really enjoyed their recent topic of growth.

We have been looking at how plants grow, develop and the importance of each part of a plant.

We've welcomed a new book to year 3, The Green Ship by Quentin Blake. The children have thrived whilst writing narratives and non-chronological reports.

In maths, we have explored time and used Roman Numerals too. We have challenged ourselves to be able to use 'past' and 'to'.

We finished our half-term with a great trip to Christchurch park to look at human and natural geography as well as using our sketching skills to sketch a landscape.

Year Three



Year Four

In year 4 we have been enjoying exploring the Iron Man, it has been lovely dramatizing the story and considering character emotions, making predictions and retelling key events. Discussing emotions and role playing has linked nicely to help with RSHE exploring friendships.

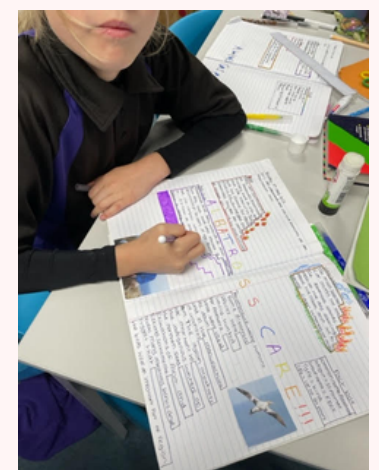
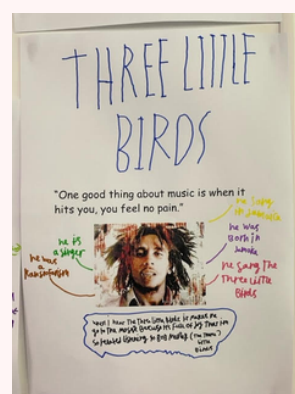
In maths we have been exploring decimals and using it in context of money and the use of clocks. If you have the time, please check how secure your child is with telling the time on an analogue clock.

In Geography we have been exploring the journey of rivers from source to sea. We have also begun to explore rivers around the world and pollution of the oceans. We will be learning how to create this in a digital format using book creator but this will be an ongoing skill we aim to develop so watch this space.



Year Five

We've had a very international half term in year 5. Our topic for this half term "Our American Friends" has taken us on a journey around North and South America, stopping off in Chile to learn about albatrosses and conservation as part of our Power of Reading text. We then travelled up to Mexico to experiment with some traditional Mexican food such as, guacamole, salsa and quesadillas - and the results were delicious! We have been learning about Bob Marley and reggae in our music lessons, we have even been learning one of his most famous songs - Three Little Birds.



Year Six

We are so proud of how hard the children worked in preparation of the SATs and their resilience during the week of the tests. They gave it their absolute best and should be incredibly proud of themselves too! Following these, we have managed to spend a little bit of time just recuperating and spending time together doing other things! We enjoyed doing some baking, plenty of outdoor activities and even managed to watch the Wizard of Oz in preparation for our Year 6 production. Rehearsals are well underway for dancers and actors, props are being made and scenery is being painted! The countdown is on...



A Spotlight on...
Our Achievement leader

Mrs Allum is our achievement leader and is responsible for supporting your child to make the best progress they can. Sometimes, there can be barriers to your child's progress such as poor mental health, confidence, anxiety or problems settling in. Mrs Allum works very closely with Clair, our pastoral support leader, to ensure all the children have the right provision to thrive.

Mrs Allum also looks at our data and holds termly pupil progress meetings with the teachers so that we can identify any intervention groups that may support the learning in the classroom.

If you are worried and concerned about the progress your child is making please do still speak to the class teacher as they are the first point of contact. From there, Mrs Allum may then become involved and call you to discuss your concerns.

Finally, if there is anything you need (including resources) to help your child at home, please let Mrs Allum know via Dojo.

Message from the Deputy Head

Well here we are at the end of what has felt like a really short half term... it has been so lovely to see the sun shining and the school field full of children wearing summer dresses and shorts. This half term saw our first STEM week and I had the pleasure of leading a STEM assembly at the end of the week. I was blown away by the quality of projects both in school and at home.

I was incredibly proud of Year 6 during SAT's week, their resilience, determination and responsibility truly shone through! As well as all of the learning that has happened in school it has been lovely to see classes getting out of the building too. Year 4 have started their swimming lessons, Year 1 have been to the park to look at the structure of the park equipment and Year 3 went on a walk to explore physical and human features.

I am looking forward to Summer term and the excitement of more trips, productions, transition, sports day and so much more.

Miss Nixon