

Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This January has been packed full of learning and I hope you enjoy reading about all the things the children have achieved so far. Our staff have also been busy creating inspirational learning environments and enriching their curriculum subjects. The children have all started their new power of reading text and have been to my office to share their work many times over the last few weeks. I have really noticed how they are starting to work more independently and with such confidence. The handwriting and presentation has improved dramatically from the start of the September as we continue to ensure this is a focus in every classroom.

In February we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health week where the theme will be 'Growing Together'. This will explore growing emotionally and overcoming challenges and setbacks. We will also be talking about how to stay safe online and how to keep active and healthy - more details to follow. I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy some warmer weather,

Mrs J Dedicat

A little reminder..

I have had a few parents ask again about the bank holiday on the 18th of February 2022. SCC have asked us to use this date as schools will not benefit from the Queens Platinum Jubilee date in June. We do not have any control over this date.

January 2022



Staff News

We would like to welcome little Reggie Spalding into the world, who was born on January the 19th. Mrs Spalding and her little family are doing really well and loving spending all their time together. Huge congratulations to them from all of us.



From January.....

Mrs Morris is now our Acting Deputy Head whilst Mrs Spalding is on maternity leave.

Mrs Allum is our Assistant Head for KS2 (Mrs Goodfellow's maternity post) and Mrs Cattermole our Assistant head for KS1.

Welcome back to Miss Killeen who has returned from her maternity leave and is teaching in Tigers class with Mr Parker.

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This Month's Highlights

Reception

The temperature has dropped in EYFS as we have been learning all about penguins in Antarctica through our book 'Blue Penguin'. The children have amazed us with their knowledge, questioning, creativity and imagination. The children have shown an interest in a variety of animals which live in colder climates including Polar Bears, which we found out live in the Arctic (The North Pole with Santa!). We've been continuing to expand our learning on numbers 1 to 5 in a variety of ways this month too. The children have begun writing captions with their known sounds in phonics, remembering to segment and use finger spaces, they've even started writing letters to 'Blue Penguin' in Antarctica.



Year One



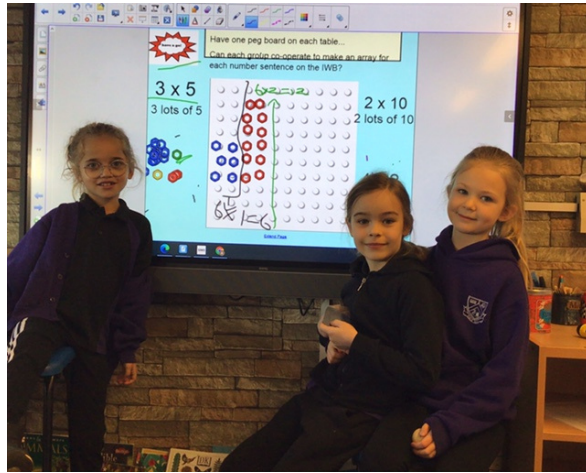
This term we have been following the journey of the snail and the whale, visiting the seven continents around the world. So far, the children have enjoyed exploring Antarctica and South America. In Art, we have been creating mixed media collages to represent the landscape of Antarctica, including the animals that live there and the Southern lights. We have also been learning about the layers of the Amazon Rainforest and exploring the animals in each of the different layers. In Science, the children have been experimenting with ice and were able to make their own predictions and perform a simple test. I wonder where the snail and the whale will take us next?

Year Two

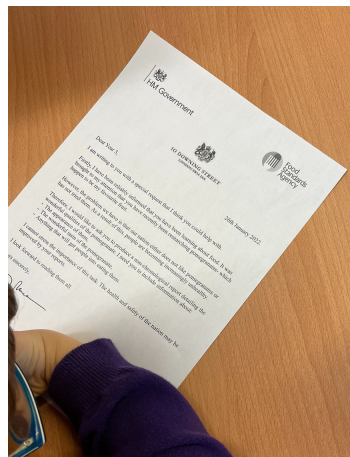
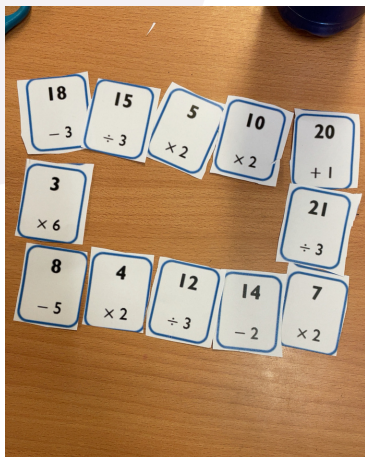
In year 2 we have been exploring woodland habitats linked to our power of reading book a Winters Sleep. The children have used the settings to develop their use of descriptive language and make links to their own experiences of these environments. In maths we have been consolidating our understanding of times tables and have just started to explore the inverse relationship of division through sharing. If you happen to enjoy a packet of sugary treats at the weekend could you explore sharing further? We would love to see some examples on Dojo.

Wednesday 18 January 2022 WALT use descriptive language to describe a setting (using our senses)

Dear hucy today i
went on a long
walk with gran
sily. After a while
I saw a fox jumping
to get a mouse in the forest.
we heard singing birds
flying. I jumped when
I saw a spider. I hope you
are well from Jimmy



Year Three



Year 3 have been continuing their work with Midnight Feasts, using the poem as a basis for a non chronological report. We even had a letter from the government.

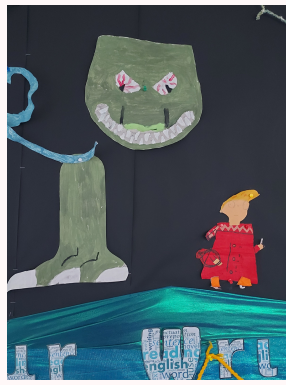
We have also been focusing on division in Maths and have applied these to lots of practical tasks.

We have also been using Midnight Feasts to create and design some recipes!



Year Four

Even though the children have only been back at school a short while, Year 4 have already immersed themselves in the exciting adventure of Arthur and the Golden Rope, researching Iceland (Arthur's home) and performing persuasive adverts.



They have made the flaming cauldron in Arthur's village and wrapped the classrooms in the golden rope that leads Arthur on his adventures.

In History and D.T, they have begun to investigate The Vikings, creating their own runes and weaving cloth.

While in Science, they have begun to examine states of matter and consider questions, such as,

'If sand pours is it a liquid?'

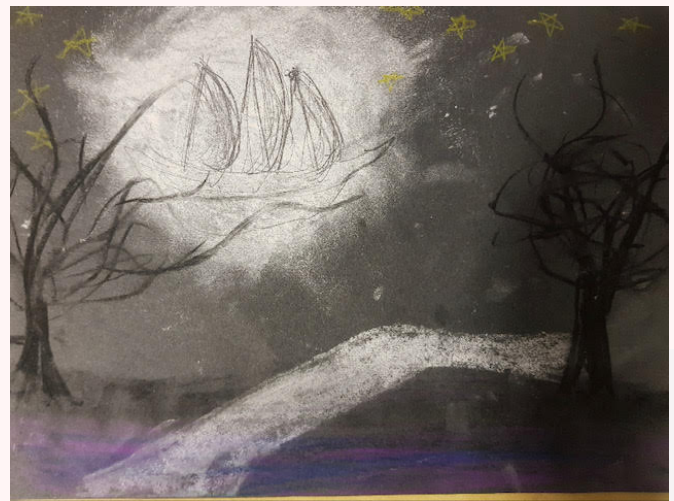
Another great start to the term Year 4!



Year Five

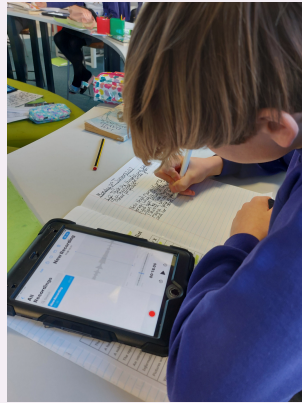
Happy New Year!

We've had a fantastic start to 2022 in year 5. The children have returned from the Christmas break enthusiastic and keen to learn. We started our new topic of Crime and Punishment and began our new Power of Reading text, The Highwayman. The children love this tale of the dashing highwayman and Bess, the landlord's daughter. We have explored the text using different mediums. The classes were asked to create a visual representation of some of the famous lines in the poem, and they amazed us with their interpretations and beautiful artwork. We have also made class dictionaries based on some of the new words that we have learnt through our reading of the text. We have now added words such as casement, rapier and galleon to our repertoires!



Year Six

Year 6 have made such a fantastic start to the new term and really impressed us with the way that they have thrown themselves back into their learning. Our new Power of Reading book, 'The Other Side of Truth' has already grabbed their attention and some fantastic writing in role as one of the main characters has been produced. We changed the normal writing process and swapped our written drafting for an oral recording with very interesting results. We have also used this text to inspire our Art lessons and have started looking at patterns in African art with a view to eventually creating some pieces using batik and, in Music, we have been thinking about African drumming and creating rhythms. some really exciting work!



A message from the Acting Deputy Head

It has been a real privilege to have stepped into the role of Acting Deputy Head this term.

Dale Hall is such a vibrant school full of exciting learning opportunities and I have loved being able to walk around and see the classrooms developing over the term.

I have been working hard on developing the provision at lunchtimes and have had a great team of people around me to help with this. We have extended the area that the EYFS and KS1 children have to play and have also had Premier Education supporting the Lower Phase lunchtime. The Midday Supervisors have undertaken training with Clair, our Thrive practitioner and I and it has been really encouraging to see the theory being put into practice. We look forward to after half term, where hopefully we will head further towards normality and our lunchtime clubs will begin again.

The weather forecast shows that there is some sun on the horizon for the weekend, so hopefully you will be able to get out and about and make the most of it.

Enjoy a restful weekend

Mrs Morris



As you know Mrs Watkins retired at the end of the summer term . She delivered a wonderful gift to the school of a wind vane- with a Dachshund on top. It looks very beautiful and regal- have a look if you get the chance. Many thanks Mrs Watkins.