



October 2022

Newsletter



Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents / Carers

What a privilege it was to attend the great adventure to Snowdonia with Year 6 children and the staff! The children were in awe of the landscape and challenged themselves throughout the week to overcome fears. They were also enabled to develop their resilience and independence at the centre, where they had to carry out various duties, such as, making their own beds, keeping their rooms tidy, setting the dining tables and clearing the mess up afterwards - it really was great to see them all muck in and look after each other. As well as this, they had to take personal responsibility for organising their kit before and after activities, which included rock climbing, mining (where the children experienced complete darkness), gorge walking, canoeing and other exciting activities. I do hope the children have managed to apply their new learnt skills at home and you now have an extra pair of willing, helping hands around the home.

I would like to take the opportunity, and I am sure you will join me, to thank all the staff who gave up time away from their own loved ones and worked around the clock from Sunday to Friday, to ensure your children could experience this great opportunity - I hope it is one they never forget! THANK YOU Mrs Theakstone / Mrs Farrow and a special mention for Ms Green, who attended the full week and organised the whole trip!

The Snowdon residential is a unique opportunity for our children in Year 6, which we have been running for 6 years now and hope to continue to run annually. We want as many children from each Year 6 cohort to attend as possible, so for future Year 6 parents please bear this in mind. We appreciate there is a cost to it, which we try to subsidise to keep as low as we can. The cost includes:

- Transport to and from Blue Peris
- Transport to and from activities
- Experienced instructors who are highly qualified and lead international expeditions and mountain rescue
- Round the clock care for your children (thanks Longthorpe staff!)
- 4 full days of adventurous activities
- Food and board for the week
- Essential clothing, including, fleeces, waterproofs, helmets, wellies and climbing shoes.
- A range of adventurous activities

A truly AMAZING adventure in a superb natural environment for your children! I cannot stress how important we feel this experience is for your children and it is such great value for money too! Compared with other providers, such as PGL, a visit to an artificial environment where they cannot replicate Snowdonia, from Monday to Friday (3 days of activity, with no clothing provided) would cost approximately £450 (this does not include coach travel costs). We are currently taking sign up from Year 5 for next year's visit - please sign your children up if you can.

I hope you found the open evenings held in school this week helpful and informative. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work in organising this and to everyone who attended.

Finally, have a great half-term break with your children!

Yours faithfully,

R McLay
Headteacher

Football Festival

This was the first event we have had in the school games this year, and this particular event was all about having fun and getting more girls involved in football. They had lots of fun and enjoyed an afternoon of playing lots of games.



MATHS

On Friday 14th October we had a whole school house maths competition. Younger children were working on number bonds and older children on their times tables. The first heats took place in the classrooms, to choose a representative for each house from each year group. Then in the afternoon the grand final was held in the hall.

The winners were:

- * Year 1 Qasim
- * Year 2 Hassan
- * Year 3 Freya
- * Year 4 Hubert
- * Year 5 Hafsa and Sadia
- * Year 6 James

Results:

4th Creative (18 fastest correct answers)

Joint 2nd Aspire and Tenacity (22 fastest correct answers)

1st Courage (29 fastest correct answers).



Reception

Reception have been working hard on their current topic, Nursery Rhymes. They have explored lots of different rhymes and have performed lots of different songs. They have especially enjoyed learning about the meaning of songs and looking at the history of them, for example, Jack and Jill. Why didn't they just use taps? What is a pail? Did Jack really wear a crown? They have ended their topic with a special nursery rhyme dress up day. We would like to thank all of the children and their parents for their amazing costumes. We had a brilliant day!



Year 1– Meet the teachers



Miss Webb– 1RW

Hello. I am Miss Webb and I work in Year 1 Discoverers Class. I am an Early Career Teacher so this is my first year of teaching and I am really enjoying it! In my free time, I enjoy kayaking, paddle-boarding, music, baking and meeting up with friends for tea and cake!



Mrs Woolhouse– 1TW

I have been a teacher for 7 years and worked in schools for 10 years. I am from Lancashire originally. I moved to London and became a teaching assistant before deciding to become a teacher. I am married and we moved to Peterborough 3 years ago to be closer to family.

I love to read, run, eat and go on long walks with my husband and dog Callie. I am very excited to join the Longthorpe family :)

Year 1 and Year 2

Children have enjoyed learning about real life superheroes and we have concluded our learning about a recent famous superhero; Captain Sir Tom Moore. We have learned about his amazing efforts to raise over £30 million during the COVID-19 pandemic for the NHS.

Children will be emulating Captain Tom and performing a sponsored walk around our school field to raise money for the charity 'Above and Beyond'.

Through the children's fundraising, we have raised £239.49. We would like to say a special well done to Navraj who raised £100!!!

If you still wanted to donate, please click on the below link:

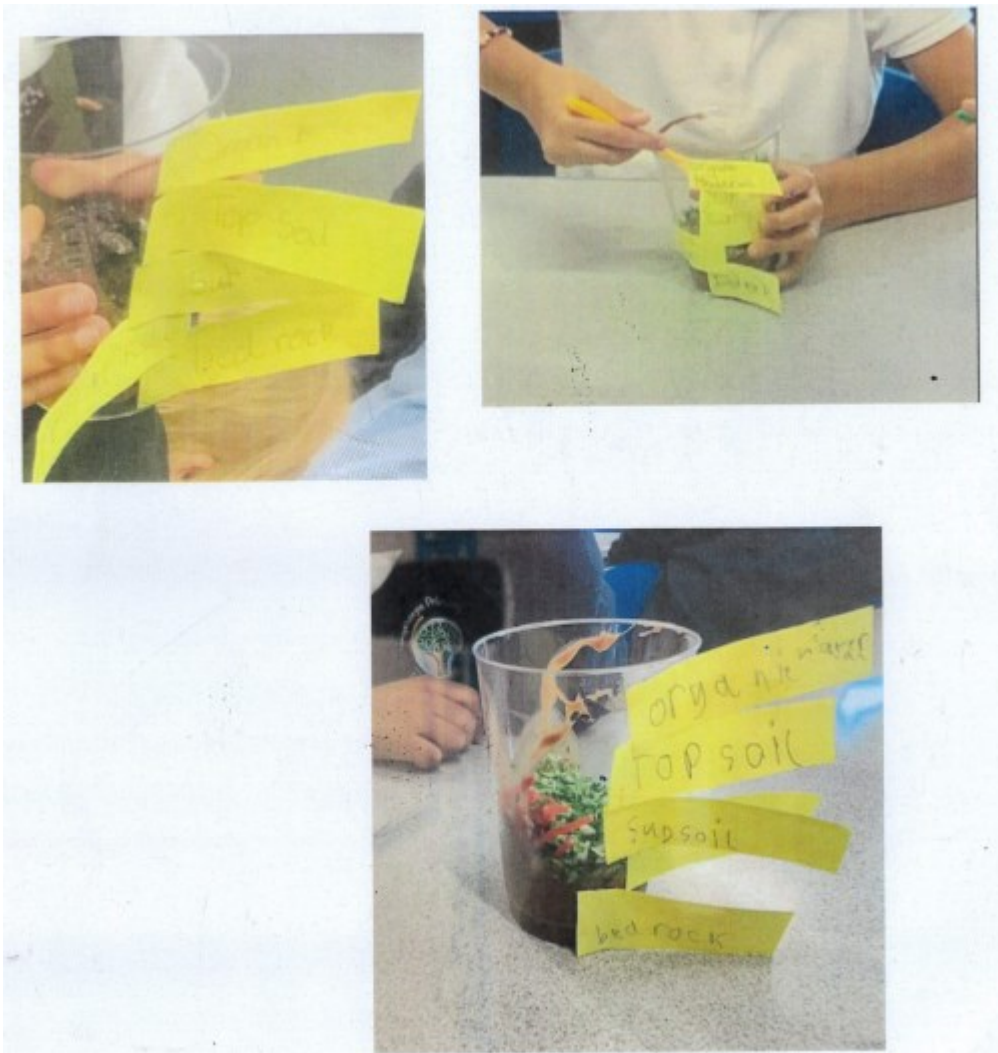
The Captain Tom Foundation



Year 3

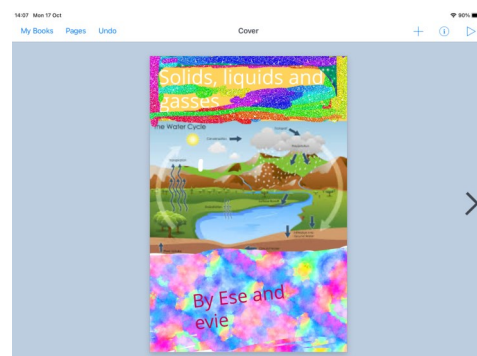
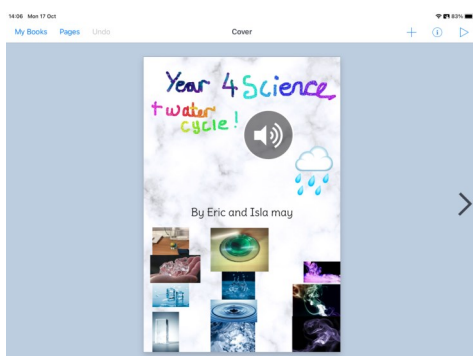
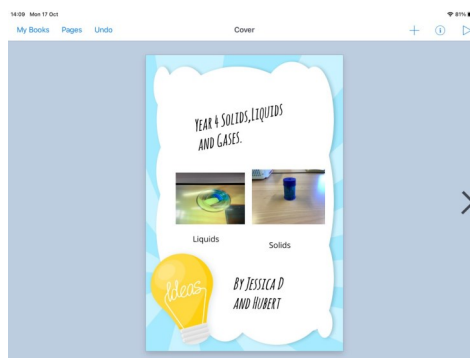
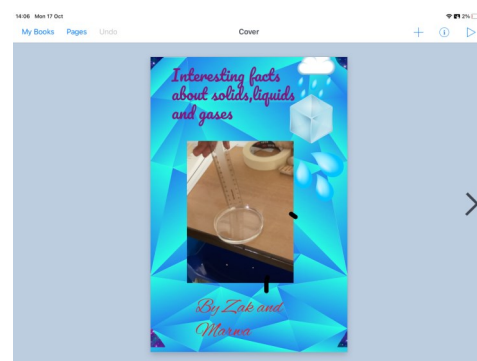
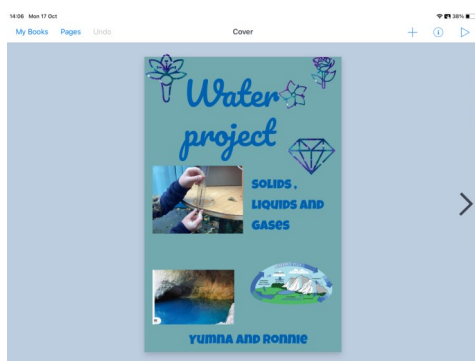
Last week the children in year three enjoyed making and labelling soil layers. The best part of the lesson was when they were allowed to eat the soil! (Don't worry they were edible layers of chocolate, biscuits and sweets.)

This week we visited the Stone Age again and became 'hunter, gatherers' for the afternoon. Look out woolly mammoths the hunters are on the prowl and if the 'gatherers' find enough berries, we may get to cook a Stone Age meal.



Year 4

This term, our science topic has been states of matter. We have learnt about solids, liquids and gases, particles, evaporation and condensation and the water cycle. We have enjoyed doing practical experiments as well as looking at videos and diagrams. To show all the learning we have done, we are making books in ICT on an app called Book Creator. The pages will have pictures, text and sound. Here is a selection of our front covers. We can't wait to share the books with everyone when they are finished.

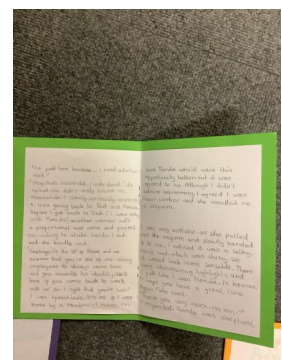
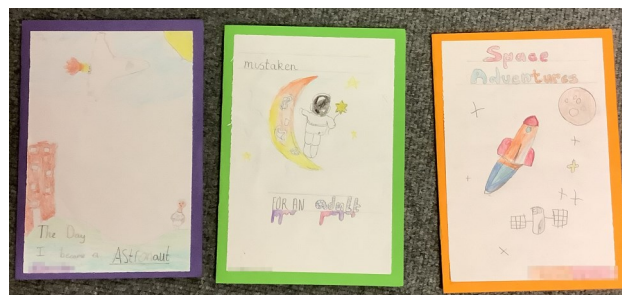
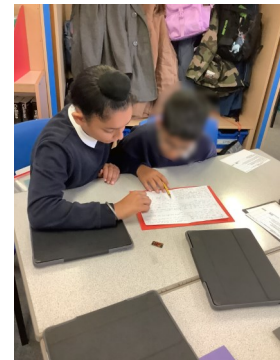


Year 5

The children in Y5 have been busy publishing and sharing chapter 1 of their adventure stories, showcasing their learning in English.

Reading their stories out loud to each other really helped them to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement.

The children really enjoyed the experience and many of them have set themselves a target of earning their pen license.



Year 6

Here are some pictures from the Blue Peris trip, all the children had a fantastic time. Don't just take our word for it, here are some comments from the children:

My Experience at Blue Peris:



"At Blue Peris the activities were out of this world, as you would have your friends encouraging you to move out of your comfort zone and it is probably a once in a life time experience. When you get there, staff are really nice and fun. Some of the activities require strength and you need to be a bit smart because when you go rock climbing you need to know where to put your feet and hands"- Uzair E- 6SG



"Our experience at Blue Peris was incredible. All of our activities were challenging but really fun. The rock climbing activity was amazing, but if you are afraid of heights, you would probably need to push yourself out of your comfort zone if you want to reach the top. Canoeing was hilarious and everyone needs to work together as a team. Raft building was nice, because everyone needs to keep on track and when you get it all ready you put it in the water and try to get on without anyone falling in. I had a great time and I hope you will too!" - Aqsa- 6SG

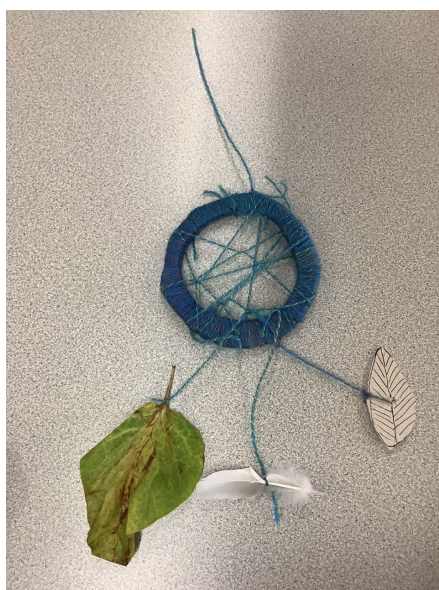
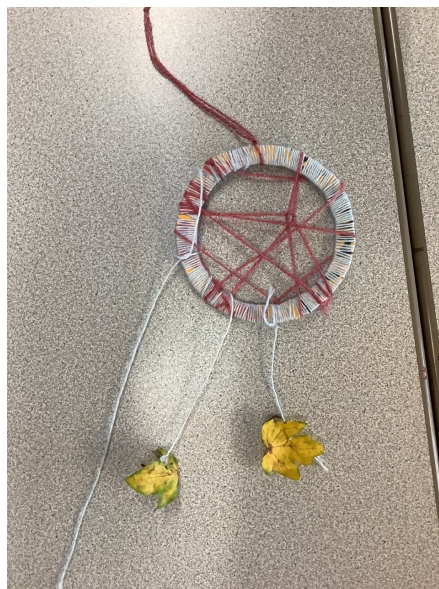
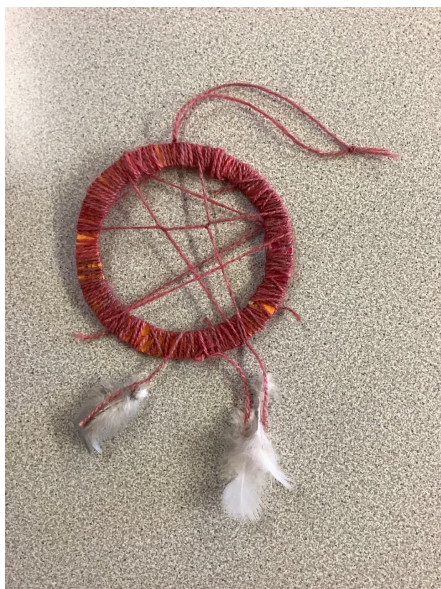


"Blue Peris is a wonderful experience and teaches you to become a team player and more independent and there are many activities: Canoeing, Raft Building, Climbing, and Gorge walking.

It also helps make more friends or become closer. Also on the last night, you get to watch a movie and buy souvenirs".- Adam-6SG

Year 6

Here are some pictures from the Spy Week. The children had a fantastic time, here are some pictures of dream catchers that they also made during this week.



*“Spy week was so much fun, as we made dream catchers. We used loads of colours and we even collected things from outside like nuts, twigs and leaves and attached them to the bottom. The finished products were great and it was a challenging project”- **Laila– 6ST***

A few things to remember.....



School Uniform

We do not keep lost property, so please ensure all clothing worn in school is clearly named.

Name stickers can be ordered from <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>. Our school fundraising number is 12433.



School Absence

If you need to report an absence, please call the school office on: 01733 265959 and press option 1, and leave a message detailing the reasons for the absence (including symptoms if unwell) with the child's name and class teacher, along with your name. If you do not want to leave a detailed message, please speak to the school office on option 3.

Contact Details

If your contact details change, please make sure we have the most up to date information by completing the online form found at the below link:

<https://form.jotform.com/210202552409342>

Term Dates:

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Opens	Monday 5th September
Half Term	Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 21st December (Finish 1pm)
SPRING TERM 2023	
Opens	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February
Ends	Friday 31st March (Finish 1pm)
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Opens	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Half Term	Friday 26th May—Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 19th July (Finish 1pm)

Dates for your diary:

- * Monday 31st October 2022 - **Flu Vaccinations**
- * Monday 31st October 2022 - **Secondary School Application Deadline**
- * Wednesday 2nd November 2022 - **School Individual Photos**
- * Tuesday 8th November 2022 – Thursday 10th November 2022 – **Parents Evenings**
- * Friday 18th November 2022 - **Children in Need (details to follow)**
- * Thursday 8th December 2022 - **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**
- * Wednesday 1st February 2023 - **Deadline for Y6 Bikeability consent forms**
- * Monday 19th June 2023 - **Thursday 22nd June 2023– Year 6 Bikeability**