

# Canterbury Cross Newsletter

Message from the Head teacher

This is quite a packed newsletter reflecting lots of exciting things that have gone on this half term. The pupils have been incredibly focused in lessons and have learnt many new things. A huge thank you to the parents who attended our Autumn Parents' Evening and completed the parent questionnaires. Wishing you all a restful and safe half term break.

**Mr Khalid Din**

What we have learnt this half term



## Nursery

This half term the Nursery children have settled in very well. We have enjoyed basing our learning on the different stories including 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'Dear Zoo', 'Old Mac Donald Had A Farm' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have especially enjoyed acting out the story of 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by exploring the different environments, and making and tasting the fruit salad they made by using the fruits from the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

## KS1

### Reception

The Reception children have settled well into school. They have been enjoying the many different activities we have been exploring this half term. This includes painting a self-portrait, making a poster all about themselves and talking about likes and dislikes. We have been doing lots of counting, writing sounds and words, and exploring 2D shapes.



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a great start to the year. We have been exploring stories from different cultures for Literacy. We have made beautiful stained glass windows and collages of houses for Art. Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about materials for our science topic and can now name and describe lots of different materials.

## Year 2

This half term, we have been learning about materials and their uses. In Science, we have explored different materials and identified their properties. While in D&T, we have used these materials to make a moving vehicle. In Geography, we have been studying our local area of Birchfield and comparing it to Barton-Under-Needwood, which we visited and enjoyed very much. We look forward to learning about more topics next term.



## KS2

## Year 3

It's been a busy first half term in year 3. We have covered many different topics and activities. In literacy, we have looked at authors and letters and instructions, and in numeracy, we have covered many topics including addition, subtraction, multiplication, length and time. We are currently in the middle of our rainforest topic, which had an amazing start with a visit from Dave 'The Rainforest Man'. He brought in many amazing artefacts and animals from the rainforest for us to see and hold. We have completed our first art topic of the year, where we brought the rainforest plants and animals to life, in our collages and rainforest prints. Well done for all your hard work so far- keep it up year 3!



## Year 4

We have had a great start to the year! We explored a range of stories from other cultures and learnt lots about the Ancient Greeks. We really enjoyed making Olympic torches! We have developed our number skills in Numeracy. Having visited a Roman Fort, we are now excited to learn more about the Romans!



## Year 5

In Year 5, we have written our own myth in the style of Beowulf for our literacy 'Myths and Legends' topic. In maths we have focused on place value and written methods for the four operations. We have really enjoyed our time with the basketball coach in PE and with the music teacher, who has taught us how to use Charanga and the fife. We look forward to the next half term.



## Year 6

This half term, the children have been looking at the Victorians, which culminated in a trip to the Black Country Living Museum. This trip was very educational, and the children enjoyed learning how hard life was for a Victorian child. For the majority of the children, their highlight of the trip was the visit down the damp, dark mine! This really showed us the treacherous working conditions Victorian children had to work in. The children have applied their experiences from this day to their work, resulting in some interesting cross-curricular work. We have also progressed through a fascinating science topic: animals and humans.

