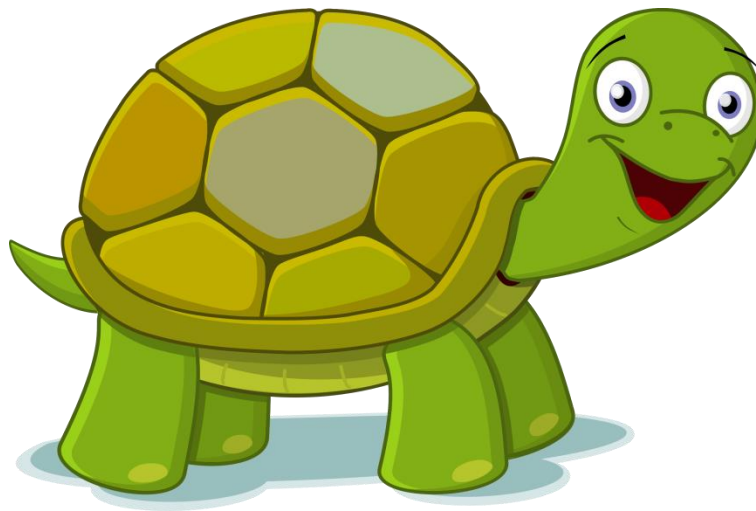


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We are the Turtles Class! What another busy year and we all wanted to tell you what we have been up to.

Currently we have 30 children in our class. There are 21 boys and 9 girls. We come from all over the world including Egypt, China, Sudan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Slovakia, Afghanistan and not forgetting the UK. 50% of our class speak English as a second language.

In our first half term, we followed a curriculum very similar to Reception. This meant that we could develop the key skills of reading, writing and maths – everyday, for every child. This helped the children catch up from their summer dip and develop independence.

Read Write Inc (RWI)



As part of a whole school project, all the staff have been taught to teach reading, writing and spellings through RWI. It aims to develop children to be accurate and speedy readers. We are taught in small, ability groups where we move through the programme at our own pace and are taught sounds and words to support us. Each day we have a 1 hour session which includes speed sounds, reading and Get Writing.

We love the:

Praise

We learn quickly in a positive climate. "I like the actions. My favourite is 'High five suba dive'"

Pace

Good pace is essential to the lesson. It is lively and structured and this has helped to keep us all engaged.

Partner Work

We love the partner work and it is important to remember to never give up! We noticed that children were more confident in answering and expressing their ideas. With the chance to read to a partner every session, their reading has improved and they have enjoyed the fun of holding and building a sentence, which helped to improve writing content.



Each term we have had a new topic.

This Is Me and Where I Live

This was our first topic. We looked at our bodies and named parts of our bodies. We talked about our senses, linked these to parts of our



body, and carried out a senses walk around the school grounds. We looked at the area in which we live, used maps, and talked about the different human and physical features of our locality. We have a great view of the River Tyne from our classroom veranda and the children could explore what they could see.

Castles

After Christmas we learnt about castles. We looked at the battle of Hastings and King Harold's life and compared castles from then to castles now. We considered the purpose of castles, how they have changed and how they were defended throughout the ages. We studied historical castles in our area and used maps to locate them. We made moving pictures. "My knight moves on a slider" Nyle.



Plants and Animals

We were amazed to find out we eat some types of plants. We have planted sunflower seeds and are watching them grow! We have enjoyed answering questions like "What types of trees grow at Bridgewater?"

Seasons

As part of science, we have been studying the seasons each term. We have observed and discussed the changes and identified how the weather changed too. Over the year we have been writing our own non-fiction book about the seasons. We have included line drawing, collages, and pictures created on the computers.

Autumn

We went for an autumn walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Autumn. We collected different coloured leaves and talked about how and why the leaves change. We used the leaves to design a piece of artwork in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworthy.



Winter

It snowed for a few hours one morning and we took the opportunity to learn about winter. We wrote acrostic poems and drew trees – using lines of different thickness.

Spring

During Spring, we went on a flower hunt as part of our Plants and Seeds topic. The children found different varieties of flowers and wild flowers around school and in our forest area. They created a tally chart to find the most and least common flowers in our school environment. We have also planted sunflower seeds which are growing slowly and the children are learning how to take care of plants. We looked at Van Gogh's Sunflower picture and did our own observational drawing.

Summer

We are busy learning about summer now! We have begun to talk about the changes from Spring to Summer and will be learning about the weather and how to keep ourselves summer safe as the long summer holiday approaches.

Broxfield Farm.

We were very lucky earlier in the year to have a visit from Mr Thompson, the owner of Broxfield Farm. He came in to talk to the children about seasonal changes of the farm and the different crops he has. He brought seeds and oats for the children to explore and the children were able to ground the oats to make flour. We then visited his Farm in March where the children fed the cows, did rain dances in the field and went on a scavenger hunt in a small forest area. We were also visited by two baby lambs from a neighbouring farm and the children were very lucky to be able to bottle feed them.



"We saw cows and fed them. They were friendly but noisy." Leah



"I liked feeding the lambs. They were cute." Mayra



"We went into the woods and we found acorns." Yassir

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After lots
KS1 put
Christmas
story called
'Babushka.'
enjoyed
the songs
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Christmas

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We all
learning
and dances
families
was lovely.



Comic Relief

Look at us. We dressed in red for Comic Relief. We were raising money to help people in the UK and Africa.



Fire Safety

A fireman came into school to talk about fire safety. We learned about the dangers of fire and how fires can be prevented. We know never to play with matches or lighters and what to do when others want to play with them.



Road Safety



A lady came in to school to talk to use about being safe on the roads. We talked about safe places to play and how we should never cross a road without an adult.

Film Week

Key Stage 1 went to the cinema at the Vue in Gateshead for a special trip because it was film week. We went to watch the film called Kung Foo Panda 3. We also got some popcorn and a fruit shoot. Mrs Maughan loved it!



Starlight

Chris Bostock is a wonderful storyteller. Starlight is the story of a little possum who collected starlight from the night sky. When his mother was ill he was sent out to find his own food. He met some interesting animals along the way, who taught him about family, friends and nature.



Book Week

We love reading and Book Week was the perfect way to celebrate our enthusiasm with a range of exciting activities!

We had a visit from an author called Mark Carton. He told us how he got his nickname 'Milky'! He explained how he started writing books and where he got his ideas from. Mark explained how he used his friends and family to create characters for his stories.



We had a visit in school by Liz Million, who is an illustrator and author of children's books. She was amazing! All of the children REALLY LOVED the visit with Liz. She was so lively and kept us all giggling during our workshops. She has taught us all how to draw some fantastic pictures! We learnt how to draw people and Liz told us some great tricks for drawing feelings on our characters!



We had a fantastic time during book week!

Simon Putock

As part of our work in English, we studied the work of the author Simon Puttock. It was wonderful for our children to conclude all of their work by meeting him. We went to visit him at another local school where we also had a sneak preview of his new book and we were actually the first children to hear it! We were very lucky indeed!

"Mouse's First Night at Moonlight School was my favourite book" Ayden



Enterprise Week

The children had an action packed timetable during Enterprise Week learning about the world or work and the many different occupations they could choose when they are older.

Can you guess what we want to be?

Fireman
Policeman
Scientist



Vet

Singer

Dancer

ZOO KEEPER

Doctor

Footballer

Car mechanic



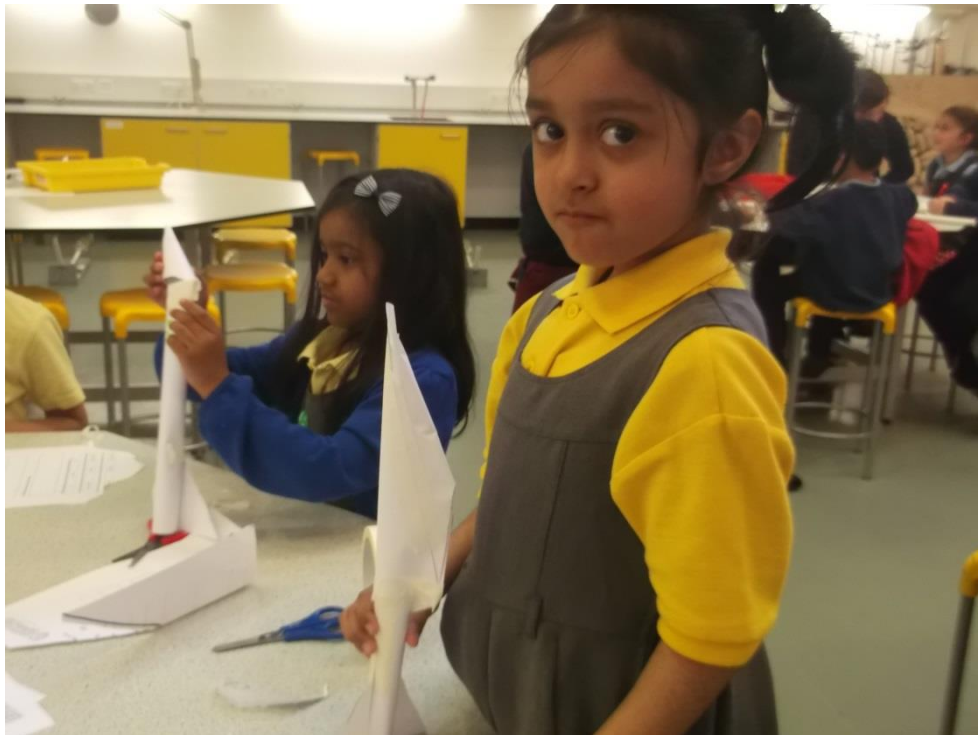
We also had a visit from Kate. She told us why she wanted to be a Firewoman! She also explained what she did all day.

Maths Puzzle day

In Maths we have been developing our reasoning skills and we were took part in a pirate maths challenge. We had to work in teams to solve the puzzles. We thought it was so much fun.

Science Club

Some of us got the opportunity to go to the Centre of Life to join a science club. "We made some rockets and blasted them off. It was fun!"



Excitement to come...

Although the year had been jam packed with so many exciting things happening, we still have more to look forward to.

A trip where we will visit Whitley Bay beach, a traditional trip to the seaside and here's hoping that the sun will be shining!!

We are so proud of the children's achievements, and the progress they have made. This has been a wonderful year and also a fun filled and successful one at that.



We love Year 1!