

Year 5

Giraffes



Class Report

2016-17





What a busy and exciting year we have had! We have lots to write about and hope you enjoy reading about these things as much as we enjoyed taking part in them.

Roald Dahl Topic



We started the year learning about Roald Dahl. We focused our learning around “The BFG” which was our first class reader.

We all enjoyed “The BFG” and produced some excellent work around this- including diary entries, book covers, posters, letters and making predictions. We also created our own dream jars for our class display. We particularly enjoyed trying to make our own Froboscottle and wrote instructions in English.



On Roald Dahl day, some of us got dressed up as our favourite characters. We enjoyed taking part in a drama workshop with a visitor called Amy. We acted out parts of the story and considered how the characters would be feeling.



Bikeability



We were given the opportunity to take part in Bikeability to help us to learn how to ride our bikes more safely. Lots of us took up the offer and were awarded badges and certificates.

Kieran said this:

"Some of us did Bikeability. We learned how to ride our bikes. We went out of school and went on the road and we pushed our bikes up the hill. We learned to use our hands so people knew we were turning. We also learned to use our brakes and how to fix our bikes. We all had fun doing Bikeability."

School Council



At the start of the year we had an election to choose who our class school councillors would be. The people who wanted to be on school council had to do a speech to say what they would do to help improve our school. Some people made posters. We then went to the hall and voted for one boy and one girl. The school council is an important part of our school as then we can make decisions about different events.



Cinema Visit



Year 5 and 6 went to go and see "Alice Through the Looking Glass" which was a lovely treat for everybody. It was so fun but it scared us a little bit too. The rabbit ran and we didn't expect it. The movie was brilliant and Alice kept on travelling back in time to save people and find things out. She was trying to help the Mad Hatter to find his family again.

By Holly

Bridgewater's 10th Birthday



In October Bridgewater celebrated its 10th birthday. We enjoyed having a party in our class and looking back at what has changed over the last ten years. We thought about our favourite memories of our time at Bridgewater so far. We also had a slice of cake.

Beamish Wild



As part of our adventurous activities in P.E. we went on an exciting trip to Beamish Wild. Different groups got to take part in a variety of activities such as; archery, a treasure hunt, crate staking, climbing, leap of faith and orienteering. We were able to work as a team and enjoyed the opportunity of trying new things. We were proud that everyone worked so well and behaved excellently. Even some of the teachers had a go at the activities and Miss Cameron made it all the way to the top of the leap of faith and jumped off!

Jayden said this:
"The first thing we did was go and do a

treasure hunt and I think the treasure hunt was easy. We then went and played in the park for a little while, there were tubes and tunnels. There was even a zipwire. We also did climbing which was fun and we had to put climbing gear on. We were attached to some rope whilst we were climbing. We then did archery and quite a few people hit the middle of the target."



Ahmed said this:

"I liked Beamish Wild because it was so fun and it was my best trip. I liked it when we were climbing the tall tree and it was very fun. My second favourite bit was when we went to the park and when we played with the Year 4s."



Overall we had an amazing time at Beamish Wild and we are really looking forward to returning there again this term.

Centre for Life visitors



In the Autumn term, we had some lovely visitors from the Centre for Life that taught us a little bit about space because this was our topic. They first put us into groups and gave us a drawer of items we would need to make a rocket. We had to try and make it travel the furthest and work out which angle was the best to launch it. I was with Kai, Ella and Paige. We all got the same amount of things and all we had to do was attach all the things together and blast them on the count of three. When it was time to blast them we did it three times and recorded our results. My team won all three because we got our

rocket to go the furthest and we were able to find out what the best angle was.

In the afternoon, the two people brought a huge planetarium with them. It was very fun to see inside the planetarium because we all learned a lot about space that we didn't know. We travelled around the Solar System and looked at all of the planets and some different constellations which are pictures which are made up of the stars.



The final activity was learning about different space rocks. We had to weigh the rocks and look at their properties. We then had to calculate what they would weigh in space by using a formula.



I loved working with the Centre for Life and I hope I work with them in the future.

By Fatuma



Sports Leader training



Fifteen children were chosen to do Sports Leaders training with Becky from Hat-Trick. The children got trained to be sports leaders by taking part in extra lessons for 6 weeks. Becky trained them to run different games with the younger children, in the gym or outside if it was warm when it is lunch time. In assembly she gave all of the children in Sports Leaders a blue t-shirt and a certificate. Sports Leaders is on every week and nearly every day. We all enjoy doing sports leaders because we get to try out new games and see what it is like to be the teacher. When we do the games we normally play games like dodge ball, basketball, stuck in the mud and don't break the window. Children from all of the classes come and join in.

By Emily



Children in Need



We had a special day to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone came to school wearing their pyjamas or onesies, even the teachers did too! We enjoyed doing different activities and we made biscuits to sell to the rest of the school. It was a very fun day and we enjoyed helping a charity.

Lillymay said this:

"This year for Children in Need we were allowed to come in our pyjamas. Some off children came in them others didn't.

Year 5 were chosen to decorate biscuits. Once we had decorated them we hand delivered them to the other classes. They were 20p for a small biscuit and 30p for large cookie. Every penny that we raised went to Children in Need."

Road Safety training



We were visited by Schools Go Smarter. We took part in a road safety workshop and learned how to “Walk Smart”. Firstly we were inside and listened to a talk about safe places to cross. We also looked at why it is important to wear a seatbelt and to use a bike helmet. After that we went outside in groups and we practised crossing the road safely using the Green Cross Code.



Science Club and Science lessons



This year some children from our class have been going to a science club which happens on a Tuesday at the Centre for Life. Miss McIver took us each week on the minibus. We learned lots about being a scientist and covered some interesting topics and carried out some investigations where we had to predict what might happen and record our results.



We have also enjoyed taking part in practical science lessons at school. We have learned about materials, forces, space and living things and have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in scientific enquiries.





This year we have really enjoyed our P.E. lessons! We have covered lots of different sports and activities and have learned lots about keeping fit. We have really enjoyed having lessons with Chloe and Dolly, our P.E. coaches and have covered lots of exciting sports and dances. We all try our best and aim to continue to get better and set ourselves personal targets.



Sofia said this:

"We learned how to dance with Dolly and we did PE with Chloe. They were both lots of fun. We did lots of activity in PE and we did gymnastics with Chloe. We had to do balances and got to use the hula hoops. We also did lots of new games in the PE. In dance lessons, we learned how to do hip hop and lots of other types of dances."



Christmas Celebrations



In the weeks before Christmas we were all very busy! Some of us enjoyed helping Miss Cameron to decorate our class by putting up the Christmas tree and making decorations for the hall. We also had fun making a recycled Christmas tree using newspaper and magazines for a competition with the other schools in our Trust. We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and helping to raise some money for charity. We really enjoyed having a party with the Leopards too. Some of the games were extremely funny! Santa Claus also came and gave everyone a special treat. After we had played the games in the hall we enjoyed eating the party food.



We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers when we had our Christmas dinner! We were able to wear them twice this year and help to raise money for charity.

We tried really hard on our recycled Christmas tree. Unfortunately, we didn't win the competition but it was great to see all the other interesting designs from different classes.



Some of us also took part in the “Mystery at Magpie Manor” performance and put on a fantastic show for all of our friends and parents to enjoy. Some of us had main parts and had to learn a lot of lines. We were really proud of everyone for working so hard!

Paige said this:

“Year 4, 5 and 6 did a Christmas play called “Magpie Manor” and it was about when the detective stole the Pica Pica solid silver pitcher with the magpie picture. My character was a maid and so was Chloe, and I had to fall in love with a milk man called Ernie Churn. I was called Elsie and Chloe was called Ethel. We did several weeks of rehearsals and then we had to preform to the whole school and our parents and it was really scary. I did enjoy taking part though.”

Band in a box- Rock Band



After Christmas, we learned to play Rock music with Franco. We made a band as a whole class. We worked on learning the different rhythms on the different instruments and practised together for 6 weeks. Some children had to play the drums and needed to make sure they were keeping time. Another group of children played the guitars and bass guitars. The final instrument was the keyboard and the biggest group had to play these. Finally, Jordan and Thomas were super singers in our brilliant band. We wrote our own lyrics to a song and they had to sing. We then put on an amazing performance for Year 4

and our parents. It was tricky learning to play the instruments and set them up ready to play each week but we really enjoyed the challenge and enjoyed working together.



Hoops 4 Health



Year 5 were visited by some of the Newcastle Eagles basketball players. They told us about the importance of keeping fit, drinking lots of water, eating healthily and also some basketball skills. After some practicing we went along to Sports Central for a competition against other schools from all over the city. It was a tough competition but we were an excellent team and worked very well together. We were even on the news!



I even got to take part in the tournament."

Kai said this:

"Year 5 did Hoops 4 Health. A lot of us learnt something new and we could do a lot of new tricks. We played a lot of games with a man but he would always trick us. The game we mostly played was when we would all stand in a circle and he would stand in the middle of it and he would pass the ball to us, the hard part was we had to clap before we caught it. He would pretend to throw it at us and if you clapped when he pretended to throw it you would be out. During one session, we met more Eagles players and they were from other countries like America. When we played games with the other Eagles a few of us won signed pictures of them. There were two competitions and a lot of matches on the second competition, we met some of the Eagles, we even took a picture and some of us even got a high five! The hard part of the competitions was that some schools had more experience with basketball and most of them won. St. John's were pretty tough to beat."

Justin said this: *"There were three basketballers who came to visit us and they were from the Newcastle Eagles. They taught us how to play basketball, to be healthy and fit and to drink lots of water. They also taught us how to dribble and shoot and score. The players were extremely tall! We played lots of games like penalty shoot-out but you had to score in the hoop instead. We also played a game where we had to dribble across the gym and shoot in the hoop and score then the other person has a go at doing that challenge. Finally, we played a match and my team won the most games. I think I am quite good at basketball and I like playing it."*



Newcastle University Project



During Spring term, Year 5 worked with students from Newcastle University to do a special project. This all started when the students came to Bridgewater to talk with Year 5 about personality. We did a lot of things like making gingerbread men and bridges. After that it was our turn to go and visit them and we had a tour of the University inside and out. We also learned that Martin Luther King graduated in Newcastle University and stood exactly where we were standing. Some of us our voices recorded and we said what we liked about Newcastle. We made pictures of the bridges and also went to the Quayside and saw the bridges. Finally, we did an exhibition of our work at one of the university's labs.

By Justin



Pirate Maths Day



One day we were all in an assembly when a pirate emerged out of the curtain and he went "ARGH!" Everyone was laughing at him and so he got sad and started crying in the back of the hall in the assembly. All of the little children were laughing out loud. Year 5 and Year 6 were working with him doing puzzles, solving questions and answering problems to help him out. We even got to hold his sword and he had one normal hand and one hook hand because he lost it during war. We also had a map and looked for clues to find the missing parts of the boat. We all found them but we couldn't help him fix the boat. We had to find different objects and then work out calculations to them. We all loved doing it and we had a fun time at solving the calculations.

By Liam

MOD Attendance Trip



This year we were the first class to win the attendance race! For winning the race we got to have a special treat and went to MOD Pizza at the Metro Centre. We had a fantastic morning.



Jordan said this:

“Year 5 went to MOD and made pizzas. They got to go for winning the attendance race. There were about ten things to put on the pizzas, there was an oven with a big fire in it and it took about 15 minutes. The base in the middle needed to be flattened and then we put sauce around the sides of it and then put some of the 10 things on it. These were the toppings. Then when it was cooked we got to eat it. It was fun and we even got to have some cold pop.”

World Book Day and Book Week



We had lots of fun during book week. We listened to lots of stories, chose books from the library and created our own characters and settings. We enjoyed coming to school dressed as our favourite book character or in our pyjamas. We were particularly lucky to be visited by David Almond and found out about what inspired him to become an author. We prepared questions to ask him and he give us lots of interesting answers. He even gave us his autograph.

Cain said this:

“During Book Week the famous writer, David Almond, came into our class. He told us to write on a piece paper, we had to do what he said then we had to draw it. He read us one of his books that is coming out soon it was called “The tale of Angelino Brown”. After that he read out the blurb it sounded really good. We all enjoyed having David Almond coming to our class and we all got a free book.”



"To Infinity and Beyond!"



Our second topic this year was called "To Infinity and beyond!" We learned all about the stars, planets, asteroids and moons that make up our Solar System. We carried out research using the iPads and then typed it up as a non-chronological report for our class display. We enjoyed sharing fascinating facts which we had found out independently. We also learned lots of new scientific vocabulary.

In our art lessons we learned about the artist Peter Thorpe. We looked at his abstract style and had a go at creating our own space themed pictures. We looked at different techniques including spatter, using chalk and smudging, shading and using felt tip pens to create different textures.



Edible Science



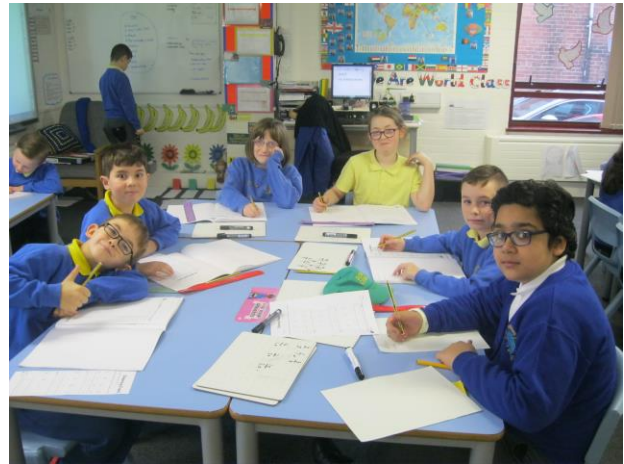
In science we learned about the phases of the moon. We made the Crescent moon, the full moon, waning gibbous and the rest of the phases out of yummy Oreos! We had to halve some by taking the top off some of them. It was really fun and at the end we ate the Oreos, they were really yummy! During this lesson we worked with some children who had visited us from Broadwood and they enjoyed being part of our class for some of the day.



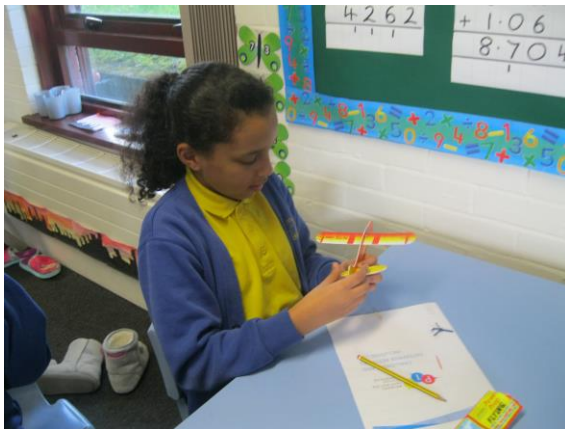
Trust School Visits



This year we have continued to develop our relationship with the other six schools in our Trust. It has been a lot of fun as some of us have had the opportunity to visit other schools and see what it is like there. We have spotted similarities and differences and thought about what we like and dislike. We have also been able to welcome visitors from Broadwood and Wingrove. The children told what they liked about our school and we made them feel welcome. They joined in with some of our lessons. It was great fun working together and making some new friends.



PIE Challenge



This year we took part in a STEM challenge and were supported by Sergeant Bell from the army. The first challenge was to make a glider and the second was a computer based coding challenge. We all had lots of fun!

Arta said this:

"When we did the gliders, we went to the gym and we had to sit in a line. We took turns to fly the gliders. The furthest score was 5.01m and it was Steven's glider that went the furthest. After that, we went out we did the same thing but it was windy. After we finished the whole class went inside then we went to the computer room. This time we had to do coding and the game was called "Code Combat". First we found it hard, but when we got the hang of it we found it easy so then we moved on through different levels. When the time was finished I was on level five."

The Victorians



Our third topic this year was “The Villainous Victorians”. We linked a lot of our learning to our class reader, which was called ‘Street Child’. We found out about life in the workhouse and what it was like to be a child during this era. We learned all about the different jobs that children had to do and decided that we are much luckier now. We also learned about the different games that children liked to play and how they even had a football made from a pig’s bladder! We also created lots of artwork linked to this topic and found out about the industrial revolution.



At the end of Victorians topic, we did a class assembly to present what we had learned to all of our friends and parents. We didn't have long to rehearse but we put on a brilliant performance and did ourselves proud.

Dinky said this:

“I enjoyed our class assembly. I had to show people our silhouettes and the audience had to guess who it was. My mam was able to spot me from my silhouette!”

Trip to Beamish Museum



Towards the end of our topic we went on a trip to Beamish Museum. We had a fantastic day and took Misty (our therapy dog) for her first day out. We were able to ask lots of questions and find out even more about what life was like in the past.



Ella said this:

"We went to Beamish Museum. We split into three groups and went off. We saw two people make sweets. They had an old machine and used sugar to make sweets, we also got to try some. We went to the school and learnt how Victorians wrote and played with a boola. There were loads of shops like a general store, a dentist, a bank, the garage and stables. We went down the mine and had to be careful not to bump our heads on the roof."

Lacie said this:

"Year 5 had lots of fun at Beamish. When we first got there, we got into our groups and I was in Miss Cameron's group. We went to the bank and we looked at how the money is different from then and now and it was interesting. We also went to the sweet shop and spent our money. I think that going in the shop and looking at the old football boots and ice skates was quite weird, considering we can wear any colour now and they couldn't. We went down the coal mine and we went about 20 feet down- it was really scary when we were down it because the man that we were with turned the lights out."



Enterprise Week



In the first half of the Summer term we had enterprise week. Our class worked in five groups to come up with different stalls for the fair which was held on the Friday. All of the groups decided to run games based on the theme which was Space. We had to make posters which we put up to advertise our stall and a banner so people knew what our stall was. We also had to decide how much to charge people so that we would make a profit.

The fair was a great success and everyone had lots of fun! We were pleased when we counted up our money that every team had made a profit and the whole class raised over £40 so we were all very happy!



Marketa said this:

"During enterprise week everybody from year 3 up made a game or made something for people to enjoy. In our class there were 5 groups. Every group thought of ideas for a game, the name of their game and the name of the group. In my team there was Kai, Steven, Cain, Carolanne, Katrina and me. Our game was called Planet Scavenger Hunt and our team name was Planet Scavengers. It cost 25p for a minute and 40p for 2 minutes. We had to hide the planets in a tray of sand whilst the player was turned around and then they had to look for them in a specific amount of time."

We also had the opportunity to dress up as what we'd like to be when we grow up. We had bus drivers, police officers, sports coaches, entrepreneurs, chefs, beauticians, solicitors and even teachers!



Duck Productions



During enterprise week, we also took part in a workshop called “Duck Productions” which was run by Repertoire. We had to work in teams to buy resources, make paper ducks and try to make a profit. It was quite tricky making the ducks but it was lots of fun! On different days the different types of ducks were worth varying amounts so we had to work out what the buyer would be interested in and produce for what the demand was. Miss Cameron was the buyer and sometimes she was mean and didn't pay much. We were also fined if we were too noisy, ran or didn't have a tidy table.

ROSH Engineering Visit



We had a variety of visitors during enterprise week. We particularly enjoyed the visit from Ian and Richard from a local company called ROSH Engineering. They told us all about the different types of engineer such as: mechanical, electrical, aeronautical and civil. They explained how engineers are good at problem solving. They set us a problem to solve. We had to work in pairs to separate a piece of string which was tied around our wrists. There was a trick to it and it wasn't as straightforward as it seemed at first! We had lots of fun.



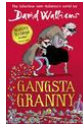
Visit to Open Lab



We also took part in a visit to Open Lab at Newcastle University. Firstly, we had a talk from one of the professors at the university who told us about lots of research he had done in computing. After that, we had a tour around the lab and we could ask lots of crazy questions. The man told us to ask anything we wanted to at all. Finally, we went back into a room which had laptops and Microbits. We learned about using coding and programming to make the Microbit do what we wanted it to do. We made it say “Hello”; turn from a happy face to

a sad one; flash numbers like a dice and to do more than one instruction. We found out that we are good at coding and debugging any problems.

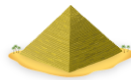
"Gangsta Granny"



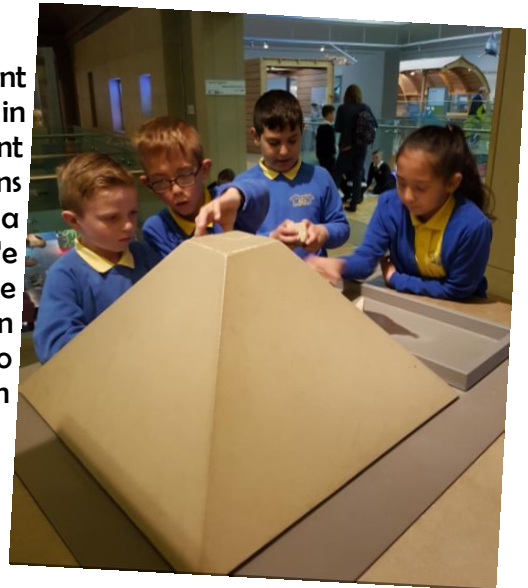
After reading "Gangsta Granny" as one of our class readers this year; we had a special trip to Sunderland Empire to watch the performance with year 6. To get there we went on a coach. Some of us even dressed up as the characters in the performance. We all liked the play because it was funny. We all liked the character's especially Gangsta Granny. After half of the performance we all had ice cream for a treat. After the break had finished the most exciting part had happened as Granny and her grandson Ben tried to steal the crown jewels. The sad part happened at the end as it was Christmas and Granny died of cancer. Ben, Ben's mum and Ben's dad were all sad because of what happened to Granny.

By Chelsea

Great North Museum Trip



As part of our work with Newcastle University, we went on a trip to the Great North Museum. We took part in the "Dare to Enquire" project with some of the student teachers. First of all, we looked in the Ancient Egyptians exhibition. We had to choose one object and think of a question we could ask in order to find out more. We then swapped our questions and tried to find the answers. After that, we went to the Roman exhibition and tried to ask some more questions. We were able to find out lots of new facts. Finally, we enjoyed a picnic on the grass outside.



Guy Bass author visit



This term we have been working on an exciting class reader called "Stitch Head" by Guy Bass. We were lucky enough to be able to attend a 'Meet the Author' session at Westerhope Primary School. We found out that the author is hilarious and we couldn't stop laughing at his presentation. He told plenty of silly jokes; did funny voices and impressions and read us some of his absolutely brilliant book. He told us that his favourite children's book is "George's Marvellous Medicine" and he had a worn-out, old copy. Lots of us have ordered signed copies of his book as we are enjoying it so much and we producing lots of great work based on it.

Exciting times ahead...



As you can see it has been a really busy and exciting year in the Giraffes and time has gone so fast. We have covered so many different topics and have had a lot of fun along the way. Our reading and writing are improving all of the time and we are always trying our best. Miss Cameron and Miss Turnbull are proud that we are getting to grips with using ambitious vocabulary and making our work interesting and engaging. Likewise, our maths is developing day by day and we are becoming much more confident with using the formal written methods for all four operations and trying to solve more challenging problems and using our reasoning skills. We have enjoyed learning and growing together this year and can't wait to continue our journey together next year. We are now looking forward to our trips to Excelsior Academy, Beamish Wild, Acomb First School and Newbiggin beach and possibly a few more treats over the next few weeks. We can't wait!

Overall we hope that this report has been enjoyable to read and gives you a good understanding of what our year has been like so far.

Here are some final recent pictures to leave you with.



Thank you for reading! 😊