



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Nursery Explore the Brazilian Rainforest

Newsletter - We have lots of explorers in Nursery and this week we have been exploring the Brazilian Rainforest! 🐛 🦋. The children have created their own carnival masks and binoculars. As well as showing Miss Maughan their super counting skills! "I think I would love to go to Brazil.

*" We can't wait to find out the next country we are going to explore! 🌍 🦋."*



## Reception Make Fossils

This week Reception have been learning all about fossils, paleontologists and Mary Anning. Here are just some of the learning the children have taken away from our learning this week:

**Jack-** "Ammonite is a spiral."

**Everly-** "Mary Anning looks for fossils on walks and she uses her hammer that her dad gave her."

**Esme-** "A paleontologist is a person who looks for fossils."

**Anna-** "Dinosaurs die and they get turned into fossils for people to find."

**Corey-** "A fossil is a type of rock and they get found and taken to museum so lots of people can see them."



### **Year 1 The Ugly Duckling**

This half term in Writing, Year 1 have been learning about the Ugly Duckling. The class began the topic by trying to guess the story using clues such as yellow feathers and mirrors which they described. Next, they listened to the story and worked together to retell the story using pictures. This week, the class have started to write sentences about the story, focusing on using capital letters.



### **Year 2 Festival of Hanukkah**

Year 2 have been learning all about the festival of Hanukkah in R.E. this half term. The children made their own Menorah candles this week and learned all about what an integral part of the celebrations they are, why they are used and what they represent.





### **Year 3 New Science Topic!**

This week the children in year 3 enjoyed learning in their new science topic about rocks, especially the volcanic rocks. They had the chance to classify rocks by holding and feeling them then putting them into groups. Well done year 3 for being so intrigued and ready to learn!



### **Year 4 Trip to Maiden Castle**

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Maiden Castle this week where we completed a carousel of team building challenges. We discussed what skills we needed to complete all these challenges. Year 4 worked really well together as a team, well done Year 4!

**Kayaan-** *"My favourite activity was using different guttering to make a trail to move the ball from one end of the hall to the other."*

**Hollie-Mae-** *"My favourite was working as a team to move a bucket of tennis balls using ropes to another bucket in the hall."*

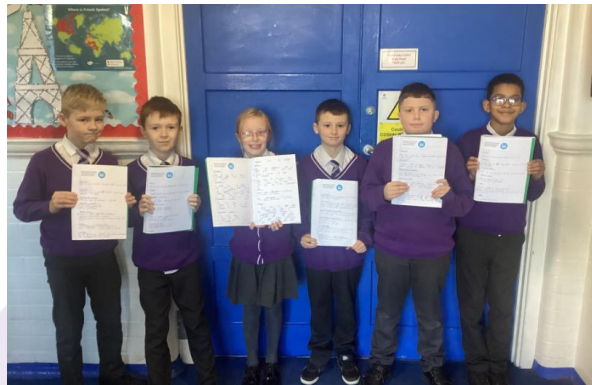
**Ethan-** *"We needed perseverance and teamwork."*

**Kian-** *"We needed cooperation and communication."*



### **Year 5 Make Paper Helicopters**

This week, in Science, Year 5 have been making paper helicopters. We wanted to test which one would fall quickest, a larger one or a smaller one. We found the larger ones took the longest to go to the ground because they have more surface area which leads to more air resistance.



### **Year 6 PE**

Year 6 have continued their PE unit with their sports coach this week. The class recapped different types of rolls before experimenting with balances. The children worked in pairs to practice their given rolls - forward roll, backwards roll, teddy bear roll and pencil roll. After that the children were given a balance to complete with their partner, whereby they worked together to recreate the balance and worked hard to concentrate on holding the balance together.

**Abbi** – *"I really liked how I learnt to do a backwards roll correctly."*

**Alex** – *"I am enjoying PE because I am learning how to hold balances."*





### **Lego After School Club!**

Lego Club got off to a creative start. Our children became builders, engineers and used their creativity to produce some amazing models. Working together, team building, and resilience was shown throughout the session.





The menu for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January is Week 2. School dinners are £12.50 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

### Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.59%	96.54%	94.71%	96.50%	96%	87.29%	92.5%	80.26%

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Uniform Swap Shop 3pm

Nurses in school for Dental Survey for Reception / Year 1

EY Stay and Play 10:30am

**BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**

Y1 Sports Festival

Y5 Rugby Sports Trip

Y1/Y2 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 9:15am (More info to follow soon)

Y5/Y6 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 1pm (More info to follow soon)

Y3/Y4 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 2:15pm (More info to follow soon)

Parent Consultations F2F

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am

Parent Consultations Phone Call

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

### Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Cayde Armstrong

Reception: Jax Loan

Year 1: Liam Greggs

Year 2: Willow Embleton

Year 3: Daniel Afolabi

Year 4: Lillie Dawson

Year 5: Sam Slater

Year 6: Abbi Scott-Hamilton



Class Awards this week were presented to **Reception** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 5** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

