

Ambition · Bravery · Respect



Oyster Park Primary Academy

# Newsletter

Summer 1: May 2022

Issue 8

## Summer 1 - What a fantastic Term!

We have had a fantastic five weeks of fun filled and exciting learning experiences this term. The pupils have continued to work hard and have embraced each learning challenge posed with ambition and bravery. We have welcomed visits from our CEO Mrs Fairhurst, members of our Academy Council and members of staff from other schools. We are proud to celebrate and show all that we are here at Oyster Park Primary Academy.

### AMBITION ● BRAVERY ● RESPECT

### Social Skills: Tolerance & Respect

As part of social skills this half term one of our learning objectives has been to understand how we can all show tolerance. Our pupils have learnt that tolerance means showing respect for other peoples race, religion, age, gender and opinions.



“Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness but, a sign of strength” Dalai Lama

### Social Skills: Forgiveness

In social skills our pupils have also been discussing how and why you should show forgiveness. Forgiveness is when you stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw, or mistake. Our pupils have been discussing the feelings that relate to forgiveness and have been reflecting upon their own experiences of when they have forgiven Someone or they themselves have been forgiven.



## Key Dates

### School Opens for Summer 2 Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### School Photographs

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Sports Day

Nursery - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

UFS - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 AM

KS1 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 PM

LKS2 - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 AM

UKS2 - **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 PM**

*Please note weather permitted*

### School closes for Summer Holidays

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## Earth Day

Across school we celebrated Earth Day 2022. The theme this year was to 'Invest in Our Planet'. Earth Day was first introduced in 1970 in America and is now held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April each year. Earth Day was started to encourage people around the world to think and learn about what we can do to look after our planet. Our pupils learnt the importance of looking after the Earth and discussed the different ways to do this including:

- Picking up litter
- Planting trees and flowers
- Recycling and reusing eco-friendly products and less plastic
- Using less water
- Turning off lights





# Elite Basketball Tournament



This half term some of our year 5 pupils took part in the Elite Basketball Festival, at the Hut. In the morning our pupils were introduced to the children from the competing schools and together took part in a series of training exercises with the Elite coaches.

After lunch the tournament commenced and our pupils were able to put their skills and teamwork to the test. Through their determination and hard work they placed joint 5th. As a school we are so proud of the ambition, respect and exceptional teamwork our pupils showed throughout the day.



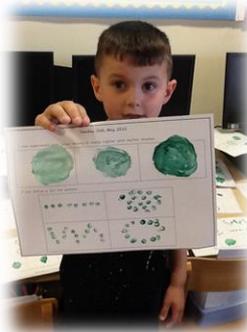
# Nursery



This half term our pupils in Nursery have enjoyed learning about the different creatures in the sea. This week they have been looking at the key features of a starfish. The children used their newly learnt knowledge to manipulate the salt dough to make their own life like starfish! Have a look at some of their amazing creations!



## Upper Foundation - Art & Design



As part of their Geography study of Australia, the pupils in Upper Foundation, have been learning all about Indigenous Australian dot artwork. They learnt the traditional Australian Aboriginal painting style incorporating dots in intricate patterns is an important part of Australian history and culture. The pupils began by learning about what dot artwork is before practicing colour mixing to make lighter and darker shades. They then had a go at following a simple dot pattern. The pupils are looking forward to creating their final piece of aboriginal inspired artwork!



## National Railway Museum Visit

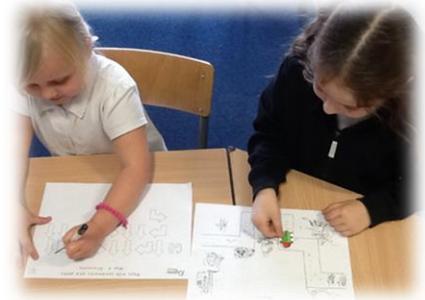
As part of their topic 'Oh the Places You'll Go', the pupils in UFS visited the National Railway Museum in York. The pupils took a tour around the museum, exploring the various trains including standing face to face with the worlds fastest steam locomotive, the Mallard. The pupils discovered key facts and information about them.

The children enjoyed seeing transport that they had discussed within our lessons in real life!



# Year 1 - Computing

The pupils in Year 1 have been developing their decomposition and debugging skills in Computing. The pupils used 2D shapes to create an image and then created a decomposition comic strip to break down the problem into simple steps for someone else to follow. They then debugged a set of directions to help the bug travel through the maze.



# Year 2 - Art

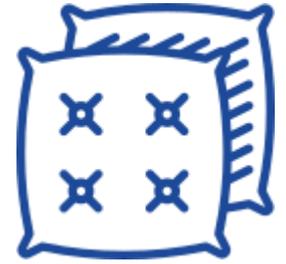
In Year 2 the pupils have been studying the work of the famous French artist Henri Rousseau and learning all about his life. They learnt that Henri Rousseau told exciting tales of adventures in the jungle, but in reality, he never left France. He got inspiration for his paintings from house plants and pictures in books. They discovered that he liked to paint jungle landscapes with wild animals in the foreground. The pupils have been experimenting with different media such as pastels, oil pastels and colouring pencils. Applying their new skills and chosen media in their final piece. They have become experts at layering different colours to create shade and depth to their pictures!



# Year 3 - Design & Technology

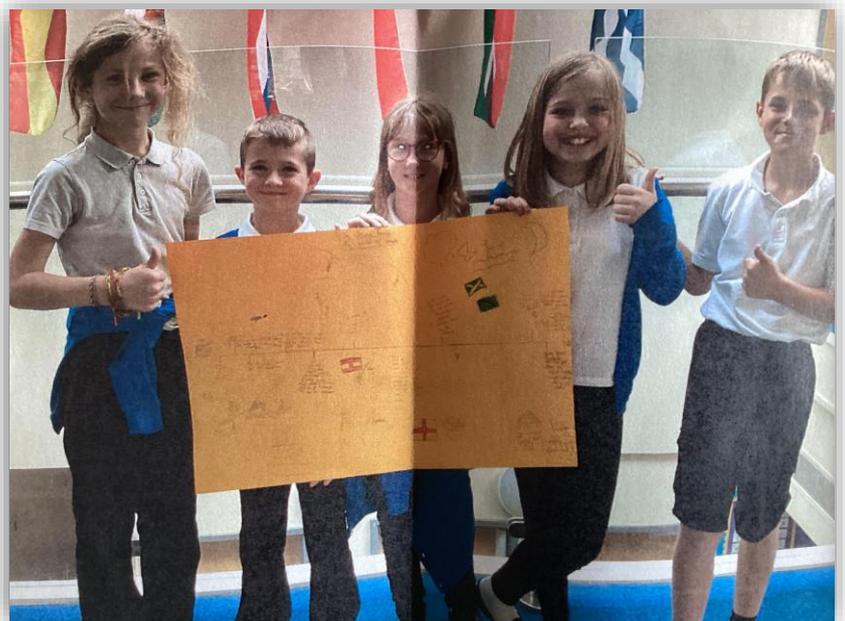


As part of their DT curriculum Year 3 have been designing, planning and making their very own cushions. In the design stage the pupils drew designs for their cushions ensuring their cushions met the given design brief and chose the materials and fabric they needed. They designed their very own applique to be sewn onto the front of their cushion. During the planning process the pupils practiced the running stitch and the cross stitch with rough fabric to prepare them for the assembling of their cushion. Once they were happy with their designs and their sewing practice was complete the pupils applied their skills seeing their designs come to life. Year 3 have demonstrated some excellent sewing skills and will be able to take home their unique cushions at the end of the project.



# Year 4 - History

The pupils in Year 4 are currently learning about the Spanish Armada in History. In this weeks learning, the pupils have placed significant events of the Armada chronologically on a timeline and learned about the roles of Queen Elizabeth I, King Philip II and Sir Francis Drake.



# Year 5 - Geography



During their Geography unit this half term, Year 5 have been looking at Mountains and North America. The pupils have applied their research skills to identify key physical and human features whilst carefully comparing these to the UK. They have used maps and an atlas to locate the 23 different countries of North America, identifying how different climate zones affect the local area and also how time zones are used to separate countries around the world. The pupils then used the eight points of a compass and four figure grid references to study Snowdon and Snowdonia National Park before using the contour lines to create their own 3D mountains. The pupils have also considered how trade interconnects the UK with the rest of the world and the importance that these global trade routes exist. They have been busy little explorers!

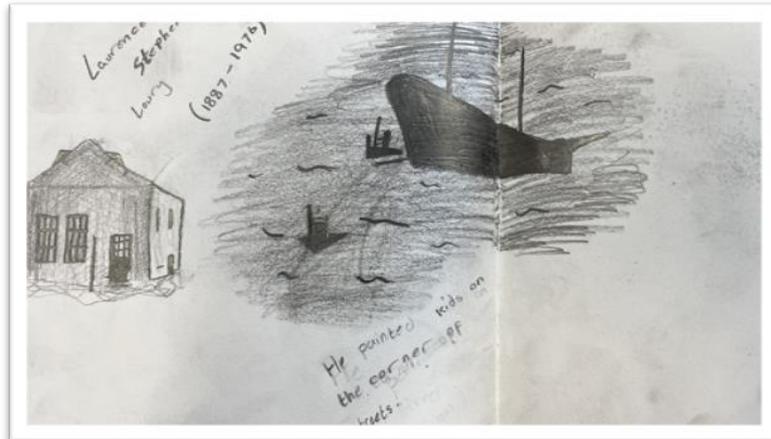




# Year 6 - Art & Design

## Lowry

This half term in Art the pupils have been studying the life and works of English artist, Lowry. They discovered what Lowry took inspiration from and learnt that Lowry painted everyday people in his home town of Salford. Exploring techniques he used, the pupils used this as inspiration to create their own art work based on our local area.



# SATS Week

We are so incredibly proud of all of the hard work in the lead up to the SATs Week. All our pupils both in Year 6 and Year 2 have demonstrated such determination and resilience and we couldn't have asked anymore of them. SATs are an opportunity for pupils to 'show off' all that they have learnt. These tests are just a snapshot of their learning journey.

## Pupils Voice



“SATs were easier than I thought because, they were just like the SATs we did before.” Kayden

“When I first started I felt nervous but, it was much more relaxing once I got going. Maths was my favourite. I think I did well in it.” Amaya

“I thought they would be hard but, it was much easier because we did a lot of preparation and the booster session helped a lot” Goldie

“I felt SATs went well as it was really peaceful and I wasn't as nervous as I thought I would be” Angel

“Coming to booster sessions has really helped me get ready for my SATs.” Poppy

“I thought that SATs would be harder. Maths was fine. Reading was more difficult but, I managed to get through the paper” Zachary

“I think the SATs were easier than expected because we had put a lot of work in beforehand.” Bezaleel



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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

We have had a fantastic day celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee at Oyster Park Primary Academy. Our pupils and staff helped transport us back through the decades of Queen Elizabeth's II Reign. With music, food and our own street party we celebrated in style making it an occasion to remember. We would like to say a **huge thank you** to all our amazing parents for supporting us with this celebration all the pupils looked incredible. The buzz and excitement within school was truly amazing. It truly will be an event our pupils will remember!



# Celebrating Pupil Achievement

Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Hall of Fame
Morning Nursery Miss Ramzan	83%	All Nursery	All Nursery	
Afternoon Nursery Miss Ramzan	53%	All Nursery	All Nursery	
RBS Mrs Bodycombe & Miss Swan	91%	All RBS	All RBS	
RA Miss Arnold	80%	Edward	Harry	All RA
1T Miss Tonks	91%	Libby	Jacob-Lee	Brian
1C Mrs Coomber	92%	Leo	Gracie	All 1C
2B Miss Brannon	97%	Jarryd	Ruby-Mae	Riley
2A Miss Ambler	96%	Alessa	Kayla	Chloe
3G Miss Golding	89%	All 3G	All 3G	All 3G
3P Mrs Palmer	92%	All 3P	All 3P	All 3P
4A Miss Ashford	90%	Demi	Jacob	Ebony
4C Mr Cording	93%	All 4C	All 4C	All 4C
5SL Mrs Smithson & Miss Lochman	94%	Brenton	Logan	Phoebe
5A Mr Adams	89%	Jack	Lauren	Gracie
6F Mr Forsyth	90%	William	Holly	Amaya
6K Miss King	85%	Alisha & Abbie	Ethan	Adrianna
6E Mr Eccles	84%	Frankie	Zachary	Carmel-Leigh

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