



February

EYFS

The final two weeks of last half term were very exciting, busy and interesting. We had a week of learning about Chinese New Year. We explored various customs and traditions and especially enjoyed creating our own dragon dance and eating with chopsticks! We were visited by the Confucius Institute at Edge Hill University who share their knowledge and worked with children to create their own dragon puppets.

In the final week of term, the children, along with the rest of the school, enjoyed an exciting trip to Chester Zoo. The children behaved beautifully on the trip and had a wonderful day. Favourite animals included; the butterflies, tigers and flamingos. The children followed up this trip with some super writing and drawings about the animals at the zoo.

Since returning to school last week, we have started a new topic 'Around the World'. This topic was chosen by the children a few weeks ago, when they decided they would like to find out about life in other countries. We have started on a grand scale by finding out about what our planet is like through the text 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be learning about several countries in our topic including; England, India and Australia.

Year 1

Even though February is a short month, we have managed to pack a lot in!

We welcomed two sets of visitors from Edge Hill University into our classroom. Early in February, we learned all about the Chinese New Year from the Confucius Institute at Edge Hill University, They shared the story of the new year with us, told us all about the Year of the Tiger and showed us how to make puppet dragons using card and straws so we could complete a dragon dance. Later in February, a second set of Edge Hill University visitors shared with us a book about dreams and aspirations and helped us to think about our dreams and what we could do now to work towards our dreams.

We also had the most fantastic day at the zoo, meeting the animals and learning all about their needs and it was certainly an amazing day for those of us who dream of working with animals.

February also saw us bid farewell to Miss Kenny, who has been working with us since November. During our final day together, we all had an amazing STEM day learning lots about science and maths.

Finally, our classroom has had a wonderful refurbishment with freshly painted walls, new flooring and new doors – it looks AMAZING and we are taking great pride and great care with our wonderful 'new' classroom!

Year 2

Wow - it seems that February has flown by! The highlight of course, before half term, was a trip to Chester Zoo! We had a wonderful time; looking at all the different animals and experiencing something completely new for some of us – seeing the lions so close up was definitely the best part. Using our learning from zoo, we have written some excellent diaries and letters all about our trip. Before half term, we also celebrated 'International Day of Women and Girls in Science', we recapped on our learning of the great female scientist Marie Curie as well as completing a range of different STEM activities, including making a paper boat and seeing investigating if they would float or sink.

On our return to school, we have started to learn time in maths, being able to recognise the time to every five minutes and being able to order periods of time. In English, we have been using the book 'Have You Ever Wondered What You Will Be?', to write our own version of a poem and riddles which ask the reader to guess what someone's dream job is.



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Year 3

February has been a great month for Willow class and the start of our Spring 2 after the half term. We ended our Judo class with Anthony, resulting in several members joining his club outside of school. We continued to look at rocks and fossils in our science using plaster of paris to make our very own fossils that we will be excavating this week—check out Seesaw for photographs. February also saw us finish our art topic, making 3D pictures using printing techniques and using the work of artist Yayoi Kusama to base our ideas upon. As we learned more and more about our volcano and earthquake topic we began to research independently about the different volcanoes and when they last erupted. We learned some amazing facts such as: Mount Etna last erupted last year, Mount Vesuvius is still an active volcano and volcanologist studies volcanoes.

This half term, we will be working with Ms Jones to produce a piece of music from the Baroque era as part of our new history topic: 'Musical History'. We will be looking at music through the centuries and how it has changed and why. Keep looking on Seesaw to see our journey to produce a stunning piece of music by the end.

Year 4

The past few months have flown by and I cannot believe we are half way through the year already! I am really proud of what the children have achieved so far and I look forward to the rest of the year with them.

We have been really busy over the past few weeks creating our art work. We have been learning the skill of quilling and collaging and have combined this with our knowledge of volcanoes to create a piece of art showing a volcanic eruption. I am really impressed with these, take a look on Seesaw to see your child's work.

Since returning after half term, we have started a new history topic—'Musical History.' We have thoroughly enjoyed learning and listening to music through the different eras and comparing the type of music. We have also started our singing lessons with Ms Jones and have been specifically looking at romantic music. We have enjoyed listening to the music and reflecting on what it reminds us of.

In year 4, we have started our new English topic and have been reading the novel 'Leon and the Place Between.' The book has inspired our imagination and we are really enjoying the magical mystery within the book. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing our own version of this story.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have had a super February which included a trip to Chester Zoo! Prior to half term, we completed our topic unit on volcanoes and, in English, created and edited some super explanation texts on how and why volcanoes erupt. We have started this half term with great effort and determination, revisiting place value in maths, learning all about biographies in English and having a go writing one ourselves and starting our new half-term topic of 'Music Through the Ages'. We are learning a new sport (tag rugby) which will teach and enhance lots of different skills in PE.

In RE, we will learn about miracles, what miracles Jesus performed and what the word 'miracle' means to us as we run up to the Easter holiday.

Year 6

How quickly has the first two months of the year gone? Wow! It will be Easter before we know it. This month, we have completed our 'Extreme Earth' topic and created some amazing animations of erupting volcanoes. We had the opportunity to go in to Year 1 and 2 and share our learning and teach the younger children all about how a volcano erupts. It was a great experience enjoyed by everyone. We also had the fantastic opportunity to go to Chester Zoo. It was a great day, and although it was raining when we arrived the sun shone for the rest of the day and we saw lions, monkeys, giraffes, and rhinos. The rest of this month and into next month we will be starting a Music Through the Ages topic - focusing on jazz music and how that developed.