



# Newsletter

October, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year it has been so far. I would like to thank you for the smooth start we had to the new term when we welcomed back all of the children. Despite lots of changes to routines and timetables, the children have shown amazing resilience and adaptability. Of course, we are still in the midst of reacting to new challenges, but with your support, the excellent attitude of the children and the hard work of all the staff, we have had very little disruption in our school.

Please be reassured that we are doing everything possible to keep our school community safe. I am meeting weekly with the Trust team and having regular meetings with Public Health England, as well as receiving daily updates.

We will always inform you of any changes necessary and strictly follow Government guidance.

We are always here to listen and offer support if you have any concerns at all.

Keep smiling!

Mrs Blackham



## Super Stone Age

As part of their history topic, Y3 have been learning about the stone age. They had a special visitor in school– a real life archaeologist called Mr. Egypt, who delivered one of his wonderful workshops and told them all about what life was like in the Stone Age.

The day was packed full of activities and included fruit tasting as though the children were gatherers, jewellery making and cave painting. In the afternoon, the children performed some drama, pretending to be cave people hunting and gathering food.

Did you know that one of the earliest cavemen was called Homo Habilis, nicknamed Mr Handyman? They came from Africa and lived 2.4 million years ago. They were given this name because they were the earliest tool makers –amazing!



## Harvest Celebrations

Many thanks to all who sent in donations of food for our virtual harvest celebration. All will be sent to King's Church Food bank, serving our community.



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# What's happening?

The children in Y1 have made a magnificent start to KS1 and have completed so much work already. The teaching staff have been really impressed with their behaviour and attitude to work.



## Museum Magic

The children worked with Julia from Bowes museum, they explored many different old toys and compared them to the toys they play



with today. The children also designed and made brilliant peg dolls. Thanks to Mrs Cheeseman who has created this wonderful display in the classroom.



In R.E. the children have been learning about what is inside a



church. They went on a visit to St Mary's church in Cockerton. The children had a great time and they impressed Father Cameron with the knowledge they had. They could name the stain glass windows, the font, the alter, the lectern, the pews and the pulpit. Father Cameron said how wonderful the year 1 children were. An absolute credit to the school. Well done!



In Science, the children in 1L have been looking at how the season changes across the year. We went on an Autumn walk and found lots of signs of Autumn. They found different colour leaves, conkers, berries and acorns.



The children explained about hibernation of the animals and why the days get shorter too.





# And Finally....



**What a mess!**



Year 4 have been learning about the effect that humans have on the environment as part of their Science topic. On Wednesday 21 October, they went to complete a litter pick in the local area to see what types of litter they could collect. They then collated the information into a graph. They found lots of litter in the cut; the main types were paper and plastic.

## **The Pirates in The Garden**

Over the past few weeks 2D have been writing a newspaper report. Last Friday they searched for news in the school grounds and found some amazing evidence which led them to believe a pirate had been in the garden digging up treasure. They had a great time searching for their scoop and writing the story. The evidence showed a bandana, some jewellery, a map, lanterns and wood from the ship. Definitely a pirate there!



## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020: End of Autumn Term 1  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020: Autumn Term 2 Commences  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Teacher Training Day (School Closed)  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020: End of Autumn Term 2  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Spring Term 1 Commences  
February 2021: End of Spring Term 1  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021: Spring Term 2 Commences  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021: End of Spring Term 2  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Summer Term 1 Commences  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021: Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021: End of Summer Term 1  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Summer Term 2 Commences  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021: End of Summer Term 2



**Have a lovely half term holiday from all at Mount Pleasant.**

