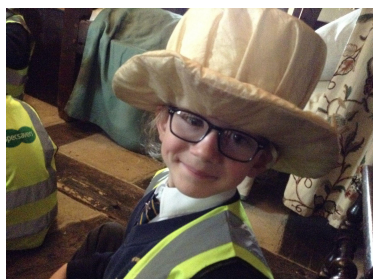


Well that half term went quickly didn't it? What a whirlwind of activities, learning and national events we have been through over the last six weeks. Added to that, both Year 6 and Year 2 have completed their KS2 and KS1 SATS respectively and have shown brilliant focus and calm throughout it all – well done to you both classes – we couldn't be prouder of you. And well done to the rest of the children in the school too; you have been brilliant in your support of the Year 6 and Year 2 children throughout.

Since our last newsletter, the overriding learning themes have got to be those of a historical and sporting nature. The Year 1 children have enjoyed a trip to Selly Manor to learn all about The Great Fire of London and the Restoration period in the 17th Century. Year 5 have also been stepping back into history, hosting a fabulous Roman day here at Tenterfields with the Year 5 children from



Manor Way. It was wonderful to see how well they co-operated in their historical research together. On the

sporting front, a particular highlight has been today's All Stars Cricket visiting from Halesowen Cricket Club. Organised by our PE coordinator Mr Griffiths, the All Stars Cricket training has been enjoyed by all of the children here today from Nursery to Year 5. The only class who haven't enjoyed this event, is Year 6, who instead today have been hosted by Manor Way in a dance workshop by the Black Country Dance Company. It sounds as if they

have been having a fabulous time.

It has been a brilliant half term, as we're sure the next one will be. When we return for the second summer half term, it is likely to get warmer, so please can children remember to bring hats and water bottles to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day, particularly at playtimes. Before the next half term, however, there is this half term break to enjoy. We hope that you have a wonderful and safe time with your families. Enjoy the sun, and remember, when we get back, there will be lots of opportunities for us to be together as a school community including: Dads and Donughts, The Summer Fayre and Sports' days, to name a few. Have a great break!



What's been happening in school?

Nursery

Nursery class is learning all about life cycles. This week we have been investigating caterpillars and butterflies to see what colours and patterns we could notice. We then had an opportunity to paint and draw our own caterpillars and butterflies describing our choices. In the playdough area we practised our rolling techniques to make wriggly caterpillars and gave them googly eyes and some furry legs. Our fine motor skills have been practised by using tweezers to gain grip strength for our writing. We switched our sand out for soil this week with lots of bugs to investigate using key vocabulary and magnifying glasses. After half term we will be looking more in depth into the life cycle of a butterfly when our very own caterpillars arrive in class and we go on our trip to the butterfly farm.



Reception

Over the last two weeks, we have been reading the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been completing lots of different challenges linked to this story such as drawing, describing and labelling the tiger; writing invitations to invite the tiger for tea; setting up a tea party for the tiger in the role play area; making the tiger and other zoo animals using play dough and painting the tiger or making a tiger out of recyclable materials.

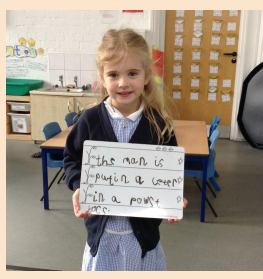
In Phonics, we have continued learning new set 3 sounds including 'er' (a better letter) and 'ow' (brown cow). Please refer to Class Dojo to see what green words and red words we have been learning for and alongside these sounds.



In Maths, we have been learning all about money. We have been learning to recognise the different coins and their values as well as practising paying for items using different coins.

This week we have taken part in a taster cricket session. The children really enjoyed the session and demonstrated some fantastic throwing, catching and batting skills.

Now that the weather is warming up, we have also been spending a little more time exploring in the outdoor area and at Forest School. The children enjoy building obstacle courses riding the bikes and looking for different creatures.



Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying the history theme 'The Great Fire of London.' This week the children visited Selly Manor to learn about life in a Tudor house and the Great Fire of London. Some of the children dressed up as Thomas Farriner the baker, Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and the maid and they retold the story. They played some Tudor style games and had a tour of the black and white Tudor house. They looked in all of the old rooms and learnt about how the house was made. They used wattle and daub to make the house, which is horrid because they used cow wee and cow poo in the daub! This made us laugh. Did you know that they had four poster canopy beds in order to keep creatures such as rats out of the bed?

The children ended this topic with a fabulous finish in Forest School. They had a real campfire and sat around it with toasted marshmallows.

We have been preparing for our phonics screening tests which will take place during the week beginning 14th June. Please encourage your child to look at the phonics words that they have brought home this evening.

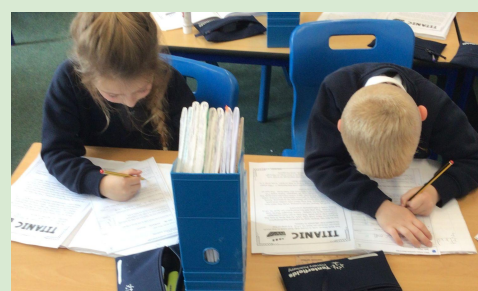


Year 2

Wow our first half term together and what a jam packed half term it has been. We have enjoyed our Titanic theme in Curriculum, celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and going on an adventure with Max the hedgehog. The children have worked incredibly hard with all our topics and have produced some brilliant work.



In Curriculum, we have come to the end of our Titanic topic, which I know we are a little bit sad about, as we have really enjoyed learning about the Titanic. We have made a timeline to show the Titanic's journey and what happened to cause the ship to sink. We have also written a report all about the Titanic telling us all about the passengers, captain and the activities available on board.



In art, we have taken inspiration from our Titanic theme and combined it with our art theme of creating sculptures. As a class we worked together to go outside to collect some natural resources and even built our own titanic sculpture on the field. We also made some pictures out of natural resources – the children were very creative and produced an array of pictures from owls to goblins!

Science saw us conduct an experiment all about how our body reacts when exercising. We have been looking at how to keep our bodies healthy. Our experiment allowed us to record how different types of exercise can change our heart rates, breathing and even our skin.



This week the children have done their key stage 1 SATS. They have worked incredibly hard and I am extremely proud of them all for the effort they have shown this week. As the children have worked extremely hard, we have enjoyed an afternoon outside on board the

Titanic sampling an afternoon tea as the first class passengers would have done. We have also enjoyed a cricket taster session learning all of the basic skills we will need on the cricket pitch.



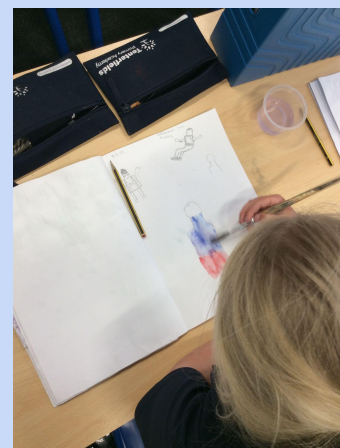
Year 3

We have had a brilliant and busy end to the half term. In English, we have been learning how to write a non chronological report. We enjoyed using our science knowledge during the shared write and loved showing off everything we have learnt. In our independent writing, we used what we were learning in Curriculum to write a report about the Tudors. Year 3 created some amazing reports that focused on different aspects of the Tudors such as the monarchs, the food and their lives. We are really proud of what we have written and loved sharing our writing across our class.

In Maths, we finished our unit on time. We have been learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute. We found this a challenge at times, but over the last few weeks, our confidence has grown massively and we have been able to read the time successfully. We have just started our new unit of angles and shapes. We have had fun looking at angles and comparing their sizes through the use of an angle finder. This has helped us to understand what an angle is and how they can be found all around us.

The theme of the Tudors has been one of our favourites so far in Curriculum. We have loved learning about Henry VIII and how he could be very violent but how he created rules and religions that have had an impact on our lives today. Year 3 have been able to use their learning to write a short speech about which of the Tudor monarchs was their favourite. We were able to explain clearly about why they were our favourite and the impact that they had on our lives today. Finally we recorded our speeches and shared them with the class.

Finally we ended this half term by having a cricket taster session. We had lots of fun and learnt some new skills about how to throw, catch and hit the ball successfully. We have all worked extremely hard this half term and all deserve a well earned break!



Year 4

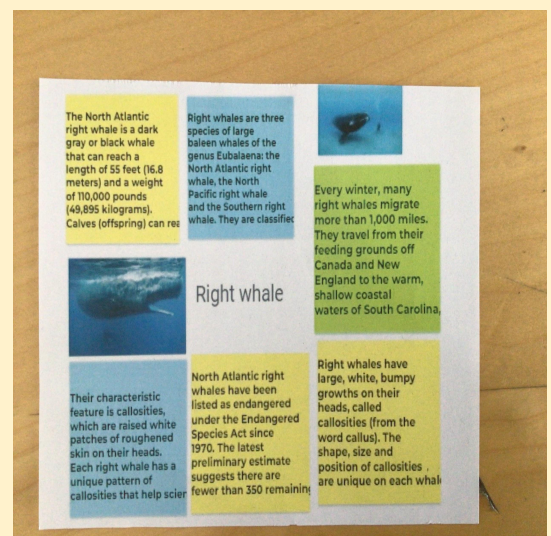
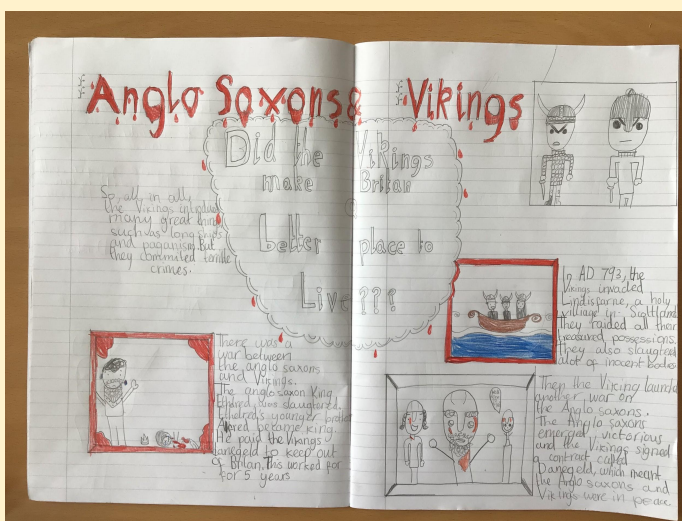
In Year 4, we have had a fantastic and busy end to the half term! In English we have completed our independent writing by using our knowledge of The Plague to write a play script. The children have learned about all the different features of a play script and have used these well to continue their play from where we left off. It was a joy to read all of them! We have just had our first experience day for our new topic and have enjoyed researching all about different whale species. We watched some videos together and shared our facts that we found out.

In Maths, we have begun our new topic of converting measurements. We have been focussing on millimetres, centimetres and metres and how we can use our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 to convert between them. The children have found this quite challenging but have shown the ASPIRE character virtue of resilience. They have not given up even when they have found things really tricky and this has shown in the great progress they have been making. When we come back from our half term break, we will have the Multiplication Tables check. Information about this has been put up on our class dojo; it would be great if the children could continue to do some TTRS practice over the half term.

In Curriculum, we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. Year 4 have just completed their Key Assessment Task where they have focussed on the following question: 'Did the Vikings make Britain a better place to live?' They presented their work beautifully, either on a double-page spread in their books, or by creating a PowerPoint presentation on their iPads.

In Science, we have just finished our topic 'animals including humans'. We have learned all about the different parts of the digestive system and how they all work together to help us digest our food. We have also learned about the different types of teeth we have and how they are all designed to complete a unique role when eating.

It's been a fantastic half term and I hope everyone enjoys their half term. Have plenty of rest ready for the last half term of year 4!



Year 5

What a brilliant end to a busy half term! As usual, there has been lots of exciting learning going on. Our highlight this fortnight, HAS to be our Roman experience day with our Year 5 friends from Manor way. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the moments we captured.



Firstly, Year 5 represented Tenterfields impeccably through their attentive, courteous and discerning behaviour. They enjoyed sharing what they had learnt so far while also finding out lots of new fascinating facts. Children dressed up and made a real effort - I was very impressed.

Our fantastic day consisted of shield making, team games including a board quiz, workshops about our historical timeline, finding out which foods were eaten by the Romans and recreating a Roman battle. The children were horrified to find out how the Romans bathed and toileted with a sponge on a stick! We felt very lucky for the social and technological advancements of today's world. It was exciting learning about the different formations of Roman soldiers in their legions; we practised lots of different positions on the playground and had an opportunity to put our shields to the test as we riled our opposition!

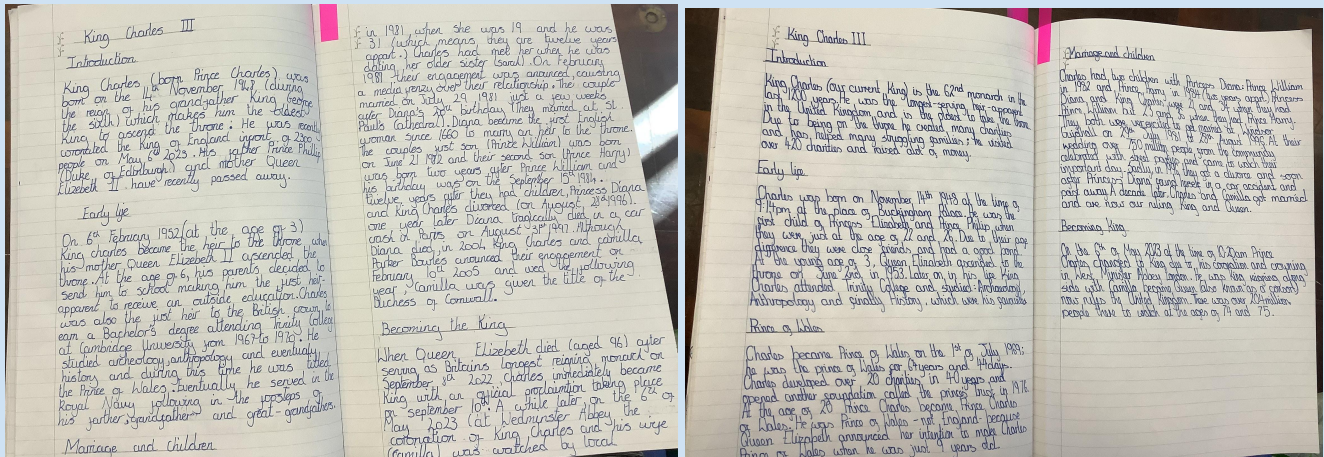


We have also had our last swimming lesson, composed poetry about mythical beasts and completed our Science unit on plants and living things. Their work is excellent - I am pleased with the children's effort to give their attention and focus to each subject - they have quickly become a joy to teach and have lots to be proud of!

Everyone has earned some rest and relaxation during the half term holiday, ready for their very last half term in Year 5!

Year 6

What a busy two weeks we have had. Following on from our SATS; we have been focusing on improving our writing for our end of year assessments. We have been looking at more formal styles of writing including persuasive letters and biographies. I have been really impressed with the quality of writing that has been produced and the focus Year 6 has shown during their independent writing sessions. Here are a few examples:



On Friday we thoroughly enjoyed our dance and performance workshop at Manor Way delivered from Black Country Dance Company. We enjoyed hearing about the story of 'Bella and the Wychelm' and creating a performance to represent it. We threw ourselves into it with great positivity which was great to see. Tenterfields represented themselves impeccably today showing great resilience, respect and courage.



Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason then please let us know as soon as possible:

- The school office telephone number is 0121 289 5020 where you can speak to a member of staff or leave a messenger on the attendance line
- Report their absence via our Parentmail App

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend.


The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression. If we have not heard from you by 10am after trying all the contact numbers we will do a home visit.


At Tenterfields we aim for pupils to achieve an attendance figure of above 97% or more.


Praise Assembly

Praise certificates for the last two weeks have been awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working hard on their ASPIRE Character Virtues!

Praise Certificates		Well done for...
Nursery	Lexi Griffiths	Lexi has been so courageous in her first term at nursery and has made friends and tried lots of new things.
Reception	Joseph Cooper-Dacre	Joseph has become more independent when it comes to organising himself and being ready to learn. He is trying his best to apply what he is being taught and is starting to make some of his own choices during Continuous Provision rather than always following what his friends want him to do.
Year 1	Molly Seeley	Molly has been working hard, particularly in phonics where she has been very independent, using the word mats to help her when she is stuck. Molly has been trying very hard and loves getting stuck into her work. She has been answering lots of questions in class and always tries her best.
Year 2	Nancy Cole	Nancy has taken responsibility for her learning. She uses the working walls to help her become unstuck. She shares ideas with the class. She has been working very hard in all our lessons. She has focused on improving her reading, writing and making sure she is doing her best all of the time.
Year 3	Oscar Rose	Oscar has become more responsible towards his learning. He has been paying closer attention to his presentation and handwriting. He has also been more focused when practising his spellings which has helped him to apply them to his work.
Year 4	Sophie Taylor	Over the last half term, Sophie has had an increasingly positive attitude towards her learning. She has become more independent and shows many of our aspire character virtues including being creative and resilient.
Year 5	Harry Haynes	Harry produced a fantastic written report in Science, all about how animals are built to survive and thrive in contrasting environments around the world! He worked incredibly hard to use scientific vocabulary in his written work.
Year 6	Millie Griffiths	Millie's resilience has sky-rocketed this year. She demonstrates real maturity and gives 100% effort taking responsibility for her learning. This has been noted by all of the adults in the setting; keep up the great work Millie!

<div>  Hot Chocolate Thursday Award Hot Chocolate Awards for the last two weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working so hard </div>	
Nursery	Larella
Reception	Charlotte
Year 1	Sara
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Imogen H
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Benjamin
Year 6	Alfie

Whole School Attendance for week commencing 15th May 2023 – 97.17%		
Reception	93.33	<div>  <p>Well done and congratulations to Year 2 for receiving the Attendance Trophy !</p> </div>
Year 1	97.44	
Year 2	<u>98.89</u>	
Year 3	97.44	
Year 4	97.50	
Year 5	98.48	
Year 6	97.04	

Whole School Attendance for week commencing 22nd May 2023 – 96.21%		
Reception	93.89	<div>  <p>Well done and congratulations to Year 2 for receiving the Attendance Trophy !</p> </div>
Year 1	98.10	
Year 2	<u>98.33</u>	
Year 3	96.15	
Year 4	96.67	
Year 5	96.97	
Year 6	97.31	

After School Clubs April 2023

	After school 3.20pm – 4.30pm
Monday	Basketball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Club – Years 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday	Football Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Epic Dance Club – Reception, 1 & 2 Board Game Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Badminton Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Dodgeball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Performing Arts Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Fusion Dance at Manor Way
Thursday	Pottery – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Rounders Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Team at Manor Way
Friday	Netball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Club – Years Reception, 1 & 2

Diary Dates

29th May	Monday Bank Holiday
w/c 5th June	Year Multiplication Tables' Check begins
7th June	West End Theatre trip to Pineapple Studios London and to watch the show Wicked- details to follow
w/c 12th June	Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 begins
w/c 12th June	Artsmark music project for Y3 and Y4
13th June	Science magician
14th June	Dads and Doughnuts Day
17th June	Tenterfield's Summer Fayre 12-3pm
21st June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9:30am
22nd June	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 9:30am
23rd June	Nursery and Reception induction meeting for new September starters and their parents
27th June	Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception September 2023 intake
27th June	Cricket tournament for Y3 and Y4
4th July	Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception September 2023 intake
4th July	Earls Transition Day for Year 6 leavers
13th July	Nursery Graduation 9:30am

18th July	Tenterfields Reception Graduation 9:30am
19th July	Tenterfields Year 6 Leavers' Celebration 6pm
21st July and 24th July	Transition to new teacher and new classroom
25th July	Break up at 1pm

TERM DATES 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Training Days: Monday 5th September 2022
Term Starts for children: Tuesday 6th September 2022
Half Term holiday: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022
Last day of term: Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Term Starts for children: Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half Term holiday: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023
Last day of term: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Training Day: Monday 17th April 2023
Term starts for children: Tuesday 18th April 2023
Bank Holiday : Monday 1st May 2023
Election Day: Thursday 4th May – open for Year 6 only
Half Term holiday: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
Training Day: Monday 26th June 2023
Last day of term for children: Tuesday 25th July 2023

Inset Days

Friday 25th November 2022
Friday 2nd December 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 26th June 2023