## Lots To Do In Year 2

We have had a very busy half- term in Year 2! The children have been working hard in all subjects, showing their teachers their best work in 'show off' time.

We have had a history focus in our Emergency 999 topic, learning about important people from the past, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Grace Darling and Jesse Boot.

We have also enjoyed our DT project, designing and making our own emergency vehicles, using the saw to cut dowel to make the axles and using lots of craft materials to decorate it! Year 2 Team

#### Year 5 Are Out Of This World

Year 5 have been busy working on a Space topic this half term, from learning the order of the planets to investigating how we know that the earth is spherical, rather than flat. The children have also produced some amazing space-inspired artwork! Take a look at the pictures and you will see some of their oil pastel recreations of Vincent Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' and chalk/charcoal creations of the moon, focussing on tone and blending. The Year 5 staff have been very impressed with some of the creative homework we have received too - it's fantastic when children go the extra mile to help their learning.

In English, we have been writing setting descriptions, newspaper reports and case files about plays written by William Shakespeare. The children enjoyed discovering 'Who Dunnit' after reading 'Othello' and we read some wonderfully detailed descriptions of Prospero's storm from 'The Tempest'.

We are also busy rehearsing for our musical, 'Dragon Days'. We can't wait to share it with you all!

We are very much looking forward to next half term when our final topic, 'Food around the World', will commence. This will involve a trip to Pizza Express (details to follow) and also some cookery lessons in East Leake Academy's Design & Technology suite. As always, parent volunteers would be appreciated. Year 5 Team

## **Dates For Your Diary**

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n	4 June	INSET Day
s	5 June	School Re-opens to Pupils
ds	20 June	Foundation Fun Day
ds	20 June	Year 3 Twycross Trip
:	25 June	Sports Week
:5	26 June	Sports Day KS1 & F2
irs	28 June	Sports Day KS2
n	2 July	Year 5 Performance EVE
s	3 July	Year 5 Performance PM
s	3 July	Year 6 Transfer Day at ELA
ds	4 July	Year 6 Transfer Day at ELA
ds	4 July	F1 Sports Day
ds	5 July	Wear Something Great & Donate
ds	5 July	M&M Production to Pupils
	6 July	Parent Reports Sent Home
	6 July	Cheers Summer BBQ
	7 July	Year 6 Prom
s	10 July	New Intake Meetings 5.30 & 6.30
eds	11 July	Swap Over AM & Meet the Teacher Meetings
s	17 July	New Intake PM visit (no lunch)
ds	18 July	New Intake AM visit (with lunch)
n	23 July	C.A.R.E Assembly
ds	25 July	Foundation Graduation 2 pm
ds	25 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9 am
ds	25 July	Last Day of School









To say this half term has been busy would be an understatement! Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to our children in Year 6 who completed their SATs last week. Without exception the children arrived on time, gave every test their very best and throughout, were absolutely amazing. Whatever the outcome, I feel very proud of every single one of them.

I would also like to say an official farewell to Miss Millar. Some of you may have realised that Miss Millar is no longer at Lantern Lane, but we are very pleased to welcome a Miss Millarlookalike in the form of Mrs Drakes. As I am sure you are very aware, Miss Millar got married at Easter and is now Mrs Drakes. I just wanted to say congratulations from all of us at Lantern Lane!

As always the forthcoming half term will be very busy with lots more planned for the children and hopefully, along with these activities, there will be lots of opportunities for the children to enjoy the sunshine. Therefore, can I remind all parents that the children will need to come to school with sun cream on and bring themselves a sunhat to wear.

Mrs Butler



Tis half term Year 3 have been busy with their enterprise project which Mrs Griggs launched with a talk on budgets and which concluded on Tuesday with our Woodland Fayre. Thank you for all the support we have received from parents.

We have also enjoyed our novel study on The Iron Man and all the related learning we have done on robots. Some of the children's homework has been amazing to see and our art work in the style of Eric Joyner has been impressive.

Next half term, we are looking forward to our final Forest School sessions, a visit from the mini zoo and our trip to Twycross Zoo.

#### Year 3 Team

# Free School Meals

Please could we remind you to make an application for free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits (even if your child receives universal infant free school meals because they are in Foundation 2, Year 1 or Year 2). This will enable you to obtain other benefits, such as free pupil milk, and will ensure the school receives pupil premium to support your child. The easiest way to make an application is to telephone 0300 500 8080.

## Down On The Farm In Year 1

This half term we have had a fantastic time learning about life on a farm. We started our topic off with a fantastic trip to White Post Farm, where we really enjoyed seeing all the different farm animals.

We have also enjoyed reading lots of new stories, writing our own endings to stories and learning lots of new facts about pigs. Our

favourite one is that pigs use mud as sun cream so that they don't burn their skin in the hot weather.

In Science, we have been very busy looking for signs of Spring and learning about plants. You may have seen all of our clever planting in our new plant pots outside the Year 1 classrooms.

After half term, we are looking forward to starting our last and final topic 'All Around the World' as well as all of the other great end-ofyear events that are coming up.

Keep an eye out for us at Sports Day as we have been working really hard on our Athletics training. **Year 1 Team** 

## Year 6 Celebrate

The weeks since Easter have certainly flown by in Year 6 as our preparations for SATs gained momentum. The children have worked extremely hard, showing a great deal of determination and enthusiasm - no matter the challenges presented to them. They should be very proud of the way they managed the actual tests themselves. Thank you to you all for the support you have given to both the children and the staff.

This time has not been without some treats fantastic bacon sandwiches on the Friday of SATs week (courtesy of Mrs Jones) and a really enjoyable trip to the park to let off some steam and enjoy some fun times as a year group.

There is also much to look forward to as the children's last half-term at Lantern Lane beckons. There is a very exciting art project planned linked to our South America topic, the start of the Bikeability programme and, of course, thoughts will turn to the much-anticipated Leavers' Assembly. These should all lead to many more happy memories for the children to take with them as they anticipate their next adventure..! Year 6 Team







#### Year 4 Discover The Romans

This half term, Year 4 have continued their learning about the Romans. We had an absolutely fantastic time on our Castleton residential. The children behaved brilliantly and we thoroughly



enjoyed all our activities, especially building Roman siege engines, having a Roman battle and our walk through the local area.

In school, we prepared for our Roman day to finish our topic on the Romans (Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May). We also did our sponsored Roman march in the afternoon where we marched 10 laps of the school in our Roman costumes! We are hoping to have raised some money for our Year 4 activities, Thank you to those who sponsored the children using the sponsor forms provided.

We are also busy designing our very own Roman bread which we are looking forward to baking and, more importantly, eating!

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for Open Door Reading on Tuesday mornings. We have enjoyed sharing a moment of reading with you all. Feel free to pop in if you have 10 minutes spare after drop off each week.

Next half term, we will be undertaking a local history study finding out about East Leake's history. We will be going on a village walk to look at important locations. Look out for a letter regarding this after half term. **Year 4 Team** 





### Fun Times In Foundation

We've had lots of fun since coming back after Easter. The first part of our topic was all about water. We had lots of fun finding out where water comes from and where it goes. Foundation 1 really enjoyed learning how to share the raindrops they collected!

We are now exploring the topic 'Pirates and Mermaids'. We have discovered that pirate's love to eat pizza! The Badgers and Foundation 1 have enjoyed tasting pizza and making their

own! We hope you enjoyed them; they smelt great!

We couldn't go through the Summer term without mentioning the Royal wedding! The children in Foundation really enjoyed their



trip to St Mary's Church and got to be part of a very special wedding ceremony!

We would like to say a big welcome to the new Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehogs that have joined us in

the Foundation Unit this term. They all seem happy and settled. We are really excited



about our Foundation Fun Day this year which is on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. The theme is 'Football World Cup'. If you would like to help with our Foundation Fun Day, please let a member of staff know. More details about our Foundation Fun Day will be sent out in a letter soon. As always we welcome parents to come into the Foundation Unit any time to help us, so if you have any free time and would like to come in, please speak to one of the staff.

#### Foundation Stage Team