

Miss Randle's Class

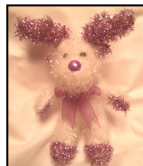
We have had a great half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and have progressed in all subject areas. The children have enjoyed reading, solving problems and learning about our topic 'Rivers and Mountains'. We have explored how rivers and mountains are made and the important vocabulary around the topic. The children have put together great PowerPoint presentations, gathering all of their research over the past 7 weeks and presenting them to the class.

Our class were given the opportunity to go horse riding, all the children have enjoyed going and they have taken pride in learning to ride and take care of a horse.

We have experienced lots this half term from outdoor wilderness fun, 'super' cinema trips, live theatres in school as well as a trip to see some sights to help delve into the History of Middlesbrough!

The build up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school and we have enjoyed Christmas lunch, discos and our Carol concerts.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Mr Ford's Class

Once again we have had a very busy term. Everybody has been working so hard and making great progress.

Reading ages have really improved and everyone is willing to read to the whole class from the interactive whiteboard. Our topic this term was 'Our Bodies' and we have been looking at what makes a healthy diet and how micro-organisms can be both good and bad.

We have had so many different experiences including Virtual Reality, looking at animals of the world in ZooLab, where we had the chance to hold different animals. Recently, we had our Wilderness sessions where we made clay reindeers and enjoying toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate round the camp fire. We have had several pantomimes which included 'Sleeping Beauty', 'The Railway Children' and of course 'Cinderella' at the Little Theatre. Many thanks to the Rotary Club.

Our last weeks were so busy with Christmas activities including Christmas lunch, a special visitor, our party and we also saw the fantastic 'The Toys Are Back in Town' show! Thank you to everyone who supported us at our Christmas Carol Concert. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mrs Callaghan's Class

Autumn Term has been productive for our class. The children have settled into Year 5 and we are proud of their achievements this term.

The first half term was 'The Rainforest'. This was really interesting! We enjoyed looking at different layers of the Rainforest and the species that live in them. We really enjoyed getting our hearts racing trying to survive a 'Bush Tucker' trial'.

Our second half term topic was 'Victorians' and we have all enjoyed researching about the life of a child in Victorian Britain. We wrote stories and made toys eg a peg doll and dressed in Victorian clothes.

As a reward for all the children's hard work, we ended the term with a well-deserved trip to the cinema to see 'Paddington'. We had a day dedicated to outdoor winter crafts, which involved making mud faces and having our own campfire!

In the New Year we will start our new topic of 'Vikings' followed by 'Space'. Until then, have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Well done Y5



*We wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.
Thank You for all your support
from
The Staff at Holmwood School*

Holmwood School/ Newsletter



Autumn Term 2023
Have a Brilliant Winter Holiday!



A Message from Mr Ley - Headteacher

As 2023 ends, we are hoping that 2024 is even better!

This term has been very busy. Our pupil numbers have once again grown and our staff have worked extremely hard to deliver a wonderful education for all the children.

Thank you for sending your child in a school uniform, supporting with their homework and for all the positive comments you have made about the school.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and New Year. Once again, thank you.

Please remember to call 01642 819157 during the holidays if you have any concerns. Please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mr Dennis Ley



Improving Attendance

Holmwood School is focussing closely on attendance this academic year. We would like to thank the pupils, parents and carers for all the support they have given to the school.

Our current attendance is significantly lower than past years. We hope pupils will be fit and healthy in the New Year.

We would like to congratulate the 35 pupils who have had 100% attendance this term.

This is outstanding. **Well done to all of you!**

We are hoping to have the best attendance result ever in 2024.

Christmas Gifts

We are very grateful for the wonderful donations from M&S, ASDA, Tesco, TFM Radio, Ellen Timney Foundation, Teesside Charity and the Salvation Army Gift Appeal.

All of our children at Holmwood School have received several gifts from various charities and organisations along with some toys that have been purchased over the year.

Spring Term Dates

**Monday 08 January 2024 to
Friday 09 February 2024**

**Monday 19 February 2024 to
Friday 22 March 2024**



Miss Horne's Class

We have had a great half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and have progressed in all subject areas. The children have enjoyed writing poems, reading, art and learning about our topic 'What Makes the World Angry?'. We have explored natural disasters and the important vocabulary around the topic.

We have had many experiences this half term from Outdoor Wilderness sessions, a trip to Hardwick Park and the cinema.

The build up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school with Christmas lunch, Discos and our Carol concerts.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Cairnes' Class

Autumn Term has been a productive and enjoyable time for Year 4; the children have settled in really well.

In our learning challenges this term; we have explored 'Life in Anglo Saxon times'. The children really enjoyed our visit to Preston Park where we explored several different artefacts and learned what life was like for an Anglo Saxon child.

We have learned about rivers and mountains, the children have made some fantastic art work to support their learning. They really enjoyed building their own bridges!

The children have had lots of wonderful experiences within school and really enjoyed the performances by M&M Productions and Toys are Back in Town. They have enjoyed visits from ZooLab and also The Wilderness Team and a trip to the cinema to watch 'Super Mario!'

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

Mr Cairnes, Mr Wager, Miss Roche & Miss Wood.



Mrs Bourne's Class

It has been a very busy Autumn Term in the Support Centre; we are so proud of how hard the children have been working together and supporting each other.

In English this half term the children were writing "Who and Do" sentences and were so proud of their published work. They all got the opportunity to share their success with Mr Ley and were rewarded with Headteacher awards.

The focus in Maths for some children this term has been bonds to numbers and the introduction of systematic bonds. Other children were working on recognising properties of circles and triangles.

We took advantage of the snowy weather and enjoyed a trip to Hardwick Park. Both children and staff had fun with the activities which involved making reindeer food, reindeer hunting amongst the trees, comparing old and new toys and reindeer decorations for the tree. To round the day off we enjoyed a magical walk around the icy lake!

A great big thank you to the children for working incredibly hard in rehearsals for our Christmas production "The Bossy King". We are sure you will agree it was totally amazing!

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday, see you in the New year.

Mrs Ahmad's Class

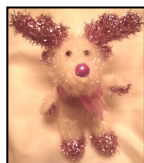
Autumn Term has been really productive for our class! The children have settled into Year 6 and are showing fantastic progress.

Our first half term Learning Challenge was "What was life like during World War 2?" We enjoyed learning about how and why the Second World War began, The Battle of Britain and The Holocaust. Our trip to Eden Camp was such a great follow-up to everything we had been learning about.

The second half term was "How can we stay healthy?" It was particularly interesting learning about our major organs and what they do. We have also learnt how precious our body is and what we need to do to stay healthy.

We really enjoyed our wider learning experiences from MM Productions, visits to the cinema, the theatre and the local garden centre to see real reindeer and of course the Winter Wonder Wilderness!

Have a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to an exciting Spring term!



Mrs Kearney's Class

The children have settled so well into life at Holmwood! We are so proud of their achievements socially, emotionally and academically at school.

Our topic book was 'The Colour Monster'. This book helped the children understand different feelings and learn how to communicate with others about how they are feeling.

Our second topic of the Autumn Term was 'Colours'. We have enjoyed exploring 'Elmer', 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Day The Colours Quit'. The children have developed their inference skills through reciprocal reading and are all now learning different phonics sounds through the Sounds-Write programme.

The snow got us all ready to make our Christmas crafts. The children have developed their art skills using paints, glue, glitter and sequins. They cannot wait to bring them home and show you!

All of the teachers in Reception/Year 1 would like to say well done to everyone for their performance in the Nativity. You all sang amazingly well!

Mrs Cairns' Class

The children have settled very well since starting back in September; they have worked extremely hard academically, socially and emotionally and they are making pleasing progress. We are very proud of their achievements so far.

Our first topic of the Autumn Term was 'Why was the Great Fire of London so great?'. This allowed the children to become immersed in the history of the fire and to compare past and present London.

Our second topic was 'Where would you prefer to live? England or Africa?'. The children developed their knowledge of the seven continents and five oceans and compared the country of Kenya to our local area of Middlesbrough.

Our class have been lucky enough to enjoy trips to the cinema and to Hardwick Park, where we made gorgeous crafts and enjoyed exploring in the snow! In our Outdoor Wilderness lesson, we had hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the campfire!

The last few weeks leading up to Christmas have been very exciting and fun-filled! We would like to congratulate the children on their wonderful Nativity performance – well done everyone!

Following our Christmas break, our Spring Term topic will be, 'How will 5 a day help me to be healthy?'.

From all of Mrs Cairns' class, we wish you a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rollinson's Class

We have had a really busy time in Year 3 this term; the children have been learning about volcanoes during our topic of 'What Makes the Earth Angry?'. We have looked at various texts and retrieved a lot of information which we have used in our writing. The children then had an enjoyable but messy time making volcanoes out of clay!

In Maths, the focus has been on times tables and the children are becoming more confident with applying different strategies when working though number problems.

We have been really lucky to experience a Virtual Reality session and enjoyed ZooLab coming into school; we also went to the cinema to see 'The Red Turtle'.

The run up to Christmas is always bustling with excitement with Christmas lunch, the Christmas Disco and a visit from an extra special person! Ho Ho Ho!!

On behalf of all the staff and children of Year 3, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs McNeill's Class

Well what a wonderful Autumn Term we have had! Y3 children have worked their socks off and as a result have celebrated success in their reading, writing, and number.

They have explored 'Who first lived in Britain?' and 'What makes the world angry?', incorporating their ICT, Art and DT skills to create work.

Each new topic the children have shared their new vocabulary on the class Vocab Ninja display and can say with ease the meaning of the new vocabulary.

At Holmwood, the children are able to build on their social skills through amazing activities such as Outdoor Wilderness fun, cinema trips, pantomimes, Halloween disco, virtual expeditions. We enjoyed a trip to Hardwick Park to make traditional Christmas decorations and the children played in the snow!

The final week is full of Christmas spirit. The children became more excited for their Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas disco, performing their Nativity, meeting Father Christmas himself and finishing with their class party.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Keep safe, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

With much love, the Y3 teachers.