



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term with many learning opportunities and fun activities taking place. We have seen children competing in various sporting opportunities, visiting the local churches and garden centres, a trip to tropical world, a workshop at Bradford Industrial museum, STEM workshops and a train ride to name a few!

We have been so proud to see the children develop in confidence and really demonstrate those 'Six ways to Shine' throughout the curriculum and as part of their everyday activities. All of our children have made us very proud with their determination, independence, and positive attitude in everything that is asked of them. We have a wide range of active enrichment groups that aim to make our school, community and world a better place. This has provided an opportunity for some of our children to represent the school at the Citizens UK meeting. The children spoke up about the importance of Children's mental health. We are very proud of the group and look forward to seeing what actions they take on next.



Over the coming days we have the nativities for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and know that the children are excited to perform, sing and dance for you. On Friday 15th December we have our Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration in church at 2pm, and we would welcome KS2 parents/carers to come along and join us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers and families for their support to school this year. We are very grateful for support in all of the activities and opportunities we put on, to the volunteers for our trips and to our very busy and proactive PTFA group. The difference that the support makes to our wider school community is very much appreciated and we would like thank you for your time.

Finally, we will end the term on Monday 18th December at 3pm on our 'Christmas Party Day.' We will then welcome the children back to school at 08:30 on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Leanne Ruddock, Head of School &

Kirsty Hutchinson, Executive Headteacher



Governor update

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the final few days of the Autumn term and the up-and-coming Christmas festivities!

It has been another busy school term at Harden Primary School and as Governor for Early Years, it has been a pleasure to visit the school to meet with Jess Roe and see the new reception cohort settling in and beginning to flourish in their reception class. I was lucky enough for two reception children to showcase their reading to me and it was lovely to see the children happy and engaged in their learning. It is always a pleasure to visit Harden Primary School but seeing the new children settle into the school routine and showcasing their 'Six Ways to Shine' is an honour.

This term has seen my last few meetings in post as Parent Governor as I have now been parent governor for 4 years and my son has moved onto secondary school.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kirsty Hutchinson, Leanne Ruddock, all the staff at Harden Primary alongside the rest of the Governors and team at Exceed for their continued hard work in ensuring all the children receive a balanced and well-structured curriculum and, from a parents perspective, ensuring that every child believes, achieves and succeeds in Harden Primary School.

On behalf of the Governing team, we wish all staff, children, and parent/carers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shelley Price

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 13th December—Year 1 Nativity 2pm and 5pm

Thursday 14th December—Year 2 Nativity 2pm and 5pm

The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets and refreshments at these events, please bring cash if you wish to purchase

Friday 15th December— Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December— Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th December— KS2 Christmas Celebration event

Monday 18th December— Christmas Party Day

Monday 18th December @ 3pm – School Closes for Christmas break

Tuesday 2nd January @ 08:30am– School Re opens

Tuesday 16th January— Y3 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns

Thursday 18th January— Y5 Shakespeare Workshop

Monday 22nd January— Y6 Trip to Jorvik



Upcoming Parent Events

Reception	Friday 2nd February @ 14:15
Year One	Thursday 1st February @ 08:45
Year Two	Monday 5th February @ 14:15
Year Three	Tuesday 6th February @ 08:45
Year Four	Wednesday 7th February @ 14:15
Year Five	Tuesday 30th January @ 14:15
Year Six	Monday 5th February @ 08:45

Recommended Reads

We are often asked to recommend new books suitable for the different year groups, so here is our top pick for this half term! If you have any great 'Reads', come and see Mrs Ruddock so we can share! This half term some of our Year 6 children have asked to share their recommendations for KS2 children.

Mrs Ruddock recommends- Gaslight by Eloise Williams



This is a great book that I recommend for children over 9 years old. It's set in 1899 in Cardiff, and Nansi lives a life in the shadows. After her mother mysteriously went missing, Nan survives by thieving and taking part in fraudulent stage shows under orders from Pernicious Sid, the Empire Theatre's ruthless owner.

But with a love of books and her best friend Bee keeping her strong, Nansi is determined to find out the truth about what happened to her mum - even if it leads her into real danger.

Gaslight is an adventure book that is great for those interested in crime.

Reception Update

Over the past few weeks, Reception have been busy getting stuck in to their new topic “Around the world” The children started their topic by looking at maps. They used google maps to direct themselves to their homes before making a class map to the local park. Reception carefully thought about the buildings and features of the village they would see on their way to the park and used great directional language to explain. The children then tested out our maps by going down to the park to a quick Autumn hunt and play!



In Maths, Reception have been exploring shapes. They have worked together to describe and group different 2D shapes before going on a shape hunt in the natural environment to find how they had been used to create different objects.



Finally, the children have made the most of the cold weather through getting into the Christmas spirit. Reception built “Santa’s sleigh” using large construction blocks outside and re-enacted Christmas eve and the delivery of presents! The children also experimented how to melt the ice. They tested lots of ideas and used a variety of materials to support us. The children found out that warm water was the most effective method.



Year 1 Update

In science, the children have been learning about everyday materials and their properties. The children have identified materials in the environment, and worked scientifically to group materials and carry out simple tests. The children have tested materials to see if they are absorbent, making predictions and recording their results. They worked in small groups to build a waterproof shelter using a range of materials which Miss Bearder tested by throwing a bucket of water over it!



In DT, Year 1 were asked 'How do we decorate for Christmas?' With this in mind, they took a trip to the garden centre to visit the Christmas display. They made notes and took photos of the Christmas decorations and using this as inspiration designed their very own Christmas decoration. The children have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks to make sure their decoration would be ready to take home for Christmas. They cut out their felt templates and sewed them together using either a running stitch or a back stitch. The children impressed us with their determination and persistence when learning this new skill and cannot wait to show you.

In topic the children have been learning about our local area to help them to answer the question "Where do we live?"



Year 1 went for a walk around the village identifying human and physical features e.g. shops, houses, fields, hills, woods and the river. They have been busy learning how to create maps and give directions to travel to different places around the village and developing their accuracy when knowing their left and right.



Year 2 Update

Over the past few weeks, Year Two have been busy learning all about the local area in their geography topic. After going for a walk around Bingley, looking at the key human and physical features, they have created maps of the area and produced tourist leaflets.



The children went to Bradford Industrial museum, where they looked at the machines used during Victorian times and the conditions children had to work in. They also took part in a toy workshop where they had the opportunity to look and play with a range of toys, some which were new and others that were over 100 years old. They compared the toys, thinking about what they were made from and how they worked.



During Design and Technology, Year 2 have looked at different moving mechanisms and how to implement these techniques into creating a moving picture of their own. They have used sliders, levels and wheels to create different movements.



In Science, Year 2 have focussed on Plants, where they have looked at what plants need to grow well, parts of a seed and the life cycles of different plants.

Year 3 Update

Trip to Tropical World

Year 3 had an amazing day out at Tropical World. The workshop provided the class with lots of amazing information to use in their learning. Year 3 spent an afternoon exploring the animal exhibits. They had lots of fun! The rainforest room allowed them to feel the climate of the Amazon, whilst being surrounded by the amazing wildlife!

English

Year 3 have written beautiful limericks about the animals of the rainforest at the start of the half term. Now they are working on writing an extended recount of the trip to Tropical World!

Science

Year 3 have been learning about the inside of animals and humans. Building skeletons, making models of muscles and learning what our body needs to stay healthy.

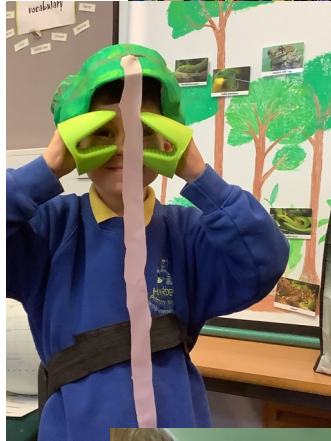
Amazon Rainforest

Year 3 have become Amazon experts this half term, fully immersing themselves in the current topic. Researching habitats, river processes, deforestation and features of rainforests. The final project of this term will be a diary entry of a journey down the Amazon River.

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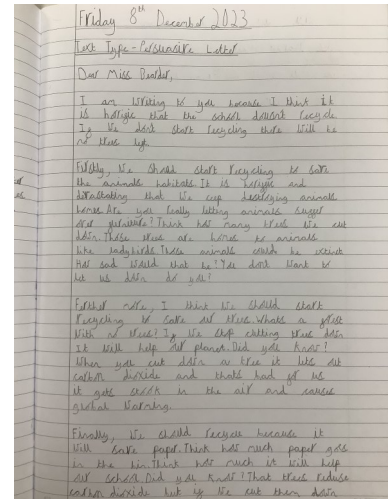
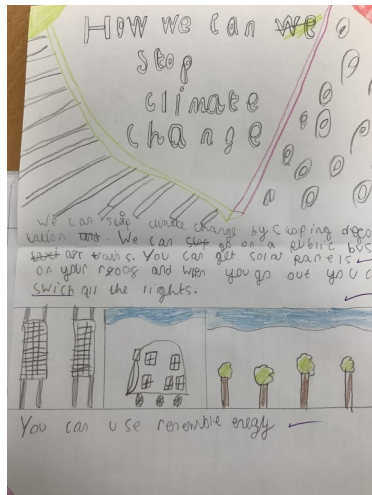
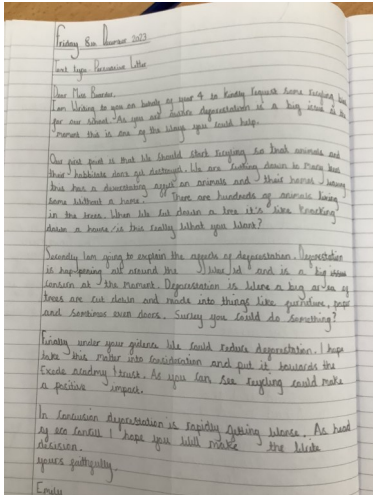
A fleet of amazing vehicles have been researched, designed and built by Year 3, using 'CAD'. They have been designed to explore the Amazon Rainforest, and look brilliant so far!

Well done Year 3 for continuing the amazing learning for another half term. Christmas activities have kept the children busy, from making decorations for our tree, to playing in snow during the Elf run! Have a lovely Christmas break!

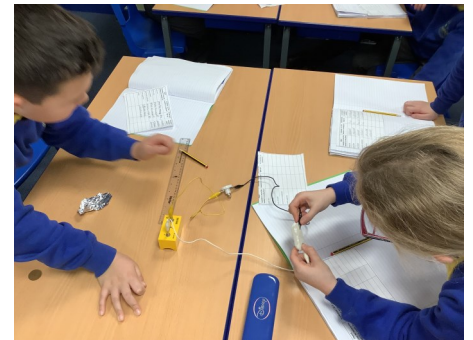
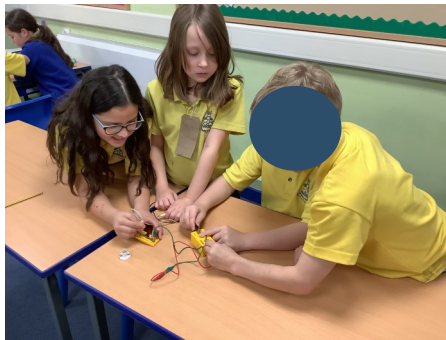
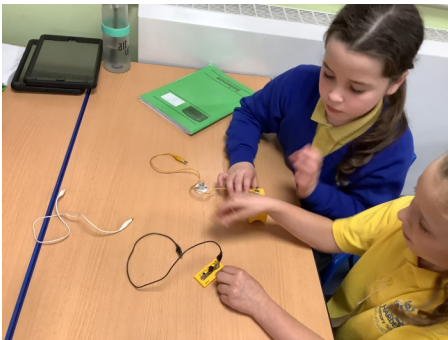


Year 4 Update

This half term Year 4 have been learning all about Climate Change. The children have been exploring the causes of Climate change, the effects and how they can help our planet. They have had great discussions about things we could do to help and made posters to show our ideas. We have also written letters to our Eco council to persuade them to start recycling at school.



In science, the children have been learning about electricity. They have had lots of fun investigating different types of circuits. Year 4 have used their scientific enquiry skills test different materials in the circuits to see which are electrical conductors and which are electrical insulators. The children looked at switches and how different switches work. Then they made their own switches using split pins and paper clips to use in the circuits too.

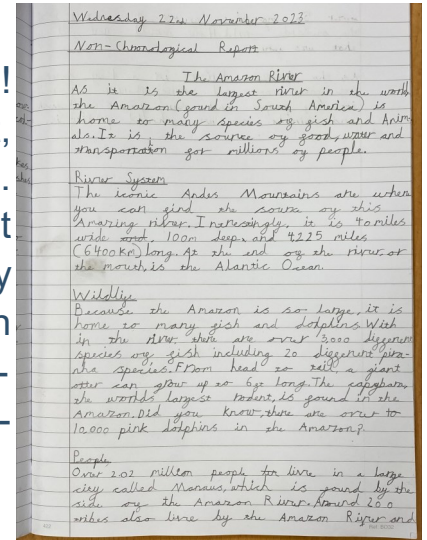


In PE, Year 4 have been using their creativity to choreograph dances for different themes. The children started off with a spy routing including unison, mirroring and action reaction movements to a spy theme tune. The children then moved on to the more upbeat style of the Samba. They explored the Rio de Janeiro carnival and choreographed moves in a group to complement the music.



Year 5 Update

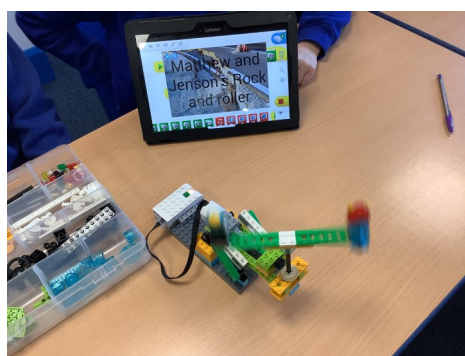
This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about rivers! The children began their learning with a scavenger hunt, finding map references and anagrams of British rivers. Across their Geography lessons, Year 5 have looked at the structure of rivers, how they form and the way they change the landscape through erosion and deposition. In English, the children also produced non-chronological reports about the Amazon River to showcase how significant rivers are to people and wildlife.



In Art, Year 5 have been looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, specifically his jungle paintings. The children have been working towards creating their own depictions of the Amazon Rainforest using bold colours and Rousseau's Post-Impressionist style. They have explored sketching foliage and animals as well as using watercolours to create different shades ahead of completing their pieces of artwork. So far, the children have used bold oil pastels to draw their animals and will use paint to add colour to the rainforest in the background.



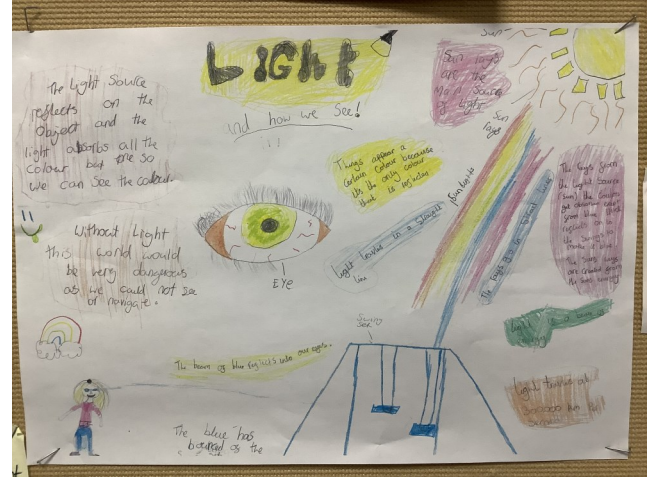
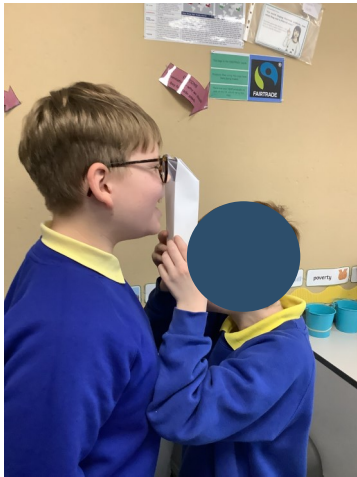
Year 5 had an amazing STEM workshop where they built Lego robots, computer programmed to move in different ways. Firstly, the children created their own spinning robots which could flash and make different noises. Then, the children created the 'Vertispin' fairground ride which moved using gear mechanisms. Finally, the children made their own lunar rovers with motion detectors which would stop to send a message when new life was detected.



Year 6 Update

The children have had an extremely busy half term.

In Science, they have learnt all about light. They looked at solid coloured objects through different coloured filters, made periscopes to investigate how light can be reflected. To demonstrate how light enables us to see, they made a human model.



GEORGIA O'KEEFE

3 Interesting facts about the artist:

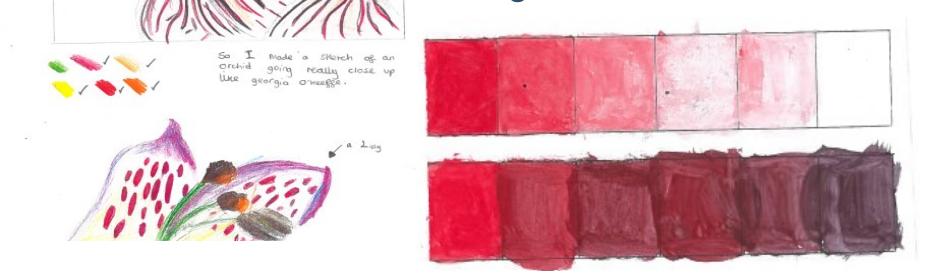
- Georgia O'Keeffe was born on the 19th November 1887 in Wisconsin, USA.
- She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and had her first gallery show in 1916.
- Her mother inspired her and convinced her to carry on with art.

Sketch something that reminds you of the artist.

During what period of art was this artist most famous?
The American modernist period.

Describe one artwork from this artist and share how it makes you feel.
I think her work is very strange and interesting but also strange because you wouldn't expect it to be a flower.

In Art, the children have completed an artist study on Georgia O'Keeffe. They have then explored how to create different tones, tints and shades by adding varying quantities of black, white and grey to pure colours. After this, they developed their own sketches in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.



During Computing lessons, the children have used a spreadsheet to investigate probability of the results of throwing a dice; calculated the discount and final prices in a sale using different formulas.

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1	Ticket seller	Super tickets	Ticket unicorns	We will rock you	Fresh avacados	Jeff's ticket supplies
2	Original price	£37.50	£32.00	£35.35	£30.80	£35.00
3	Quantity	6	6	6	6	6
4	Booking fee					
5	Total Price	£225.00	£192.00	£212.10	184.8	£210.00
6	Reduction	10%	5%	20%	15%	25%
7	Price reduced by	£22.50	£9.60	£42.42	27.72	£52.50
8	New price	£202.50	£182.40	169.68	£157.08	157.5