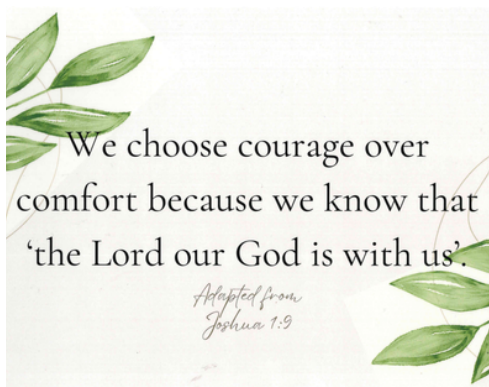


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to reflect on one of our school values: forgiveness. Forgiveness is about showing kindness and understanding when mistakes are made, learning from our experiences, and moving forward positively. It takes courage to say sorry, honesty to admit when we are wrong, and respect and love to forgive others. These are important life skills that help us build strong relationships and a caring community.

This week's Sports Day was a wonderful example of our school values in action. It was fantastic to see children demonstrating courage as they challenged themselves, respect for their competitors, honesty in every race and activity, and love through their encouragement and support of one another. Perhaps most importantly, there were many moments that reflected the value of forgiveness—children showing resilience when things did not go their way, congratulating others, and moving on with positivity and good sportsmanship. We were incredibly proud of every child for their enthusiasm, determination, and excellent behaviour throughout the day. Thank you also to the many parents, carers, and family members who attended and helped make the event such a success.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming Church Retreats next week. These special opportunities will allow our children to spend time reflecting on our Christian vision and values, deepen their understanding of faith, and enjoy moments of quiet reflection, learning, and community. We look forward to sharing more about these experiences with you in next week's newsletter. If you are able to support with this, please let Mrs Dallison or class teachers know.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful weekend with your families.

With warmest wishes,

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Sarah Pearson

Headteacher

School Dates for the Diary

06.07.26 - Year 6 and 1 Church Retreat
07.07.26 - Year 5 and 2 Church Retreat
08.07.26 - Year 3 and 4 Church Retreat
09.07.26 - Reception Church Retreat
07-10.07.26 - Y6 Bikeability
14.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
14-15.07.26 - Quarrydale Transition Y6
17.07.26 - Ethic of Excellence Assembly
20.07.26 - Y6 Performance (2:00 and 5:00)
21.07.26 - Whole School Picnic (pm)
22.07.26 - Y6 Leavers Service at Church
23.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day
24.07.26 - **LAST DAY OF TERM**



Forgiveness

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

What an exciting week it has been in foundation. We had a great time doing our trampolining enrichment and on the same day, we discovered a cocoon in our outside area. We have recalled what we remember about minibeasts to help us protect the cocoon. Foundation have worked practicing for Sports Day and they had a blast competing for their house. The class showed great sportsmanship and did themselves proud as they all tried best! In both maths and Topic, we have looked at maps and positional language. We used what we learnt in maths to help with our map reading skills. We looked at old birds-eye-view maps of the school, tried to locate the area and discussed what was different and what was the same. In English, we continued our class topic of riddles and learnt all about monkeys to help us form a plan, which we turned into a class riddle. We have also begun working on understanding how to correctly write our dictated sentences in preparation for Year 1. The students have been fabulous at writing independently and taking on the feedback from their teachers. We are very proud of them.

Year 1 - Miss Owen

Year One have made a great start to our new English unit on persuasive writing. We've begun exploring forest fire facts and created a class mind map to gather ideas for our own persuasive leaflets on stopping forest fires. In maths, the children have been learning about position and direction, practising their lefts and rights through games like Simon Says. Next week, we'll be moving on to money, where the children will be identifying different coins and learning their values.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

It has been another exciting week in Year 2 with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum.

In English, the children have been using their creativity and imagination to design and create their own Greek gods and goddesses. They thought carefully about their characters' special powers, appearances and personalities before describing them in their writing.

In Maths, we have started our new topic on statistics. The children have quickly grasped how to read and interpret different types of data and have shown great confidence when answering questions about information presented in tables and bar charts. They have demonstrated excellent mathematical thinking and have made a brilliant start to this unit.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our zorbing enrichment session. The children had an amazing time climbing inside the giant inflatable zorbs and taking part in a range of fun activities. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and excitement throughout the session, and it was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another and embracing the challenge. The event was a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, teamwork and resilience while having lots of fun.

Y3 - Miss Bower

Our Year Three class has had a wonderfully busy and exciting week, beginning with a joyful Sports Day where the children impressed us with their energy, determination and brilliant teamwork across all the races and activities. In Maths, we've been diving deeper into Roman numerals, learning how ancient numbers were formed, practising reading and writing them, and even using them to solve puzzles and decode hidden messages. English lessons have been full of creativity as pupils wrote their own film reviews, describing characters, sharing opinions on key scenes, and giving thoughtful star ratings after watching a short children's film. Meanwhile, in Computing, we explored data handling by collecting information, organising it into tables, creating charts, and discussing what patterns we could spot. It's been a week full of curiosity, effort and enthusiasm from everyone.



Creating their own gods and goddesses in Year 2



Mansfield Town Penalty Shoot Out Winners



Reception enjoying their enrichment activity

Y4 - Miss Buckley

What a lovely week we have had in Year 4! In Maths, we explored angles and triangles, learning to identify and classify them while explaining our reasoning. In English, we completed our independent adventure stories, showcasing fantastic creativity, rich vocabulary and exciting plotlines. Science lessons focused on revisiting the human body and circulatory system, with children creating informative double-page spreads to demonstrate their understanding. In Computing, we designed digital avatars as part of our learning about data collection and representation, while in RE we continued exploring the significance of Christian, Hindu and Islamic pilgrimages. We also developed our Spanish reading skills through family-themed texts and enjoyed a thoughtful P4C discussion about whether our abilities or the way we use them are what truly matter. In Art, the children produced impressive self-portraits, developing their sketching and shading techniques. PE lessons focused on cricket skills, including batting and bowling, and the week was rounded off with a fantastic Sports Day.

Y5 - Mrs Marshall

Year five have had a very busy and exciting week this week. They encompassed all of our school values during sports day and showed excellent sportsmanship and should be very proud of their personal achievements. During our English learning, children have created a pretend auction based on the events of the novel War Horse. The children took on various roles during this activity and enjoyed reenacting the scene and then creating speech linked to it. This was a great opportunity for all children to practice adding speech punctuation to their work. This has also supported the class when planning their narrative writing before starting writing it too. In maths the children have been looking at reflections and coordinates with our new unit of learning. Although this has been challenging, the class have continued to try their best and have worked really hard so should feel very proud of themselves. In art, the class have explored the stylistic choices of their artist and have explained their likes and dislikes around their piece of art. Next week, we will continue to explore coordinates further in maths and look forward to competing our writing in English.

Stepping Stones

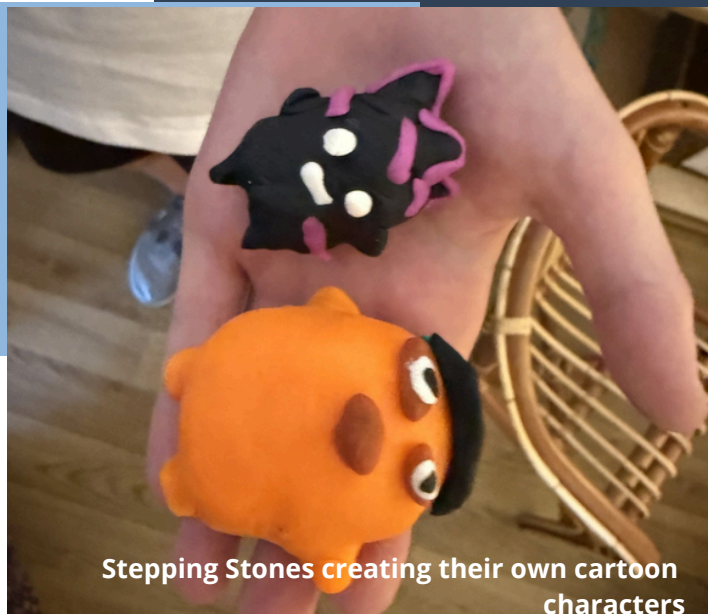
It's been a fun-filled and busy week in Stepping Stones! We have had an amazing time taking part in zorbing, where everyone showed great enthusiasm and confidence whilst trying something new. We also thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day, working hard on a range of key skills including teamwork, determination, coordination and communication. In our learning, we have been focusing on our individual maths targets, with children working hard on skills ranging from place value to interpreting pictograms. It has been fantastic to see the progress and perseverance shown by everyone. During English lessons, we have continued reading our class novel, The Dog That Saved the World Cup. We have been making thoughtful predictions about what might happen next in the story and discussing its key features, developing our understanding and enjoyment of the text. We have also enjoyed using our calm time creatively by making playdough cartoon characters. The children showed fantastic imagination and concentration as they brought their favourite characters to life. Well done to everyone for another wonderful week of learning, creativity and fun!

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

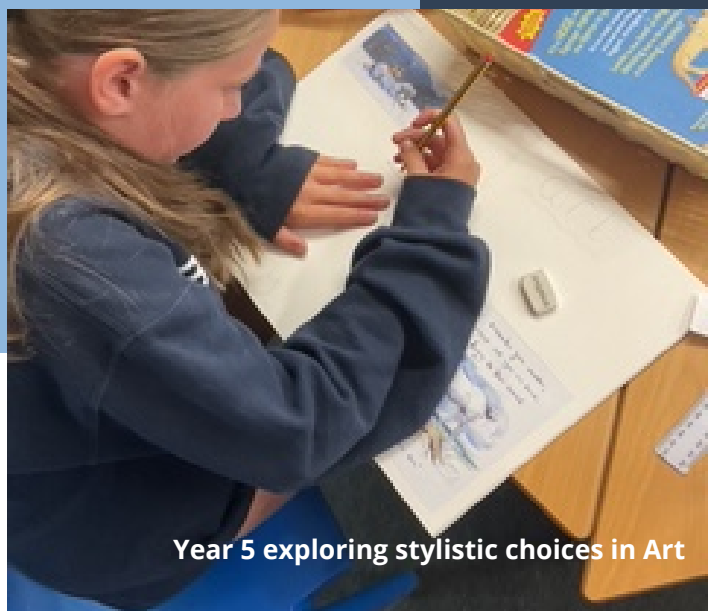
Year 6 have had an incredibly busy and creative week, throwing themselves into every subject with real enthusiasm. In DT, they explored upcycling as part of their new topic, looking closely at modern eco-fashion, mass production and second-hand clothing before researching a range of inventive upcycled garments. Their conversations around sustainability and responsible consumption were thoughtful and mature. In Science, pupils carried out a chromatography investigation to work out who wrote a mysterious letter from the headteacher, analysing their results with impressive focus. Through RE, they explored Vera's story and reflected deeply on what makes a hero, linking their ideas to real-life courage and resilience. In RSE, they discussed the different factors that can impact mental health and how small, positive actions can support wellbeing. Over in Computing, pupils created their own quizzes using 2DIY, all themed around the Year 6 play "I'm an 11-year-old, get me out of here!", showcasing both creativity and digital skill. Alongside all of this, they have been working incredibly hard in play practice, showing growing confidence, teamwork and commitment — with even more rehearsals planned for next week as excitement builds.



Year 5 using drama to explore their novel 'War Horse'



Stepping Stones creating their own cartoon characters



Year 5 exploring stylistic choices in Art

OPAL



Highlights

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the cooler weather this week and have loved being able to access all of our outdoor areas again after some spaces were closed during last week's hot temperatures. The playground has been full of activity, creativity and collaboration, with many children practising for Sports Day on the track. They have enjoyed running, balancing and challenging themselves through a range of activities while encouraging their friends and building confidence. The large-scale construction area has also been a hive of activity, with children working together to design and build impressive dens, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. Others have been creating their own parkour courses, developing resilience, balance, coordination and creativity as they tested and refined their ideas. We are also delighted to share that work has begun on our new sensory garden. This exciting project will provide a calming and engaging space where children can explore a variety of textures, scents and colours while connecting with nature. As part of the development, drainage is being installed to help reduce flooding and ensure the area remains accessible throughout the year. OPAL continues to provide valuable opportunities for children to be active, imaginative and collaborative, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and sense of adventure they show every day. We look forward to sharing further updates on the sensory garden and seeing what exciting adventures next week will bring.



Resources needed:

- Babies
- Baby accessories including prams
- Small world toys
- Barbie accessories

Reminders – as the weather turns warmer, please ensure children have a sun hat and sun cream applied before the start of the school day. Also, please make sure they have a waterproof jacket or puddle suit - just in case it rains!