

A huge thank you to all our parents for your support throughout the year. Your involvement has made such a positive impact on our school community, and we're grateful for all you do. Wishing you a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Mrs Nicholl

Nursery

Summer Term Highlights

What a wonderful and busy term we've had in Nursery! The children have been full of curiosity, creativity, and joy as they explored the world around them through play, stories, and hands-on learning.

One of our proudest achievements this term has been **growing our own carrots!** The children carefully **watered them every day**, and their patience and care paid off — we managed to grow enough to **share with our friends in Foundation 2**. What proud little gardeners we are!

Animal Mindset Day was another exciting experience. We were lucky enough to meet some amazing animals, including a **lizard**, a **snake**, a **super frog**, and even a **Sphynx cat**. The children were fascinated and so gentle as they met these special creatures.

We've also been busy with music and rhythm during our **drumming sessions**, and we spent a wonderful week **learning about different types of homes**. During our **welly walk**, we became home-spotting explorers! We found **bird boxes**, **dens**, and even **two little houses sitting together**. This sparked our imaginations – could a baby cat live there? Or maybe a tiny pig... or even a mouse?



Our learning took us up into the skies as we explored the **water cycle**, inspired by the lovely book *I See a Cloud*. That week, the weather helped bring our learning to life, with a mix of **sunshine and showers** perfect for **outdoor painting**, **water art**, and **Windy Wednesday**, when we made brilliant dens using all sorts of different materials.

We've also seen great progress in the children's **balancing skills** and physical development. Through climbing, jumping, and moving in different ways outside, they've strengthened their **big muscles** and grown in confidence with their movements. The children also **loved playing in our new sandpit**, especially with their **bare feet**, enjoying the soft texture of the sand and the sensory experience it brought.



It's been a term full of wonder, exploration, and joy. We're so proud of how much the children have grown — in confidence, in kindness, and in curiosity. Well done, Nursery — you've had a fantastic term!

Foundation Stage

Summer Term Highlights

What a fantastic term it has been in Foundation Stage! As we reflect on the past few months, we are filled with pride at how much the children have grown in confidence, creativity, and curiosity.

One of our most exciting days this term was **Animal Mindset Day**. The children were thrilled to meet some truly amazing animals, including **Morris the Sphinx Cat**, a **slithery snake**, and a **fascinating lizard**. It was a day full of awe, learning, and gentle bravery as everyone got up close to creatures big and small.



Our **Sports Day** was another highlight. Every child gave their best, showing determination and joy in each activity. It was wonderful to see their confidence shine as they ran, jumped, and cheered each other on.

In the classroom, we've been unleashing our inner artists! We explored the bold, expressive world of **Jean-Michel Basquiat**, using textured materials and plenty of paint to create our own masterpieces. It's been an inspiring journey of creativity, colour, and fun.



Our **writing skills** have blossomed, with children becoming more confident in expressing their thoughts on paper. We've also been busy **applying our maths knowledge** in practical and playful ways, showing great understanding and enthusiasm.

As we look back on our year in Foundation Stage, we feel incredibly lucky to have spent it with such a **kind, caring, and fun-loving class**. They have made each day special with their curiosity, their laughter, and their friendship.

We are so proud of each and every one of them. They are more than ready for the exciting adventures that **Year One** will bring. Well done, Foundation Stage – you've been amazing!

Year 1

We have had a super final term in Year 1 this Summer and have enjoyed the vast array of learning that we have done. We have loved learning about Terrific Transport and how we can use it to travel to many different places locally, nationally and globally. We have enjoyed looking at transport from the past and how much it has changed but also spotting the things that are the same. One of the highlights of our term was finding out more about how people travelled in the past during our visit to the Streetlife museum! We loved the workshop that we took part in – looking for Dotty's bus. Our map skills are amazing, and we are great at using atlases (and songs) to name the seven continents and five oceans. We also created maps of our own, including a key to tell people what all of the features were.

We have enjoyed many different stories, poems, and non-fiction texts during our Curious Quest and have created some fantastic and very descriptive pieces of writing. Our confidence has grown with our sentence writing and our phonics are helping us to read lots of new stories which we love. We have worked brilliantly in Maths, working hard on fractions, money, and time and also looking more closely at numbers up to and including 100.

We showed lots of skills during our Team Building work in PE and showed that we can work really well together, helping and supporting each other along the way. We enjoyed lots of laughs when we had to complete tasks blindfolded and had great fun with our parachute games too!



We completed our topic about Being Sorry in RE and showed great understanding of forgiveness. The children are amazing in showing this understanding daily with their friends and I'm sure you'll agree that the work and knowledge they shared about this in our Prayer and Worship assembly was excellent. We are thoroughly enjoying our current topic about Neighbours around the world and truly appreciate that we are all neighbours and God loves us all.



Our computing skills are simply amazing, and we have shown that we can code and debug brilliantly. We became expert colour mixers in Art to create some outstanding pieces of work both individually and as a class. Not forgetting our fantastic work in Science on plants. We definitely have some budding gardeners!



Not only have we had a wonderfully busy and fun-filled half term, but we have had a spectacular time in Year 1. We have blossomed into superstar learners, and we are ready to begin our new adventure in Year 2!

We would like to wish you all a lovely Summer break.

Year 2

Wow! What a fun-filled summer term we have had! We have done some fantastic learning!

We have been learning all about division in Maths, using our knowledge of times tables to help us work out some tricky division problems. We have also learnt how to tell the time, as well as money and measuring mass and capacity. We have even been learning fluency facts in mastery number, such as adding and subtracting within 20.



In writing, we finished our persuasive letter based on the book *The Day The Crayons Quit* to convince our chairs not to quit! The children did a fantastic job, and we still have all our chairs in our classroom, which is fantastic news.



In RE, we have been looking at Pentecost and reconciliation, which is all about giving and receiving forgiveness. We looked at what this means, and how we can apply it to our everyday lives. We have also learnt about how important God's creation is, and how we can treasure and look after our world which we are so lucky to have. The children loved coming up with different ideas of how we can look after the world around us.

In Art and DT, we have made moving monsters using linkages, and we created some beautiful clay sculptures of sea creatures which we sold at the summer fair! We have also done some experimenting with mixing water colours to make some beautiful pictures.



In Science, after finishing our topic of Materials, we have been focusing on the topic Working Scientifically. We have looked at whether objects will float or sink, whether objects will dissolve or not, and how fruit oxidised depending on what liquid we placed it in! The children loved sharing their predictions and comparing them to the results.

Our topic Beside the Seaside for History and Geography was especially fun this term. We started by looking at the historical side of things and talked about how the seaside has changed so much since the Victorian days to now. Then we moved on to Geography, we compared the man-made buildings in the coast and the natural features. We were also lucky enough to use all our knowledge about the seaside and habitats to go on our school trip to Hornsea. We had an amazing day, completing a geographical survey, making sandcastles, having a dip in the sea, a picnic, and an ice cream to celebrate the wonderful day we had!



We have been learning all about ourselves, our feelings, and our similarities and differences in PHSE. We have had some lovely and insightful conversations about how we can accept everyone for their differences. The children have most recently talked about how they can be a good neighbour towards others, just like the Good Samaritan, and worked on linking this to their everyday lives.

Overall, we have had an absolutely fantastic term, and I can't believe how quickly this year has passed! It has been a wildly wonderful year. I hope all of you have fantastic, relaxing, and (hopefully!) sunny summer!

Year 3

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The Summer term has been so busy, it's hard to believe all the things that we have crammed in.

One of the highlights of the term was our brilliant trip to the East Riding Museum in Hull, where we explored life in Roman times. The visit brought our history lessons to life, giving us the chance to see real Roman artefacts, dress up in traditional Roman clothing, and understand what daily life was like during that fascinating period.

In Geography, our focus was Italy. We looked at Italian culture, landmarks, and weather, and compared the vibrant city of Bologna with our own town of Beverley. Many of the children also completed some amazing homework.

In Maths, we've tackled some tricky topics this term – from understanding fractions to exploring 2D shapes, with a focus on parallel and perpendicular lines. We also sharpened our time-telling skills, learning to read time to the nearest minute, and working with minutes past and to the hour.

In Science, our topic was plants. We investigated what plants need to grow, examined the parts of a flower, and carried out experiments to observe how water is transported. The children especially enjoyed planting their own seeds and watching them grow over the weeks.

In RE, we learned about Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit, exploring how it gave courage and hope to Jesus' followers. We also looked at Reconciliation, discussing forgiveness and how we can make peace in our own lives.



Our Art lessons took inspiration from the natural world. The children enjoyed botanical sketching, carefully observing flowers and plants and producing some truly beautiful, detailed work. In Design and Technology (DT), we took a trip back to medieval times as we designed, built, and evaluated our very own castles, complete with moats, battlements, and even drawbridges!

Our English writing has been outstanding. One of the highlights was finishing our amazing 'Big Writes', where we completed the story of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. The pupils showed incredible imagination, humour, and narrative skill.

We also had some very special events this term, including a joyful Sports Day, where everyone gave their best effort and cheered each other on. Our Mini Mission Day focused on "Stories of Hope," and the children were so creative in their presentation of the story of Abraham and Sarah.

To top it all off, we've enjoyed some beautiful summer weather, making playtimes and PE all the more special.

Have a restful, safe, and sunny summer break and get ready for the adventures that will await you in year four.

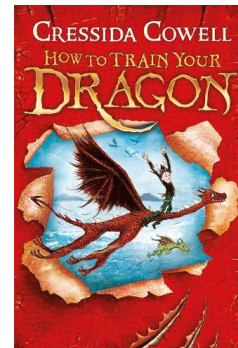


Year 4

What an unforgettable year it has been in Year 4!

We have made so many amazing memories. Here is a summary of our final — and one of the busiest — terms of the year...

In Literacy, our narrative writing was inspired by the beautiful text *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. The animation was gripping, and we thoroughly enjoyed using it as inspiration for our own stories. More recently, we wrote an explanatory text about the digestive system, which linked to our Science topic. As part of this unit, we read a fascinating book called *The Gut Garden*.



Our shared reading books this term have been *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Night Bus Hero*. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting into character and bringing these stories to life through expressive reading and discussion. On Fridays, we explored a variety of non-fiction texts and poetry, broadening our reading experience even further.

In Science, we delved into the digestive system. A highlight was our amazing — yet rather disgusting — experiment demonstrating how the digestive system works. It involved a pair of tights and a selection of smelly foods! We also carried out other exciting investigations, including making our own lava lamps.

In Maths, we have worked incredibly hard and covered a range of topics such as shape, fractions, time, money, and division. Last month, we proudly completed our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) — all with smiles on our faces!

In RE, our topics were the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Universal Church (CAFOD). We focused on building bridges and learning the steps to saying sorry. Through our Universal Church topic, we explored the lives of extraordinary people such as Oscar Romero, who have made a difference around the world — something we all aspire to do.

In History, we explored life during the Tudor era. We travelled back in time to the 1600s and discovered how different life really was, especially in areas such as medicine, education, and punishment!

Our Geography topic on Rainforests has been one of our favourites this year. We explored the four layers of the rainforest, each home to fascinating plants and animals adapted to the tropical climate. We also learned about rainforest tribes and how their way of life differs from ours.

In PE, we've enjoyed athletics, tennis, rounders, and outdoor adventurous activities. One highlight was our brilliant trip to Welton Waters, where we took part in giant paddleboarding, problem-solving games, and lots of fun! We also took part in a wide range of activities on Sports Day.

For DT, we planned, designed, and sewed our very own book sleeves with fastenings. In Art, we explored the Fabric of Nature by designing repeating patterns inspired by the rainforest.

In French, we have been learning vocabulary around clothes and family. We even read *Le Petit Chaperon Rouge* (Little Red Riding Hood) in French — très bien!

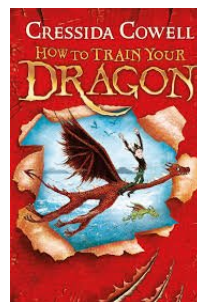
In Music, we completed a unit on body percussion, using our bodies and instruments to recreate the sounds of the rainforest. We also enjoyed a unit based on *Hanami*, the Japanese blossom festival.



Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another eventful term, packed with hard work but also lots of fun and resilience building activities.

In Reading, we have improved our fluency by reading 'How to train your Dragon'. We hope we can finish it this week!



As part of our latest RE topic, the children have become passionate about our role as Stewards, caring for God's World. One of the most shocking things we have learned about is the size of the 'Pacific Garbage Patch' ... 6-7 times the size of the UK! We must start to make a change!

Ooh la la!

In French, we enjoyed our very own French 'tea-room' where we had to order all our food and drink using our new vocabulary!

In science, our main topic has been Changing Materials. We have performed lots of practical investigations looking at how materials can be altered with heat and/or chemicals.

One of the most interesting investigations we did was about mixing milk and vinegar – it formed a pretty disgusting mixture that looked a bit like curds and whey. When you drain it and leave it to dry, it makes casein – a plastic! We were all very surprised.



In writing, we have worked on two units: the first was based on the short film 'One Small Step', which was very emotive; the second unit was poetry based on 'The Malfeasance'. The class produced brilliant pieces of independent writing for both and are currently turning their own poems into beautiful presented pieces of work.

In PE, we have worked in small groups to develop our skills in Cricket. We have also had a focus on outdoor adventurous activities – working together in small and large groups to build our resilience, communication and team-building skills.

This culminated in 'the best day ever' (to quote some of the class) at Welton Waters. The sun shone on us all, as the children met head-on, one challenge after another.



This term, we have learnt about the Maya civilization in history. It was really interesting to learn about their way of life. Although they lived such a long time ago, they understood so much about science and the planets. They even designed buildings in just the right way and the right place to reflect light on the equinoxes!

We made some amazing masks as part of Crafternoon which we displayed for the whole school to enjoy.



The teaching 'team', Mrs Dongray, Mrs Pointon and Mrs Grady, all look forward to continuing to work together with the class as we all move together into Year 6. I'm sure there will be many happy memories to be made.

Wishing everyone a very happy, peaceful and safe summer holidays.

Year 6

During this term I have enjoyed the Residential because we did lots of activities and I also enjoyed chilling in the dorms because we had lots of snacks and games, although someone's snoring kept us up for a bit! In school, I have enjoyed PE, playtimes and when we got to go on the chrome books. In addition to that, we also did lots of art which was fun. I have had lots of fun, excitement and made good memories. - Mason

The trip to Kingswood was so cool and fun I would 100% do it again. This term we enjoyed chilling out after our SATs, which were a lot of work. But now let's talk about the amazing Y6 play.

It was really fun but so hard to get done and sorted because there was making the props and learning the lines, also the acting was so hard because it became crazy but in the end it was great fun and I think we all enjoyed it.

We had fun making the Greek urns, which was a really messy activity, but in the end we all made some fab creations. - Stephanie

The leavers play was good and I had lots of fun at the Pizza Party! I really enjoyed painting the scenery for stage set beach background, we made a huge backdrop. My special memory is the Christmas Fair, being an elf and crafting the piano hammer keyrings. - Bailey

The Residential was a great three-day experience that we will all remember for many years to come. - Elias

In our time throughout this lovely term, we have had a lot of laughter, fun, and happiness.

A lot of the fun came from lessons. We had all types of lessons, but we all agreed that the best one was the Greek Urns. This activity required a lot of patience, confidence and hard work. We also needed a lot of materials. With the help of Miss Hossell we had done it! - Riyansh

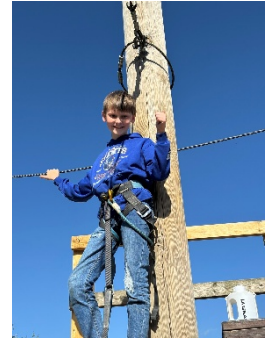
I enjoyed this term. The reason is I had many laughs with my classmates and the Residential was the best thing ever. I didn't want to leave. I loved our leader Jordan and my favourite activity was abseiling. I adored the song as it was so much fun. - Alexander

This half term Ignacio came back so that was amazing! We had our leavers play 1 or 2 weeks ago also which I loved. I played Billy and had lots of fun performing.

We went to Residential as well. On the first day, we went on quick zip (zipline), which was great fun. The next day we did a 'build-a- buggy' challenge in teams, capture the flag, and Jacob's ladder. The activities were awesome! We also made fires, did rock climbing, abseiling, and then home time ;[- Daniel



There are many things I've loved during my time in Y6, but there is a specific memory I would like to speak about today! This memory is, when we went to Residential. I chose this memory for many reasons but one is because it was my first time away from my family on my own, and it struck a thrill in me! Now then the best part of the trip is hard to choose, since it was such fun and jam-packed with games, events and.....FOOD! - James



The SATS - During the build-up to the SATS everyone put 100% effort into all of their work. Finally, the week came - 6 tests and every single person smashed it with a positive mind set from all.

The Residential - We were so lucky to be able to go on a trip to Kingswood, Doncaster. Everybody who went on this trip very much enjoyed it. During our time there, our activities were: a quick zip {which was amazing}, a mini Olympics, and problem solving challenges. Some of the other activities included: Buggy building, Jacob's Ladder (It's not Jacob's it's MY ladder!) indoor rock climbing, campfire building and last but not least abseiling. - Molly