

NEWS-BRANCEPETH

SUMMER TERM 2025

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What a fantastic term it has been in Reception! The children have made wonderful progress and show that they are more than ready for their exciting transition to Year 1.

In Phonics and Literacy, they are now confidently reading longer words, simple sentences and even tricky words too. Their writing has come on leaps and bounds and they are now independently writing several simple sentences each day – an impressive achievement! In Mathematics, the class have been exploring concepts such as sharing, grouping and pattern work. The children have shown curiosity and enthusiasm as they develop their early problem-solving skills.

Our topic themes this term have included 'Minibeasts' and 'On the Move'. The children were fascinated by the living creatures we observed in class (including ants, ladybirds and stick insects) and have enjoyed learning about their habitats and behaviours. As part of our 'On the Move' topic, we have also explored how different types of vehicles travel across land, air, and sea. We have made exciting links with pirates and space, sparking the children's imagination and curiosity through role-play, stories and creative activities.

A highlight of the term was our visit to Saltwell Park, where the children had a wonderful time exploring nature and enjoying time together outdoors.

Thank you for your continued support this term. I am incredibly proud of everything my class have achieved and look forward to seeing them flourish further in Year 1!

Miss A Robertson

It's been a lovely term in Bumblebee Class! Our youngest children have worked brilliantly and have enjoyed learning through play.

It's been a joy to see the children growing in confidence, building friendships and beginning to express themselves.

The children have loved sensory activities such as water play, sand, painting and music which helps them to explore and learn in a fun, hands-on way.

We've also introduced some early maths concepts, including sorting and counting to 5, through practical play-based activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We're so proud of all the children and look forward to more exciting learning in September.

Miss A Robertson and Mrs L Palmer



It's been a wonderful term in Caterpillar Class, and the children have made fantastic progress as they prepare for their exciting transition into Reception.

They've responded brilliantly to our Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics sessions, showing growing confidence in listening to sounds, joining in with games and beginning to recognise some letters.

In Mathematics, they have been deepening their understanding of numbers to 5—exploring what each number really means through counting, games and hands-on activities.

We have also explored different types of transport by land, sea and air, and had lots of fun making links to pirates and space through stories, songs and imaginative play.

Thank you for all your support this term. We're so proud of every child and can't wait to see them continue to grow and shine in Reception!

Miss A Robertson and Miss E Fenwick



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YEARS 1&2



We have had a busy end to the year! This year seems as though it has gone by really quickly.

We have been looking at several books about dragons - The Dragon Snatcher and The Knight and The Dragon. We are working on generating and writing our own sentences including capital letters and full stops. In mathematics, we have been looking at numbers to 50 and we have been practising counting in 2s and 5s.

We had a fantastic time on our school trip to Seahouses and thoroughly enjoyed the boat trip and getting to see the seals. Thank you for all of your hard work in Year 1. I look forward to seeing what you get up to in Year 2!

What a busy end to our school term we have had!



Children have enjoyed continuing our class story 'The Twits' by writing descriptive character descriptions and detailing their very own trick! In Maths, children have worked very hard to tell the time. Children have been applying this throughout the school day to consolidate this learning. We have just come to the end of our statistics unit, where children have enjoyed creating tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms!

We all had fun on our school trip to Seahouses and we especially had a fantastic time on the boat trip.

Thank you for all of your support this school year, and have a fantastic summer!

In Science, we have been learning about living things. Children have had fun learning about different kinds of animals and playing the game 'What am I?' to test their knowledge of each animal group. We have learned all about seaside holidays in history and how they compare to the seaside holidays in the present. In Design and Technology, children enjoyed creating their very own fruit salad! Children explored different fruits and taste tested them. Following this, children decided which fruit would be most suitable for their fruit salad.

Miss K Hodgson & Miss R Horrocks



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YEARS 3&4

Year 3 and 4 have been very busy this term!

We have enjoyed reading 'How to Train your Dragon' during our English lessons. We have produced some excellent writing linked to this book.

In our Maths lessons, we have been looking at statistics, position and direction and time. We have been solving lots of problems linked to these topics as well as consolidating our number facts throughout.

In Science, we have been looking at plants and what they need to be able to survive. We planted our own plants and provided different conditions for them to grow in. We found it interesting how the plants grew very differently in all of the different conditions.

During our D&T lessons, we designed, made and evaluated a 'Moving Monster'. We hope you liked these when we brought them home.

In History, we have enjoyed learning about the Vikings. We had a Viking Workshop to enhance our learning and we found this very interesting.

Have a lovely summer and see you in September!

Miss L Plummer



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YEARS 5&6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy term!

In English, we have been reading the novel, 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. We have produced lots of our own writing, taking inspiration from this exciting story.

In History, we have been learning about how crime and punishment has changed throughout History and enjoyed our trip to Newcastle Keep to support our understanding of this. In Design and Technology, we designed and prepared seasonal food to share in our 'Seasonal Food Café' with our families and in Science, we have learned about how our bodies change as we get older.

Year 5 have enjoyed secondary school taster sessions at Durham Academy through a maths challenge, science investigation and PE event. They also participated in a Sports Event at Whitworth Park with other schools in our Trust.

Year 6 have also taken part in transition activities at their secondary schools, enjoyed a visit to Durham University to learn about university life and gained skills in saving lives with a workshop delivered by St John's Ambulance. Although their time with us is coming to an end, we know they will all achieve amazing things and wish them so much luck in their next steps!

Thank you so much for your continued support this year - have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing Year 5 back in September!

Mrs J Heron and Miss S Hodgson

