



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



KEY STAGE NEWS

Early Years News

We have had a fantastic start to the new year in early years. In reception, the children have really engaged with their new topic about space. They have enjoyed learning the names of the planets and are doing lots of wonderful artwork. The children especially enjoyed balloon printing some planets and foil printing some moons.



In Nursery the children are learning about snow and ice and enjoyed the weather of the last week which helped bring their learning to life.

Nursery have also welcomed some new starters in January and they are settling in well and getting to know the staff and friends in the classroom.

Key Stage One News

Once again we have had a jam-packed week in Key Stage One, and have been really enjoying getting into our new topics.

In Year One, the children had a very exciting visit into school from some Crazy Creatures! We learnt about lots of different animals and how to look after them, and were very impressed with how careful the children were when handling the animals. This also linked really well with our RE work on Buddhism, where we have been learning about caring for living things.



In Year 2, the children have been working hard in Maths learning about money. They have been counting money using different coins and are now starting to add up amounts in piggy banks. In Art, we were looking at patterns in the environment and then made patterns using our shoes on aluminium foil. While doing this, we were thinking about Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. On Friday, it was very exciting as we were travelling back in time using Now Press Play in our History lesson.

Key Stage Two News

We have had a busy two weeks since the New Year and the children have all settled back into the routines of school. Each year group have started a new topic for the coming weeks and we are well into the new novel or text linked to their work.

Year 3 have been enjoying their new class text 'Escape from Pompeii' and have been imagining themselves as a character in the story, thinking about what they would feel, think and how they would react to such a life changing, historic event. They have also been investigating different types of rocks and their properties.

Lego after school club also started this week for children in Year 3 – the children worked really to create some marble mazes, demonstrating some fantastic teamwork, imagination and problem solving skills.

Year 4 have been enjoying their Forest School sessions with Mrs Peters making popcorn on the fire, and also enjoyed their visit to Tanfield school where they took part in teambuilding and problem solving skills sessions. In Science, they have been investigating sound and have made their own kazoos as part of their investigation.



Year 5 have dived into their Pharaohs topic, and have been reading their new class text 'Secrets of the Sun King' and learning about what life was like in Ancient Egypt. In the text, Emma Carroll takes us back to the excitement of discovering a tomb and explores the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun in detail. They have been using this text to complete their own descriptive writing about Ancient Egypt.

Team work is always a massive part of learning at Lanchester EP, and Year 6 have been using this in Maths, working collaboratively to expand their knowledge of decimal places. They have also been working on their class text, 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', which begins: '*Look, I never asked to be the son of a Greek god. I was just a normal kid. . . until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher.*' Fortunately for us, none of our Year 6 children seem to share Percy's abilities!

