

Friday 18th October 2019

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have carried out tests using our senses. The tests included What's on the table? Where is the bell? Feely Bag and What can you smell? The children had great fun working in groups and using their speaking and listening skills to describe objects.



Year 2

This week Year 2 conducted a science investigation on what happens to water in a balloon when it is put in the freezer. We focused on using vocabulary such as squishy, soft, liquid, frozen, hard, and solid to describe the balloons before and after the experiment. We then wrote about the investigation and recorded the results in our books.

Year 3

This term, Year 3 have started their weekly music lessons. They have learnt how to sing harvest songs using a range of pitches and a steady tempo. This week, they are continuing to practice their hand and breathing techniques for playing the recorder.

Year 4

On Wednesday, Year 4 developed their speaking and listening skills as part of 'No Pens Day'. In one activity, the children had lots of fun learning how to make playdough. One group of children were shown how to



make playdough and they then had to explain to their partner how to make it. The children then used their playdough to complete some hand and finger exercises in order to build their fine-motor skills which will help with their handwriting.

Year 5

Year 5 have been getting in some practice for the Rugby World Cup, in PE, this term. Maybe we will see one of them scoring a try for their country in the future!



Year 6

Pupils from both Year 5 & 6 attended a workshop in North Ealing Primary School run by the brilliant poet, poetic rapper and storytelling songwriter, Rob Bradley. Children explored creative and alternative ways to use rhyme, rhythm, syllables, and a range of descriptive language and poetic techniques.

Inspirational People for Black History Month- Katherine Johnson



Who is she?
Katherine Johnson is an American mathematician, born in August

1918. She is now 101 years old!

What did she do?

As a child, Katherine was so skilled at Mathematics; she went to High School at 10 years old. In America children usually begin High School at 14 years old.

Katherine began her career as a maths teacher. She was eventually recruited to work at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

She was such a good mathematician that she was checking the work made by NASA's new computers. Her work ensured that the astronaut, John Glenn became the first American to safely orbit the Earth in 1962.

A film was released in 2016 called Hidden Figures based on Katherine Johnson and her fellow female mathematicians at NASA.

Attendance Alert!

A reminder that attendance and punctuality matters. The links between attendance and achievement are strong. Pupils with persistent absence are less likely to attain at school and stay in education after the age of 16 years old. We want all of our children to have the best start in life so let us strive for excellent attendance and punctuality at our school. 95% is the national average attendance rate for a child at primary school. Anything below 95% attendance is worrying as your child has less chance of success. It makes it harder for a child to progress if they are missing key learning opportunities. This amounts to 10 days over the year. Children with 85% attendance have missed half a term of learning.

We will be celebrating good attendance and punctuality in the newsletter and during assemblies across the year. Many thanks for your continued support in helping the children of Derwentwater reach their potential.

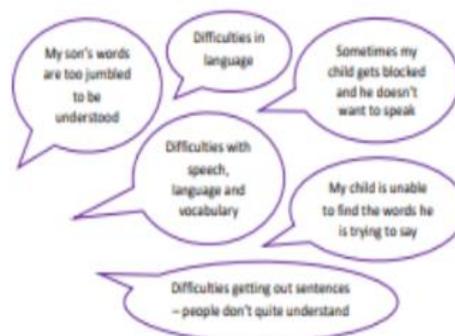
No Pens Day Success

The children really enjoyed their 2nd no pens day of the year. Lessons focused on talking, using rich vocabulary and well-structured sentences to explain and extend their thinking.

Members of the leadership team visited all classes on a learning walk and every classroom demonstrated excellent discussion and collaboration, the use of high-level vocabulary, exciting activities that had the children engaged and enthusiastic about their learning as well as exceptional behaviour.

The positive atmosphere of support and teamwork amongst the children was noted across the school. Derwentwater is truly a wonderful place to teach and learn! Ask your children about what they got up to.

Inclusion DEVELOPMENT LANGUAGE DISORDER (DLI)



For more information on DLI, here is a helpful website: radld.org

Oxford Reading Buddy

We are aware of some speed and performance issues on Oxford Reading Buddy. Oxford Reading Buddy are making some improvements over the next few weeks to ensure that your child has a great reading experience. We will send regular updates to you as we hear from Oxford Reading Buddy. In the meantime, don't forget to check the supported devices and browsers for the service.

Online Safety

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-leaflets-resources/>



Free e-Safety leaflets and resources.

You will be able to find a range of resources on this site. They have developed age guide resources that help parents keep their children safe with different checklists and information for different age groups. For instance, there are gaming guides for pre-schoolers, pre-teens and teens.

Dates for your diary		
All month	October	Black History Month
6:00	Wednesday 30 th October	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Evening
All day	Monday 4 th November	5Neptune trip to Science Museum
All day	Tuesday 5 th November	5Earth trip to Science Museum
All day	Tuesday 5 th November	4Holly trip the Kentish Town Farm
9:30	Wednesday 6 th November	1Ruby Diwali Assembly
19:00	Wednesday 6 th November	DSA AGM

All day	Thursday 7 th November	4Maple trip the Kentish Town Farm
All week	11 th - 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
All day	Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Dress Up Day - suggested £1 donation
19:45	Friday 15 th November	DSA Quiz Night
All Week	18 th - 21 st November	Road Safety Week
9:30	Thursday 21 st November	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Morning
6:00	Thursday 21 st November	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Evening
3:40 - 5:30	Wednesday 27 th November	Parents' Evening
3:40 - 7:00	Thursday 28 th November	Parents' Evening
9:30	Tuesday 10 th December	Year 4 Christmas Show
9:30	Wednesday 11 th December	Year 3 Christmas Show
Lunch Time	Wednesday 11 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
9:30	Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 Christmas Show
10:45	Thursday 12 th December	Nursery AM Christmas Show
2:00	Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Show
9:30	Friday 13 th December	Year 2 Christmas Show
All-day	Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations are welcome)
9:30	Wednesday 18 th Decembers	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Assembly
2:15	Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery PM Christmas Show
2:00	Thursday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term. School closes at 2:00 pm
8:45	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Start of Spring Term
9:30	Thursday 9 th January	Prospective Reception 2020 Parents Open Morning

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