



# Heather Field School

Summer Term 1 2024

Newsletter



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## Newsletter May 2024

Our pupils have blown us away with their hard work and we have loved seeing everything that they have produced! From visits to Rhyl beach to going on picnics on Cannock Chase, it has been a half term of new skills and experiences, which our pupils have flourished with.

I would like to take the time to share some of our 2023/24 School Improvement Priorities below, which we have made great progress with:

1. To ensure the school consistently promotes the extensive personal development of pupils by introducing the Heather Field 50.
2. To continue to develop the role of a reading/phonics lead within school.
3. To ensure that the curriculum intent and implementation are embedded securely and consistently across the school.
4. To increase the opportunity for pupils to participate in inter school competitions and events.

As we come back after the half term break, we will look forward to more sunny days; which will hopefully provide further opportunities to explore the local community and educate our pupils outside.

We will also look forward to our Summer Concert on July 10th at the Performing Arts Centre in Newcastle-Under-Lyme and our Summer Fayre on July 16th at Heather Field School. The monthly coffee mornings for parents and carers are continuing to provide a fantastic opportunity for us to chat and catch up with our school community. However, our door is always open to welcome parents and carers in for a chat and a cup of tea. Should you wish to come and see us please contact the office to make an appointment or contact me on the school number 01785 550940 or via email: rleech@heatherfieldschool.co.uk

I wish everyone a lovely break.

Richard Leech

Head of School

Upcoming school events to look forward to after half term:

### June 2024

12/06/2024 Religion through Art

### July 2024

04/07/2024 Diet and Nutrition

10/07/2024 Summer Concert

16/07/2024 Summer Fayre

08/07/24-12/07 24 Topic Focus Week

08/07/24-19/07 24 Independence Fortnight

**Class Sow**



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Class Sow have enjoyed History this half term. In Key Stage 2, pupils began studying Ancient Greece and a highlight was when the students explored Ancient Greek artefacts. Isaac said, "I liked looking at the artefacts". Pupils looked at the artwork of the Parthenon marble to gain an insight into Ancient Greek life. A cross-curricular activity in Food Technology



this term, saw the pupils plan and make a delicious Greek salad. Key Stage 3 students have been learning about Native Americans. They read the story of Pocahontas and learned about the different tribes of Native Americans and the impact of when the English arrived. In other news from Class John received a Headteacher's award for Well done Tyler.



### Class Severn

Class Severn have the summer term, preparation for summer. The boys GCSEs and papers. They had a work and had a



worked hard during completing tasks in their exams this in class are completing Functional Skills break from their hard chance to visit the JCB



they toured the factory and got to see the iconic yellow diggers being made.

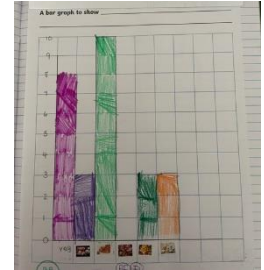
### Class Penk







In ICT this half term, Class Penk have explored different ways in which they can gather and present data. They began by collecting data from peers about eye colours using a tally chart, before analysing and presenting the data in a pictogram. The children then moved onto questionnaires and how they can be used to gather more informative



data. Some of this data was then used by the children to create a bar chart. H said "this is a really good way to find information about people that you don't know"

Questionnaire

What is your favourite food?

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What is your favourite hobby?

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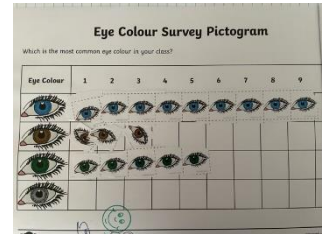
Do you like pizza?

Yes / No

What is your favourite TV show?

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Children finished off the half term by venturing out into the local community to collect data on the most popular car colours and we will analyse the data collected upon return after the break.



### Class Waldron Key Stage 1



Our KS1 pupil in Class Waldron has been learning all about plants this term. J has enjoyed planting and looking after a range of plants, including tomato plants, strawberry plants, sunflowers, and a plant! He has fantastic understanding of the things they need to grow and eat my strawberries!"



J has also enjoyed a range of offsite visits to garden centers and local parks, where he has discovered a huge range of plants and flowers.



### Class Waldron Key Stage 2





KS2 pupils have been focusing on the human body. Firstly, they explored the benefits of eating a range of foods from all the food groups, creating their own version of a balanced plate of food. They have then gone on to learn all about the skeleton and muscles, and have shown good understanding that these provide our bodies with support, protection and movement. L described the purpose of a skeleton well when he said “Without my skeleton, I would be a floppy



pile of skin on the floor!”. Pupils have also enjoyed putting their



muscles into action at the local park, and investigating if affects how far



### Class Manifold



This half term, Class Manifold have had great fun completing Heather Field 50 days with our favourite so far definitely the visit to the seaside. Children had so much fun on the collecting shells, sandcastles, holes and



beach building digging



splashing in the sea with Izzy I am going to cry I am so happy!” off-site visit I have ever been on!”. visit the arcade and play the two

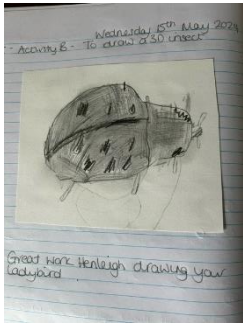


and Owen stating “This is the best Students also got the opportunity to

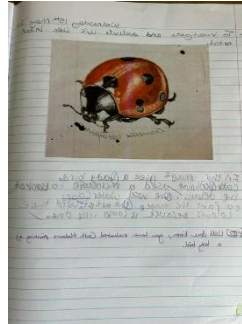
who so were so impressed with the manners of the children that they gave students a whole bucket of sweets to share. It was a truly magical day and one that will be remembered forever. The day was summarised perfectly by Anavara who declared “This is the best day of my entire life!”.

### Class Dove – KS3





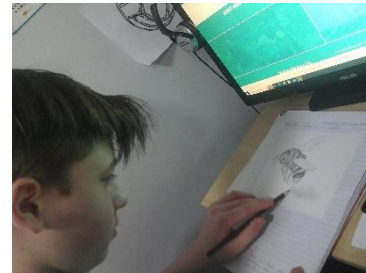
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evaluate different artists who create life-like art, such as Cathy Hodson and Jan Van Kessel. 'J' has particularly enjoyed showing off his art skills with pride, saying "I think I would do GCSE Art next year". Great class Dove!



like to work

### Class Dove – KS2

This term in Dove have been geography in a pupils developed what a coastline is before creating their



Geography, KS2 Class focusing on physical variety of ways. First, their understanding of and what its features are, own detailed models



including sand, shells, and rocks. Next, they enjoyed a wonderful day hiking through the Manifold Valley to explore what mountain formations look like, and what their different features are called.

As a follow on from this, students enjoyed using Modroc to build their very own mountain structure; E said "this is one of my favourite lessons!". Finally, class Dove investigated human impact on our environment and created wonderful posters to encourage people to respect our planet, E said "it's not fair what happens to the animals, it makes me sad, we



should help them", which we thought was a beautifully mature response to their learning.



### Class Dane







Class Dane have Diversity topics this by celebrating World Stafford Castle to Stafford by dressing grounds and learning



enjoyed celebrating a variety of half term. Children started off Heritage Day. The pupils visited explore the local history of up, adventuring around the lots of facts about Stafford. Staffordshire day by baking making and eating oatcakes.

Next, the pupils took part in appreciating Staffordshire knot shaped dough before

The pupils also really enjoyed commemorating VE Day by taking part in a picnic in the glorious sunshine involving all things British! Dion and Teddy both exclaimed "this is the best picnic ever".



### Class Blithe



Class Blithe have had a fantastic term in French. Their topic has been 'Creating a Café' Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed trying French foods, they have been able to pronounce each item and say what they like and dislike. A said 'J'ai adoré les moules' and D said 'J'ai détesté le fromage'. Throughout the next half term pupils will be using gained knowledge in life situations



by visiting a French café.



### Class Meese





Class Meese have  
 term. Pupils began by  
 came to tea.' They  
 the story, described  
 setting and answered  
 text. Pupils then went



enjoyed English this half  
 reading 'The Tiger who  
 sequenced pictures of  
 the characters and  
 questions about the  
 on to create their own



version of the story, which included their own choice of characters and  
 setting as a comic strip. When creating his comic strip, Charlie said that "We can use a thought  
 bubble to show what the  
 character is thinking." Finally, as a  
 reward pupils went on an offsite  
 to The Swan hotel for afternoon



visit  
 tea.

### Class Churnet



Class Churnet have enjoyed volunteering their time on an  
 allotment this half term. They have all started their Duke  
 of Edinburgh award and are helping the environment as  
 well as learning how to grow their own foods, which also  
 links into learning about photosynthesis in science. Angus  
 said, "I didn't realise how much hard work it is". They  
 have all worked exceptionally hard weeding, turning the  
 soil over, adding in soil improver and then planting  
 potatoes, swiss chard, carrots, cucumber and



courgettes. Pupils started some seedlings of the  
 courgettes and cucumber off in the classroom. A and T  
 were very excited when they entered class one  
 morning and said with excitement 'Tarnya have you  
 seen the seeds, they are growing!'





### Class Stour



This half term Class Stour, children have been focusing on recognising and identifying money; coins and notes. The children continued to develop and secure their



knowledge over the half term by adding amounts of money to work out a total, comparing amounts of money using the comparative symbols and



subtracting amounts of money linking it to giving and receiving change. Class Stour have linked their learning to our wider community and enjoyed a trip to the shop where they spent some money and returned back to school and engaged in 'shop role play' to re-enact money scenarios.

### Class Trent



Class Trent have enjoyed learning about World War II in History this term following on from exploring World War I in the Spring Term. Pupils have enjoyed learning about the Blitz, and the key turning points from across the war.



As a class pupils enjoyed taking part in examining different opinions about the Dunkirk evacuation and worked really hard together as a team!



Children also enjoyed a class trip to RAF Cosford to celebrate VE day and linked it to our history subject for the term. All of the children enjoyed being able to see all of the planes and vehicles used in the wars and even got to sit in the cockpit of a fighter jet!





Have a Great Half Term

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in school on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

