



Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.

Can you believe we have only been back in school for three weeks? So much has happened. We hope the children have enjoyed the end of the spring term - here are a few of the events and activities they took part in.

World Book Day



WBD was officially on 4 March, and the books we have read in class have inspired a range of cross-curricular work focusing on authors, illustrators and book genres. Class 1 have been reading fairy tales, including 'The Three Little Pigs'. Class 2 read a graphic novel called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, and they used images from it to create their own story to go with the text. Class 3 have been studying 'Alice in Wonderland' and wrote their own nonsense poems based around the 'Jabberwocky'.

Science Week



Across the Federation we celebrated British Science Week as we welcomed the children back to school. The topic of 'Innovation' allowed us to engage the children with science that was not only fun, but has changed the course of history through discovery and observation. We had lots of fun and hopefully inspired the future scientists amongst us!



To raise the profile of this important subject, each class took part in a number of science activities throughout the week. Class 1 made potions and experiments in their science lab, and investigated how to make a raft for the billy goats to cross the river. Class 2 investigated healthy lifestyles, including how we can improve our physical as well as mental health, such as getting lots of sleep, exercising regularly and eating a varied and balanced diet. Class 3 planned and conducted their own experiments on the thermal properties of different materials and conducted independent research into the life and scientific work of Marie Curie.

If your child has an interest in science, check out these websites below:
<https://www.ase.org.uk/resources/search/ages/5-7-13/topic/animals-18>
<https://www.chesterzoo.org/>
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

Forest School



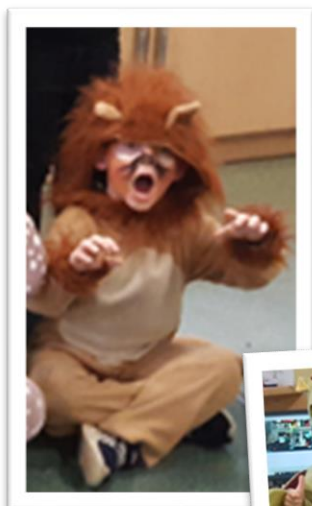
Forest School is a child-centred, holistic approach to child development through exploration and risk taking. Children gain confidence and resilience alongside supporting their social, emotional, spiritual and mental wellbeing. This is particularly important in the current circumstances. Being outdoors, learning how to manage risk through exploration and adventure, supports their transition back into school and their wellbeing. Our ambition is that every child in school will have experienced Forest School by the end of this academic year.



Children in Class 1 have had the opportunity to experience Forest School with Vicki Ambler, our Educational Teaching Assistant, who is training to become a Forest School Practitioner. They have two more sessions after Easter (23 & 30 April), then it's Class 2 turn - further details to follow.

Request: if you find any good pebbles on your travels, please could you bring them in after the holiday for future Forest School activities – thank you!

Red Nose Day



Our theme for the day was 'Go Wild', and the classrooms and staffroom were full of exotic animals including monkeys, lions, elephants, giraffes, tigers and even dragons! We all had fun and raised £121 for Comic Relief.

There are more photos on the website: www.scapegoat-hill.kirklees.sch.uk/our-school/gallery



FOSS news

A huge thank you to FOSS, who generously paid for two laptops and three iPads for school.

FOSS have also secured £1,000 funding through One Community charity to develop the nature trail. They are hoping to have some green fingered volunteers to help after Easter!!!!

Holidays and term dates

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Tue 8 Sep	26 Oct to 30 Oct	Fri 18 Dec	Tue 5 Jan	15 Feb to 19 Feb	Fri 26 Mar	Mon 12 Apr	31 May to 4 Jun	Fri 23 Jul

School will also be closed on:

Friday 23 October, Monday 3 May 2021 (May Day), Friday 28 May

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Tue 7 Sep	25 Oct to 29 Oct	Fri 17 Dec	Tue 4 Jan	21 Feb to 25 Feb	Fri 8 Apr	Mon 25 Apr	30 May to 3 Jun	Mon 25 Jul

School will also be closed on:

Friday 22 October, Monday 28 February, Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day), Friday 27 May

Art competition

Thank you to our Wellbeing Governor, Jean Farmer, for organising the competition and thinking about the wellbeing of our children. It has been great to see so many children having the confidence to use their creative skills - they all drew someone or something that has helped them get through lockdown.

Our competition winner is Phoebe, who won an art folder containing paper and artists materials. Well done Phoebe, it is great picture of your mum. We love how you have drawn her eyes, very sparkly!



Pantomime



really funny and the music was good - it was kinda cool watching the big screen"

All classes enjoyed an end of term treat watching the annual pantomime, which was a little different this year in these socially distanced times! The company gave three separate performances of 'The Wizard of Oz' remotely on a HUGE screen.

Star said that "even though it was on Zoom it still looked amazing". Oscar explained that "there was a lion and a scarecrow and a knight, but I didn't like the witch who was so evil, she was being mean to the little girl". Laana "really enjoyed it, you could still interact even though it was a big screen". Owen thought that "some parts were

During the Easter holiday major building work will take place on the school roof to repair/replace the chimney. Please could you ensure that children do not enter the school playground, as the site continues to be dangerous until the work is complete - thank you.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday, and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 12 April.

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