

As our first half term of 2022 comes to an end, the KS1 team would like to share some highlights from this time. The children have worked hard and have produced some amazing work!

This Half Term's Attendance

Class 3 – Year 1 – Mr West	92.7%
Class 4 – Year 1 – Miss Farrell / Mrs Peart	92%
Class 5 – Year 2 – Mrs Taylor	88.5%
Class 6 – Year 2 – Ms Bradley	91.2%



Well done to Class 3, who are this half term's Key Stage 1 attendance champions.

Year 1 – Science

As part of our learning in science this half term, the children developed their understanding of our five senses. They identified the body parts we use for each sense and put them into practise in a scientific experiment. The children had to use their senses to identify which bear was lost by identifying the correct option to match the missing teddy bear.



Year 1 – Bird Watch Week

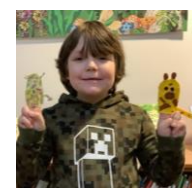
The children took part in the National Birdwatch Week by completing their own bird watch within the school grounds. The children learnt about birds which they may find in the school grounds or in their gardens and identified the birds which they saw.

The children then made their own bird feeders to attract more birds into their gardens. They used ice cream cones, peanut butter and bird seed. We hope the wildlife really enjoy them!



Year 2 – Making Puppets

During our Design and Technology project we looked at existing products to see how different puppets were designed and made. Then we designed, made prototypes, made puppets and evaluated them. Our designs were based on the story 'Handa's Surprise' and we created African animal puppets.



Year 2 – Number Day

We dressed up in numbers, patterns or as rock stars and played board games linked to numbers and patterns. We counted in 2s, 5s and 10s and practised our times tables. We had a Numbots competition and Class 5 won!



Whole School Art Project - Sculpture

Over the course of this half term, everyone across school has been taking part in an exciting art sculpture project. The Year 1 children have studied the sculptor Michael Bolus and his 1963 art piece '11th Sculpture'. The children practised different paper folding techniques to create a celebration paper sculpture. They used twisted, curled and concertinaed bits of paper to glue onto a base. They then named their sculptures using words relating to celebrations. In Year 2, the children studied the work of the sculptor Sean Henry, particularly his couple sculpture at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. The children sketched stick figures in different positions then created a figure using pipe cleaners and tin foil. Then they covered their figure in Modroc and sprayed it using metallic paint. They also created backgrounds inspired by Darlington.



This term's certificates:

Class	Great Start	Most Helpful	Creative Ideas	Homework Hero	Superb Scientist	Amazing Effort	Progress Award
3	North Welch Thomas Hiles	Maximus Barker Chloe Oakes	William Robson Millie Booth	Roumisa Mammeri Leo Fowler	Mason Keith Scarlett Munroe	Ezra Taylor Rosina Boswell	Cheeky Marina McDonagh Ellis Fort
4	Kate Blakeborough Tommy Newton	William Stephens Dea Hasandoci	Esme Barker Nancy-Catherine McElvaney	Tyler Douglas Clara Harper	Kate Blakeborough Jack Brennan	Poppy Schroeder Esme Singh	Marina Adams Larry Welch
5	Sophie Noble Jason Bruce	Iylah Robson Montana Maguire	Annie Bareham Patrick Boswell	Nathaiel Birtles- Walden Sara McCaw	Henry O'Neill Sophie Noble Priya Toor	JJ Taylor Leeona Stabler	Isla-Jane Whiteway- Wilkinson Alaina Taylor
6	Alfie Edwards Ava-Elizabeth Britton	Elijah Finney Aliyah Lee	Ellianna-Rose Wardell Elijah Finney	Avaani Toor Brian Tomczak	Jamie Metcalfe Nathan Finney	Kayden Rowland Sophie Taylor Noah Sinclair	Emily Pilkington Amelia Stone

The Key Stage 1 team hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 28th February and speaking to parents/carers during parent consultations on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March.