

S2A

S2A have been working really hard this term and we've had lots of fun along the way!

In Science this term we have been exploring different states of matter and how different temperatures can affect them, exploring how fast things can melt when they are exposed to heat and what will happen to a liquid when put somewhere very cold. We enjoyed our music session with Jo James in our class this term, we have been working hard with Jo to create our own soundtrack for a music video using a range of different recording equipment and technology which all of the boys thoroughly enjoyed. In English we have had lots of fun enjoying sensory poems all about the environment and all of the boys continue to work hard during Read Write Inc. sessions.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter.



S1CE

This term we celebrated Conductive Education awareness week. In S1CE we held a Hungarian day for all the classes to learn about Conductive Education and where it originated from.

We also invited each class to join in with our weekly mobility group, everyone really enjoyed doing all the different obstacles. Well done everyone, what a fantastic week.



S3A

Senior 3a learn best through song and music in all subjects so having Jo here has been such a pleasure in our music sessions. All the boys have taken turns in exploring how to create music using different apps on the iPads, we have also made our own tune with each of the boys creating an individual section. This week we all learned how to create music on the African drums, all the boys were fantastic listening. Super stars well done Senior 3a and thank you again Jo we love having you visit our class.



S2CE

Lots of hard work this term from S2CE, pupils have worked especially hard during NELI language programme, while also working super hard in AQA Maths and English. Staff are very proud of S2CE pupils for their hard work in sorting the collected items donated to the Ukrainian refugees last month. We all enjoyed dressing up for world book day, gardening and feeding the birds.



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HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

Thank you all for your ongoing support in what has been the worst term in the pandemic with huge numbers of cases and huge number of changes re: advice and the law from DFE and Public health. We sincerely hope we can get back to normal after Easter and restart indoor educational visits, face to face assemblies and productions. It will be lovely to see you all again face to face! I wish you all a safe, happy Easter and hope that this Spring break brings with it a fresh start! Thank you again for allowing us to educate your wonderful children and for giving so much positive feedback to our fantastic staff. Enjoy yourselves and try not to eat too much chocolate. Take care.

With kind regards,
Jill Bowe

GOVERNING BODY NEWS

This term has seen our monitoring visits numbers reduced, and continue mainly on-line following Public Health advice due to the significant numbers of cases of Coronavirus. There have, however, been allowed some visits in person and it has been heart-warming to see the pupils again. I was overwhelmed with the answers given to me by some of the pupils on my Safeguarding visits. I really am so proud of them all.

We all look forward to, hopefully, being able to resume our full monitoring programme after the Easter break.

May I say thank you to pupils, parents, and staff as we continue to work our way through these challenging times.

Suzanne Bailey

WELLBEING

Domestic Abuse Helpline

If you are in immediate danger call 999. If you cannot talk, dial 55 and the operator will respond.

For emotional support, you can contact the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247. Alternatively, for practical and emotional support, please contact [Women's Aid Live Chat](#) 10am-6pm seven days a week.

You can also reach the National Centre for Domestic Violence on 0800 270 9070 or text NCDV to 60777.

For free and confidential advice and support for women in London affected by abuse, you can call Solace on 0808 802 5565, or email advice@solacewomensaid.org.

Male victims of domestic abuse can call 01823 334244 to speak to [ManKind](#), an initiative available for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence across the UK, as well as their friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues and employers.

Alternatively, the [Men's Advice Line](#) can be reached at 0808 8010327, or emailed at info@mensadviceline.org.uk.

F1A

F1a have been undertaking Outdoor Education this term; they have been on trips to National Trust Gibside to carry out walking and the low ropes course, Chopwell woods to carry out some orienteering and a forest school day in Beamish woods. They have also been looking at the plants and flowers linked to our science topic and shown the huge amounts of trees which have had to be felled after being blown down from the storms earlier this term. They have increased their physical fitness each week. During this time, pupils have worked on social skills and turn taking.



VRSA NEWS

This term the VRSA held a Easter Egg Raffle and Rainbow or Multicoloured Dress Up Day and it was lovely to see so many brightly dressed pupils and staff. The final fundraising total will follow, but thanks to all families and friends of the school that purchased raffle tickets and to Lloyds Bank for their donation of Easter Egg prizes and their ongoing support.

P1A

Spring has been a very busy term for P1A with lots of exciting whole school events that have kept our bodies moving. We enjoyed the gross motor programme in Conductive Education Awareness Week, dancing during Wellbeing Week, trying out Curling for Sport's Aid / Comic Relief and dancing to music from different religions. We love reading in P1A, shared reading with an adult and even reading to our friends.



P2A



This term in RE P2A pupils have been learning about how Hindus worship at home and explored the story of Rama & Sita. They really enjoyed dressing up during the story and they enjoyed the feel of the wedding pagri.

Pupils went for a lovely walk during Outdoor Education at Tanfield Railway Station and explored the climbing wall outside of school. One managed to climb right to the top!



In Art & Design pupils have been working creating all the animals from the story 'A Travelling Turtle's First Adventure' for our class display board.

Pupils have worked very hard this term in all subjects and we wish you all a Happy Easter break!

P2CE

P2CE have enjoyed being outside in the school allotment. Everyone helped to plant lots of colourful seeds in memory of our beautiful friend Paige on her birthday. P2CE are looking after the growing seedlings making sure they have plenty of water to grow.



S2

Pupils in S2 took part in the Ground force project making bird boxes.



As part of our ASDAN baking we have been making fruit tarts.



P2

We have enjoyed going out on Outdoor Education visits which included walking at Gibside and rock climbing.

Our story for this half term has been 'Room on a Broom' which was brought to life through lots of fun activities.

In RE and PSHCE we have been learning about tolerance and equality and exploring different faiths, focusing on Hinduism.



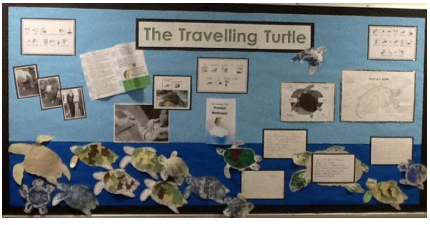
P3

We have enjoyed our 2 set texts; "The Travelling Turtle – Practises Mindfulness" and "Amazing Grace". For the Travelling Turtle we have learned facts about turtles, explored poetry and written poems, produced turtle artwork and practised mindfulness, through calm music and yoga.

In numeracy we have been working with money and data charts, making tally charts and reading and making pictograms.

In art we have focused on embellishment (adding detail to paintings or prints) linking to our topics of Hinduism, tolerance and equality.

In PE we have enjoyed lots of climbing on our school climbing wall, gaining confidence and skills, linking with our topic of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles in PSHCE.



S1A

S1A have enjoyed well-being, walking Wednesdays this term. Pupils have explored the outdoors, cuddled trees and walked approximately 8,000 steps per day. They have been able to observe changing states of matter through the varied winter environment and have experienced how to share, turn take, wait and to be polite to others within the community.



S3

Senior 3 class had the fantastic opportunity to meet leaders of different faiths for a Q and A session in Villa Real school hall. Students were able to pose questions to leaders of Islam, Buddhism and learn about the Bahai faith. One student commented "It's great to hear that many different religions have lots of similarities. They all promote equality, helping the less fortunate and taking care of our planet." These topics are of very deep concern to our students and remain a key focus for teaching at Villa Real School.

