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25th January 2016

We are really enjoying our learning this half term! We love the Julia Donaldson books we have read so far - A Squash and a Squeeze and Room on the Broom have been lots of fun. We especially loved it when the Old Lady came to visit us, when we made ourselves look like old men and ladies on the l pads, and when we made magical potions!

When we visited the cinema to watch 'The Good Dinosaur', we behaved so brilliantly and saw lots of T-Rex's on the gigantic screen!!

This week we will be focusing on the book 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'. We will be thinking all about what we do during the day time and night time, and looking closely at nocturnal animals! On Friday 29th, we will be having a Pyjama Day to celebrate our week's learning.

As last time was such a success, we will be holding another Foundation Stage Social Evening on February 3rd. There will be a letter sent out with further details this week. Thank you for your continued support, The FS Team!

Argh! Have you heard?! There has been a terrifying dinosaur attack in Year One this week! A T-Rex has caused mass destruction to both Mr Christie and Mrs Eley's classrooms.. he even left giant footprints on the floor, blood-soaked wellington boots and claw marks in the whiteboard!

The children then used "Talk for Writing" to help recount the event. They performed their story maps to Mrs Baines-Chambers, Miss Ryan and Mr Jones.. who was very scared after hearing what had happened! Finally, they used their story maps to write their recount into their books. The children did this writing completely independently and it is absolutely FANTASTIC! We can't wait to share their GREAT writing with you at parents evening!

Year two have had an interesting week helping our friend Duncan decide which colour he should choose to draw the sun! They have written some excellent pieces of persuasive writing to help him. Also this week, year two have been really challenging themselves to try new methods for addition including column addition which they have almost successfully mastered. A particular highlight for year two has been the fine motor afternoon which encouraged the children to use skills to develop their handwriting. They thoroughly enjoyed the exciting activities the teachers put together and wrote some lovely, neat poems to show off their beautiful writing skills.

Year three are finishing their Stone Age topic off in style by looking at the famous Archaeologist, Howard Carter and also hosting our own Stone Age day where we will be learning how to hunt, make fire, cook and sew like stone age men and women. We would also like to welcome Miss Baker into the team who will be helping and teaching Mr Barker's class!

Year 4 have been working hard and are learning lots about Ancient Egypt. To celebrate our learning, we will be going on a trip to the Derby Museum on Friday 29th January to look at a real mummy and find out more about the Ancient Egyptian's traditions. We would like to invite all Year 4 parents to come and share our learning journeys with us on Tuesday 9th February from 2.30 - 3.15.

Some reminders: We are continuing to do PE outside on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure your children bring jogging bottoms, a warm jumper and trainers. There is a homework club every Thursday at lunch time for children to drop in and receive support from Miss Hursey.

Parking on Wyndham Street

We continue to be concerned about the parking on Wyndham Street. We know many of you share our concerns, some have even taken to social media to express your feelings.

We ask that if possible you leave the car at home and walk to school. If you have to use your car then please park responsibly and consider the implications of parking on Wyndham Street.

We all have a responsibility to keep each other and our local community safe.

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 5! We have been designing, making, evaluating and selling our own moving vehicles made out of junk. Stig would be very proud to see the electric motors turning the wheels on our cars. In maths this week we have been looking at fractions and working out how to add fractions with different denominators. We have done really well with this and will continue to work on our fractions next week. We have also been working on our music this week and starting to improvise our own piece of jazz. Last week we did an egg-celent experiment where we dropped eggs off Wyndham Towers and had to try and save them with our own parachutes! Using our air resistance knowledge we built very successful parachutes and only broke one egg! Thank you for your continued support with the children's homework, please ensure they keep up the hard work!

In year 6 we been developing our skills as mathematicians! We have been finding percentages of amounts and used our knowledge of this to work out word problems including percentage increases and decreases in the Wonderland shop. We also learnt about ratio and proportion and used concrete representations such as measuring out orange juice and marshmallows to solve problems. We have also been looking at electricity in science and learnt about how it is able to flow through a complete circuit with different electrical components and how sometimes the circuit may become incomplete and tried to fix them! We even made our own human circuit in the playground - until the battery ran out!

On Friday afternoon the whole school participated in a Fine Motor Skills afternoon aimed at improving children's handwriting. Each teacher set up a different activity and then the children moved round to different classes. Activities included sign language, making bracelets, making words using alphabet spaghetti and finger dancing. It was a GREAT afternoon that ended in the children entering a handwriting competition. Fingers crossed for some winners!!

After school provision

Last year we had to bring our after school provision to a close as we were running at a loss. Recently we have had many enquiries about after school care. If you would use afterschool provision can you please leave your name in the office and indicate how often you would use it. We will then consider the needs of our families and look into running it again if it is a viable proposition.

Calling All Farmers!

As part of our continuing development of the learning areas of our school we are planning to extend our school farm from a few chickens to bring in a couple of Pygmy Goats!

In order to look after these additional animals, Mr Brown is looking for help from children, parents and carers. Jobs around the farm would include feeding, watering, exercising and 'mucking out' our animals. Caring for our farm needs to be a daily activity so we need lots of helpers who can spare an hour or two each week to share out the jobs.

If you would like to join the team at 'Wyndham Community Farm' then please ask Mr Brown for more details.

We have lots of girls wearing their hair down in school, while it looks very pretty it also is a hazard in PE, gets in the dinners and makes catching head lice easy. Please can we see an increase in hair being tied up whenever possible!

A message from the Head of School

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Ann Allison, our senior mid-day supervisor, who is leaving us after giving 25 years to Wyndham / Boulton. She is an extremely popular member of staff who 'gets down' with the pupils. Mrs Allison will be greatly missed by all at Wyndham and we wish her all the best.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Wheatley, our Nest TA, who leaves us this week. We wish her well with her future plans.

We are extremely keen to share and celebrate the learning at Wyndham - please remember to visit our Twitter, we have recently begun to use a new feature on Class Dojo too.

As a National support school, we are having more and more visitors to Wyndham, which is GREAT! We have recently had Head teachers from Stoke who have been extremely impressed with the pupils learning and progress and are keen to implement the Wyndham way. In the coming weeks, we also have 13 schools in Derby City visiting to see our good practice.

We are also continuing to work in partnership with Derby University and we have 6 students undertaking their teacher training placement with us.