



Learning and Achieving Together Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter 26th March 2026



A message from Mrs Short

It has been an incredibly busy half term with the planned curriculum continuing to be enriched by visits, visitors and key events including World Book Day, Science Week, Comic Relief, DSSN events, the Year 3 Cornets performance and our Poetry by Heart assemblies. It has also been lovely to be able to share with you, information on your child's progress and next steps at our Family Consultations this week. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will look to arrange a time to meet after half term.

A huge thank you once again to our FoHMS committee and to those who have volunteered to support our Wonderlicious event and school discos this half term.

From all members of the team, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday together.

Team Hobletts

Congratulations to this half term's values stars

Team Amber: Ehsan, David, Aizah, Florence and Charlotte

Team Azure: Olivia B, Jackson, Rylie C, Vihaan and Iyla

Team Citron: George, Harper, William, Grace and Ranveer

Team Cobalt: Cooper, Logan, Micaela, Monty and Archie

Team Saffron: Ilinca, Lola, Ziggy, Mason and Kleo

Team Sapphire: Ariaana, Emilia M, Fred, Freya and Theo

Team Topaz: AJ, Sonny, Menaal, Nicholas and Megan

Team Turquoise: Eleanor, Izzy, Mia, Vinny and Lily



Celebrating those who have achieved this half term's Reading and Rocking Challenges

Congratulations to Bella, Mollie, Connor and Noah in Team Amber, Freyja in Team Azure, Isabella, Avneet, Erin, Harry, William and Jessica in Team Citron, Cooper, Ruben, Bobby, Henry and Isaac in Team Cobalt, Connor, Elissa, Jasper, Jack C and Rishill in Team Saffron, Zachary, Niamh and Charlotte in Team Sapphire, Harrison, Emma, Nancy and Dylan in Team Topaz and Adam, Tilly, Zoe, Vinny, Harry and Jazmin in Team Turquoise who have all read at least seven times every week this half term and to Evie in Team Azure, Bobby and Isaac in Team Cobalt, Jasper in Team Saffron, Amalia in Team Sapphire and Grace in Team Topaz and Harry in Team Turquoise who have all achieved the Rocking Challenge.

A reminder of up and coming whole school events

Monday 13th April 2026 Children return to school following the Easter holidays

Monday 4th May 2026 Bank holiday - school closed

Monday 11th -Thursday 14th May 2026 Year 6 SATs

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May 2026 Curriculum Week (further details to follow)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026 Half term holiday school closed

Monday 1st June 2026 INSET day school closed to children

Year 3 - Team Amber and Team Azure

This half term in Year 3, we have continued to develop our love of reading. As writers we have enjoyed creating our monster guides as well as writing personal narratives inspired by 'Jabari Jumps', 'Ralph Tells a Story' and 'The Proudest Blue.'



During our Mathematics lessons, we have continued to develop our addition skills both mentally and using column addition and focused on learning the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. As historians, we have been learning all about the Romans. We have learnt about the story of Boudicca and enjoyed finding out about how the Romans lived their lives. In Science we have been learning about 'Forces and Magnets' learning about the North and South Pole of a magnet and exploring how they attract and repel objects and materials. We have also explored how pushes and pulls can affect the start and stop movement. We have learnt about friction, and how different surfaces affect the speed that an object moves.

As musicians, we have continued to learn how to play the cornet with Mr Tees and loved showcasing everything we have learnt this term in our concert to our families. We have developed our musicality, building on our listening and appraising skills and worked together to compose our very own songs.



In RE, we have been learning about the story of Easter as well as the traditions linked to Easter for Christians. In French, we have been learning about objects in a French classroom as well as beginning our journey into learning about masculine and feminine words.



Next term, our topic changes to 'Our World!' We will learn all about the world we live in developing our geographical knowledge through map work and orienteering. We will also learn about different rocks and soils in Science.

Well done Year 3 for all that you achieved this half term and have a lovely holiday!

Year 4- Team Citron and Team Cobalt

What a busy half term we have had in Year four – we have certainly packed a lot in! Some of our highlights have included taking part in World Book Day, investigating the theme of 'Chromatography' in Science Week, visiting one of our local churches to learn about Jesus and the Last Supper, and taking part in a speed stacking festival. We also enjoyed a visit from Electric Umbrella and two of our parents, who were amazing and talked to us about Chinese New Year and all things Science!

In History and Geography we have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians – a topic we have loved! We enjoyed finding out about the pyramids and what they were like inside, who Tutankhamun was and how his tomb was recently discovered, and why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. We even had a go at building a pyramid ourselves using props from the classroom – we really got a sense of just how much work it would have been to build these amazing structures!

In DT, we continued to look at the Ancient Egyptians and made our own Egyptian inspired bread rolls. We added our chosen fruits, after taste testing a range of delicious options! These included sultanas, dates and figs, and we also added honey to sweeten them! We enjoyed sharing them with our families at home.

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and how this works. We have looked at the



components of the digestive system and their functions. We also learnt about the different types of teeth that we have, and explored the uses of each type. We learnt how important it is for our teeth to work together in order for us to be able to eat. We set up an experiment to explore which liquids are healthy and not healthy for our teeth. We substituted teeth for eggs (as these have a shell similar to the enamel on our teeth) and greatly enjoyed observing the effects on the eggs over time. The liquids of coke, vinegar, toothpaste, orange juice and milk certainly made the classrooms smell interesting!



In the Summer Term, we will be starting to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We will be exploring who they were, and the impact they have had on modern society. In Art, we will be creating vases inspired by the Ancient Greeks using the medium of clay. In Science, we will be learning about sound and how our ears work.



Have a cracking Easter Holiday everybody!

Year 5- Team Saffron and Team Sapphire

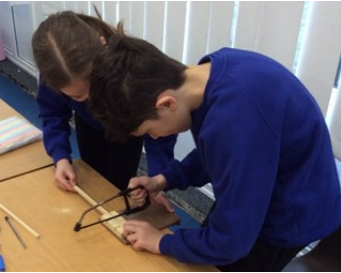
What a busy half term we have had! In Science, we continued to learn about forces and investigated friction and mechanisms such as gears, levers and pulleys. In RE, we have learnt about the importance of Lent to Christian followers and how fasting is observed across different religions. We also revisited the Easter story and the traditions and symbols related to it before comparing it to the festival of Passover.



In History we have found out some fascinating facts about the Vikings and the last Anglo-Saxon kings including Alfred the Great and how he created the Danelaw. We also researched Ethelred II The Unready and how he paid the Danegeld, Edward the Confessor and Harold II. In DT, we had fun designing and making our Viking houses.

In PSHE, we have deepened our understanding of how to stay healthy and discussed how smoking and drinking alcohol can affect our bodies. We developed our First Aid skills and learnt how to help in an emergency situation by placing someone, who is unconscious, into the recovery position.

Throughout the half term, we also enjoyed World Book Day and the opportunity to dress up as book characters and cooking our delicious savoury muffins in DT. Science Week was another highlight which provided us with an opportunity to apply our knowledge of the force of up thrust to design and make paper boats which floated and held the most weights without sinking!



Next term in Science, we will be learning all about Space. We will learn about the movement of planets in relation to the sun and why and how we know that Earth is spherical. We will explore how we get night and day and find out why the sun appears to move across the sky. In Geography we will be learning about our 'Enchanting Earth'. We will learn about the features of rivers and mountains, different types of volcanoes and explore how volcanoes and earthquakes affect human settlements. In Art, we will be looking at the works of the artist Kandinsky and in PSHE we will learn a little more about how we can stay safe when online.



Year 6 - Team Topaz and Team Turquoise

We have had a very busy half term! In Geography we have looked at sustainability and how we can help our world by living as sustainably as possible. This could include having solar panels on our houses, turning off taps and lights when not using them, and recycling paper, cardboard and plastic. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to London Zoo and spotted lots of the rainforest creatures we had been learning about during our Geography lessons!

We have also started to create our own wonderful rainforest inspired cushions in DT! We thought about the design specification and who we intend our finished cushions to be used by. We have made templates for our designs to ensure that we get the size and shapes correct before we cut our chosen fabric. We very much look forward to starting to sew our cushions together!

In computing we have created text based adventure games which provided choices to the user to enable them to decide what would happen in the game! In RE we have found out more about Jesus and revisited the Easter story and its importance to Christians.

We have enjoyed our Science topic of 'Evolution' and finding out how animals have evolved over time through the process of 'Natural Selection'. We have looked at fossils as they show us what living things were like millions of years ago, how living things have changed over time and how living things are linked. We also discussed selective breeding of cows and dogs and investigated human variation in our class and found out how different we are!



Next term we are looking forward to starting our History topic about the Mayans, looking in detail at who they were, where they lived and how they communicated. We also look forward to welcoming Mexicolore back to fully immerse us in Mayan life. In Science, we will be looking at



the human body and all the amazing things it does to keep us alive and in PSHE we are starting a new topic of relationships. In RE we will be looking at humans' relationship with the environment and will discuss individual ideas about God, and of course, we can't wait to get started on sewing our cushions for DT!

Have a wonderful Easter break and we'll see you next term!

