



Learning and Achieving Together

Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

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Termly Overview

We do hope that you enjoy reading what each Year group has been learning across the half term. It has been a busy one, with a range of enrichment activities enhancing our core offer. We do hope that our families have enjoyed the opportunity to come into school and join us for events including Sports Day and the Family Picnic, Year 5 Cornets, the Art Exhibition, our Open Afternoon and of course most recently the Year 6 production.

Congratulations to this half term's values stars

Team Amber: James, Imogen, Manreet, Kathleen and Maddie

Team Azure: Hannah, Ayla-Jai, Aaron, Isabella and Sienna

Team Citron: Samuel, Amir, Joshua, Patrick and Euan

Team Cobalt: Ianis, Georgia, Freddy, Ruben, Dominykas and Olivia

Team Saffron: Andreea, Ariyah, Mason, Elissa and Imogen

Team Sapphire: Zachary, Isla N, Henry, Freya and Fred

Team Topaz: Hugo, Teddy T, Odin, Maddy, Teddy A and Harrison

Team Turquoise: Eveleen, Jazmin, Kayden, Yusuf and Zoe



Celebrating those who have achieved the Reading and Rocking Challenges consistently across the year



Congratulations to Isabella and Connor in Team Amber, Frejya in Team Azure, Erin and Isabella in Team Citron, Isaac, Bobby and Henry in Team Cobalt, Connie and Elissa in Team Saffron, Emma in Team Topaz and Zoe and Harry in Team Turquoise who have all read at least seven times every week this academic year and to Bobby in Team Cobalt in who have all achieved the Rocking Challenge for the same period.



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



Congratulations to Isabella, Connor and Mollie in Team Amber, Frejya in Team Azure, Erin, Isabella and Alisa in Team Citron, Isaac, Bobby, Ruben, Henry, Georgia and Dominykas, Connie, Elissa and Jack C in Team Saffron, Maya in Team Sapphire, Emma and Nancy in Topaz and Adam, Zoe, Harry, Tilly, Hithesh and Jazmin in Team Turquoise who have all read at least seven times every week this half term and to Bobby, Isaac and Henry in Team Cobalt, and Gracie in Team Saffron who have all achieved this term's Rocking Challenge,

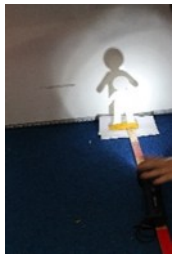
A special mention to Bobby in Team Cobalt who has achieved both the Rocking and Reading Challenge this year, an amazing commitment to Home Learning, well done!

Year 3 - Team Amber and Team Azure

What a busy half term we have had! This term in Science, we have been looking at and studying light and shadow. We started our unit by learning how shadows are formed and going outside to draw around our very own shadows. We then investigated what happened to shadows when the properties of light were changed. After this, we carried out an experiment, changing the distance between the object and the light source, the brightness of the light and the direction. We found it really interesting to learn how light from the sun can be dangerous and discussed what we can do to stay safe from the sun by protecting our skin and also our eyes.



In our RE lessons, we enjoyed learning about both Christianity and Islam, looking at the artefacts and symbols of both religions and how they use these to express their beliefs and show their faiths. We also learnt how each of the artefacts and symbols is important to each religion. We learnt about religious stories from both the Qur'an and the Bible, and the moral behind these stories, discussing how these sacred texts and stories influence the lives of Christians and Muslims by showing them how to lead their lives.



In Computing this term, we have been learning how to create a PowerPoint presentation, adding pictures, slides, transitions and animations to our presentations. In order to interest the reader, our challenge was to ensure the presentation was interesting, informative and eye catching.

In Geography this term, we used atlases and maps to locate European countries. We also looked at Ordnance Survey symbols and found locations using 4 and 6 figure grid references. In Art this half term, we designed our own Lotus Flowers in our art books and learnt about the key elements of using clay. Once we had completed our designs, we created beautiful Lotus Flowers out of clay. It was very messy, but great fun!



In French this term, we really enjoyed learning new nouns and some key phonemes. We found out that nouns have different genders, some nouns are masculine and some are feminine, changing how we pronounce the determiner before the noun.



Although it was too hot for some of the events to take place during sports week we still had great fun with the skipping Ninja and practising our circus skills. As you can see, we have had a wonderful year!

Well done Year 3; have a fantastic summer.



Year 4 - Team Citron and Team Cobalt

It has been another busy and fun filled half term in Year 4! We have squeezed a lot in to our last 7 weeks and have really enjoyed our learning across the curriculum.

In Art, we have enhanced our learning from last half term on the Ancient Greeks by learning about Clarice Cliff and exploring a range of Greek vases. We experimented with different types of Greek pattern and vase shape in order to create an initial design, before making our own vases out of clay. We then carefully drew our Greek patterns and pictures onto our vases. Finally, we painted our vases in earthy colours to reflect the Greek vases from ancient times. We are very proud of our final results!



In Science, we have been learning about states of matter and had fun classifying a range of objects into the three states: solid, liquid and gas. We learnt about heating and cooling, and how this changes the states of matter. We then had the opportunity to change the states of matter ourselves using ice cubes and chocolate! We have learnt about the water cycle and what happens at each stage, and set up our own experiment in class where we were able to observe the water cycle in action!



To enhance our learning in RE, we very much enjoyed going on our trip to visit the Hindu temple. We had a fantastic time exploring, and participating in a range of exciting activities and walking around the beautiful grounds, feeding the cows at the farm and having a cart ride pulled by the oxen. We also had the opportunity to try on traditional items of clothing and have our hands and faces painted in Hindu patterns before attending a religious service and learning more about the murtis. We were treated to a delicious lunch and enjoyed second and even third helpings!



This half term, we have also very much enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time in our new teams. Everyone has mixed well with their new classes and enjoyed becoming familiar with friendly faces. We are very proud of the positivity and enthusiasm that the children have shown, ready for Year 5.

We are also incredibly proud of EVERYONE in Year 4 for their AMAZING MTC results too! They have all worked so hard, demonstrating resilience and dedication to improving their speed and accuracy of times tables facts. You are all superstars, Year 4!

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday!



Year 5- Team Saffron and Team Sapphire

In Science this half term we have been very busy learning about the lifecycles of different animal groups from mammals and insects, amphibians to birds. We have also looked at the lifecycles of plants and learnt what the difference is between sexual and asexual reproduction. We looked at some daffodil bulbs and discovered that the bulbs had asexually reproduced more bulbs – this will give us a bumper display of flowers next year!

In Geography this term we have been learning about the key aspects of physical Geography. Our lessons have focused on mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We have enjoyed learning how to use atlases to find the height of mountains and thought about why people travel to mountains and what the potential dangers are in a mountainous environment.

In RE we have discussed Ultimate Questions, sharing our own opinions about things like how the world was created or what happens after we die or if we have a soul. We also looked at how different religions try to answer some of these questions. We also learnt about creation stories and found similarities and differences between them.

The focus in PSHE this half term has been 'relationships' and 'changing me.' We have learnt what puberty is and how it affects both boys and girls; how amazing the human body is and how it is able to reproduce. We have also thought about what we are looking forward to, moving to Year 6.

In Music, we had another half-term with Mr T teaching us the cornet. We also had the opportunity to share our learning across our year group and with our families. In DT, we thoroughly enjoyed our Catapult workshop when we built a small catapult using lollipops and elastic bands and a larger, more creative catapult using K'NEX building pieces. It was great fun!

We also had great fun during Sports Week this half term and participated in lots of fun activities like circus skills, skateboarding and enjoyed watching the skipping Ninja workshop. The children really impressed us at Sports Day where they showed determination in each of the things they did, including the races and the carousel activities.

Well done for all that you have achieved over the course of not only this term, but the school year, we are very proud of you!



Year 6 - Team Topaz and Team Turquoise

We are enormously proud of our Year 6 teams, not only for this half term, but for the year as a whole. Their resilience, kindness, dedication to learning, sense of humour and growing maturity during this year has been **AMAZING** and we will miss each and every one of you next year! This year has flown by but memories have been made and there has been lots to enjoy!

This half term in particular, we have so enjoyed getting into the swing of rehearsing for our school play 'The Next Big Step'. It was a pleasure to see the dedication all the children showed towards learning their lines and to watch them speaking their words with confidence and expression on the big stage! It is clear we definitely have some stars in the making! Thank you to everyone who came to watch the shows.

As Historians, we have continued to investigate The Maya, and thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mexicolore when we got to sing, dress up and dance like them! We have also had a go at writing using Maya glyphs and designing our very own Maya gods!



As Artists, we have learnt about graffiti and worked hard to create some gorgeous graffiti murals of our own. Well done Year 6 – your intricate details and vibrant colours look stunning! We also thoroughly enjoyed cooking our Mayan inspired fajitas!



As Scientists, we have continued to find out about the human body and the key body systems that keep us alive, especially the circulatory and digestive systems. We also enjoyed finding out how different animals have very different body systems to us!



Hopefully the sun will continue to shine as we wish you all a wonderful summer and lots of luck for next year. Do remember to pop back and say hello if you get a moment – we would love to hear how you are getting on! Congratulations on a **SUPER DUPER** year, Year 6 – you are more than



ready for your move to secondary school and they will be lucky to have you.