



Newsletter

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The beginning of "Engage"

Our "Engage" project was an idea that developed to involve parents, make the most of their many skills and enhance our curriculum further. The project was also developed to inspire children and develop their aspirations. This followed Art inspiration from Mrs Douglas who kindly made a lovely video for Reception children about how she creates her work. It was great for the children to have a "real life" local artist as their inspiration.

To begin the Engage project, we asked for parents who could offer expertise in all areas of the curriculum and were in the fortunate position of being overwhelmed with the responses! Due to this, we are viewing it as a long-term project with lots of exciting opportunities to come.



A whole school visit!

We began our Engage project with a whole school virtual visit to the North Pole. We had a very interesting presentation via Zoom about life in the North Pole and the northern lights. Children throughout school were very engaged in asking questions and we were very grateful to Miss Lovatt for this great experience.



Life on the Farm



Reception children had two super visits from local farming parents who shared photos, talked about life on the farm and even brought their chickens to meet us. The children enjoyed finding out more about farm animals and it was a lovely link with an important part of our local community. Thank you very much to Mrs Mason and Miss Wood for their time and support.

Healthy Smiles!

Year 4 were very lucky to have a visit in April from Mr Watkinson. He came to help us round off our topic all about teeth. He talked to us about the different types of teeth we have, how to look after our teeth and what will happen if we don't. The children could confidently share what they had learnt and were so pleased to have Mr Watkinson visit us. Thank you to Mr Watkinson for taking time to visit us.



Healthy Helmsore Day



Our first whole school special day via the project was our 'Healthy Helmsore Day'. Children throughout school focused on the important issue of keeping healthy. Some of our lovely parents with a wide range of skills and expertise talked to and worked with groups of children throughout the day and this was very much enjoyed by everybody.

We had important information about nutrition and health from Mrs Fairclough, an Osteoporosis Nurse and some interesting insight into nursing and some nursing history from

Mrs Beswick. Mr Goldie inspired fell runners of the future by kindly sharing his experiences and Mrs Allen demonstrated an exciting scanning machine and gave the children lots of information about their bodies.

Mrs Gall fascinated the children with her detailed demonstration of ultrasound and shared her experiences as a dedicated Clinical Vascular Scientist.

Mrs Newton led thoroughly enjoyable dance sessions and Mr Parkes provided a very enjoyable physical activity circuit to keep the children active.



Rounders Fun!

Mr Faulkner, who is a secondary school PE teacher, has been running a Rounders after school club for some of our Year 5 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed improving their batting and fielding skills and learning new tactics to improve their game.



We are extremely grateful to every one of these parents for their time, enthusiasm and input and hope we can work with them in the future.

Can you help?

We have lots of plans for further work via our Engage project but are still looking for any family members who have skills and interests in History and Geography. If you are able to offer any input in either of these areas, especially local History or Geography, please let us know.