

22.09.2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been very busy at Duncombe Primary. We have been working hard on identifying our emotions through the Zones of Regulation programme. By now, all children should be able to identify what 'zone' they are in at the start of the day and after lunchtime.

You will know that we are very committed to Personal Development, including pupil well-being and mental health at Duncombe. We had an important visitor to Duncombe to look at our Personal Development provision: Alistair Campbell, the broadcaster and political commentator in to visit Duncombe on Friday last week. He was blown away by our provision in this area, well done to Marcus Rashford class who did such an impressive lesson for him and our other visitors.

School Council was launched last week too! All classes held elections after children did speeches about why they would be a good school council representative. You can find details of the school council representatives later in next week's newsletter.

Next week, Black History Month begins. To launch this, Year 6 are going to the African Writer's Festival on Friday. The theme for Black History Month 2023 is *Saluting our Sisters*.

We will focus on inspirational people, both in our own lives and people from the past. The inspirational people to be studied in each year group are:

Year 1 - Harriet Tubman
Year 2 - Mary Seacole
Year 3 - Mae Jemison
Year 4 - Claudia Jones
Year 5 - Rosa Parks
Year 6 - Maya Angelou

We also want to celebrate the diversity and Black History at Duncombe and will be asking parents if they would share their heritage through pictures, writing and oral history. If you are interested, please come to a meeting on Friday morning at 9am.

Have a great week!

Helen

Important messages:



Follow us on our new Instagram page: @duncombeprimary

The date for INSET day has changed. **School will now be open on Friday 20th October and closed for INSET day on Monday 30th October.**

We are currently collecting for Duncombe's food bank. If you would like to donate, please bring non-perishable food items to the office. We appreciate all donations made, no matter how small.

Important dates:

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop

Wednesday 27th September – 9am

Year 6 Cardfields Parents Meeting

Thursday 28th September - 3:30pm

Half Term

Monday 23rd October –
Friday 27th October

INSET day

Monday 30th October

See more important dates for this term below.

Important Dates

Wednesday 27th September – Reception parents Phonics workshop 9am

Thursday 28th September – Year 6 Cardfields parents meeting 3:30pm

Friday 29th September – Year 6 to Africa Writes Children's festival at the British Library

Thursday 5th October – Year 6 Secondary Transition Meeting 6pm

Thursday 19th October – Year 1 Phonics Screen parents meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 19th October – 2YO & Nursery closed (Staff training day)

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 31st October – Children back to school

Wednesday 8th November – Year 6 SATs & Boosters parents meeting 3:30pm

Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December –

Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December – Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Tuesday 12th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 13th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 19th December – Reception class Nativity

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term (1:45pm finish)



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

100%

Isaac Newton

93%

Eric Carle

90%

Michael Faraday

95%

Tony Ross

98%

Charlotte Bronte

99%

Harriet Tubman

92%

William Shakespeare

99%

Greta Thunberg

94%

Emmeline Pankhurst

96%

Florence Nightingale

96%

Martin Luther King

94%

Marie Curie

96%

Marcus Rashford

99%

Nelson Mandela

98%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **96%**



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO Nursery: Danni-Rae

For coming back so keen to learn and for being a great friend to everyone. Thank you for helping our friends settle and showing them what to do.

Eric Carle 3YO Nursery: Aaliyah

For settling so well into Nursery and building her confidence around new adults!

Tony Ross Reception: Ali

What a super start to reception, thank you for making new children welcome and being a great role model.

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Ariadna

Well done for showing independence during our English lessons and writing a brilliant piece of work.

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Adrian

We are proud of Adrian for his excitement to learn and share his knowledge in maths. Well Done Adrian, we are so lucky to have you in our class!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Yasin

Yasin had an excellent week this week. He settled in really well and has been very independent in maths. I am so proud of him. Keep up the amazing attitude.

Marie Curie Year 2: Muzaynah

For being ready, respectful and safe at all times. Well done Muzaynah - you are a star!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Muaz

For his amazing piece of writing this week. It was beautifully presented and very well written. He has also settled in really well to life at Duncombe!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Malakai

Malakai was so focused in Maths and showed great perseverance. Super work Malakai!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Nathalia

Nathalia always shows enthusiasm by putting all her energy into everything she does. She is a fantastic role model to others. What a star!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Jeremiah

For always following the Duncombe school rules and being a good role model to others. He shows enthusiasm in his learning by being ready to learn and contributing in lessons!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Victoria

Victoria has shown great enthusiasm in her learning. She is focused in class and puts a huge amount of effort into her work. Well done Victoria!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Kayla

For working really hard in our maths lessons. She is focused and shows great perseverance when faced with a challenge. Well done from Fiona and Jerome!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: Yunis

For working really hard in our writing lessons. Even when Yunis has found things difficult, he has strived to complete all tasks with perfect presentation as well. Reem and I were impressed with his perseverance when learning about semicolons. Great job Yunis, we are so proud of you!

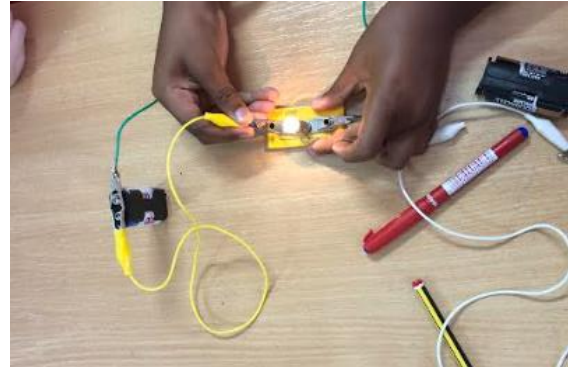
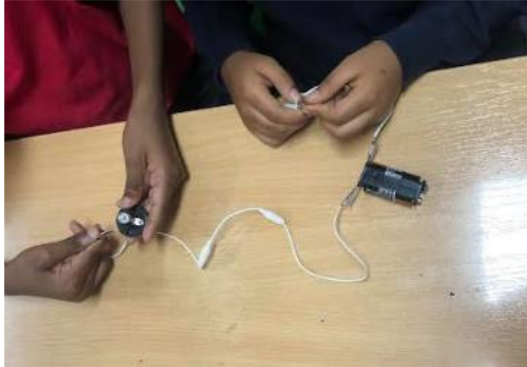
Nelson Mandela Year 6: Hafsa

Hafsa is always incredibly helpful and enthusiastic. She focuses on new learning, works hard and pushes herself to contribute in all lessons. A total superstar - we are all really proud of you!

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:

Year 6

Year 6 have been looking at electricity in science. We looked at why a lightbulb is made out of certain material before having a go at making our own circuits to see if we could make the bulb light up!



Year 4

Year 4 have started writing their opening to a narrative based on The Iron Man. They used questions and statements to create suspense. We cannot wait to read more!






Taller than the shard, the Iron Bee sprinted over the immense building. Where did she come from? Nobody knows. Is she dangerous? Nobody knows. Will she cause trouble? Nobody knows.

Taller than a tower, the Iron man Robot stood bravely on the brink off the cliff. Why has she come? Nobody knows. What will she do? Nobody knows. How far had she travelled? Nobody knows.

Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring rocks! We looked at rocks carefully and recorded our results:

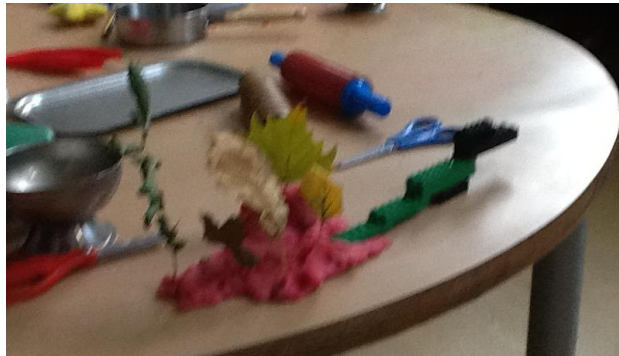
Draw the rock and add words from your word bank to describe the rocks.

Rock Type	Description
Basalt	 hard
Marble	 nothere
Slate	 smooof
Chalk	 sandy
Gravel	 hard and small

Rock Type	Description
Basalt	Hard ^{Dark} grey
Marble	hard, smooth and glittery
Slate	Slippery and hard
Chalk	dusty, big and white and sandy.
Gravel	Small, grey and rocky smooth round.

Reception

Getting to know each other and learning new school routines has been a big part of these two weeks in reception. Seeing what you create from your interests has been lovely. This child photographed his creation himself after making 'Spring' with his playdough, adding leaves as trees and a lego playground.



Nursery

In Nursery we have been busy settling into our new environment, getting to know our new friends and adults around us. We have had lots of fun each day using our imagination and being creative when drawing, sticking or playing with our friends.



2YO

Little nursery has been getting to know new friends and their new environment. We have been having loads of fun getting messy with painting our faces, hands, paper and boxes. We have also been looking at squares.

Here is some of our creative work.



Pathways for Parents: Back to School

If you are finding the transition back to school tricky with your child who has autism, this webinar may offer great advice from the May Institute. It is at 5.15pm on September 28th, register for free at this link:

https://www.mayinstitute.org/events/pathways-for-parents-back-to-school/?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=NAC_September&utm_medium=email

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needed!

Duncombe is in need of a team of parents that could come together and help with events that bring the community together!

Events such as:

- Summer Fair
- International Evening
- Cake sales
- Charity Fundraising



**If this is something that you are
interested in, please speak to
Camilla in the office.**