



## Hooton Pagnell All Saints Primary - School News

Looking back on the Summer Term, so far...



Already, the summer term has been really busy for us in school and this is only the beginning; the second half of the term looks even busier! At the beginning of the term, we had a visit from the Dog's Trust, who helped the children in school with their understanding of safe and considerate behaviour around the dogs they know and live with, and those they may see out and about in the community. This tied in nicely with our celebration of Maggie's first birthday in May, when we held a bun sale to raise money for the Dog's Trust. In total, we raised £102.11, which we know will help the charity with their work.

We are very lucky in our school to have incredibly hard working and dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to bring the curriculum to life for our pupils. One way they do this is through arranging school trips. This term, our Pathfinders visited the Yorkshire Museum in York, who had a 'Mary Anning Rocks!' exhibition, celebrating the inspiring story of the renowned palaeontologist. The year 1 and year 2 pupils had an amazing day. Our Adventurers had the fantastic opportunity of going to the Sheffield Lyceum to watch 'Madagascar'. This was linked to their previous topic on Africa and all pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Finally, the year 6 pupils had a residential trip to Kingswood, where they took part in many adventurous activities such as climbing, fencing and zip wiring. As you can imagine, they had an amazing time, as did the two members of staff who went along. All groups, as always with our school, demonstrated 'ready, respectful and safe' behaviour throughout their visits - we are very proud of them.



Pathfinders at the Yorkshire Museum



Year 6 at Kingswood

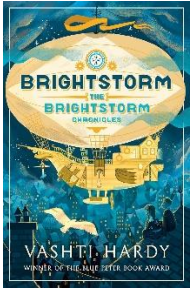
Adventurers at Sheffield Lyceum

### Curriculum News - Our Learning Means the World Curriculum

All our foundation subjects are delivered through our Learning Means the World Curriculum. Across School, all classes focus on the same Curriculum Driver (communication, culture, conflict or conservation) at the same time. Our next focus is the Conservation theme. Here is some information about each one.

#### Navigators (Years 5 and 6) - You're Not Invited

"Full of Beans" is a thematic unit, with a key focus on geography. It begins with pupils learning about different types of beans, how and where beans are grown and their nutritional value. They go on to look at beans as a source of energy, before moving on to learn about energy sources generally, both renewable and non-renewable. A business enterprise element enables pupils to create and sell bean smoothies.



Our Navigators will be studying the novel, *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy. This is an exciting, funny and surprising children's adventure story, which stars two young people who show real courage, loyalty and resilience. Twins Maudie and Arthur Brightstorm are left alone in the world when their explorer father dies on a daring expedition to the uncharted territory South Polaris. Worse news follows when he is accused of breaking the explorer's code. Not only is he disgraced, but his property is forfeit leaving the children destitute. The twins are determined to clear his name and run away to join the crew of the sky-ship *Aurora*, also setting off for South Polaris. Under Captain Harriet Culpepper, they explore strange lands, meet some extraordinary people, and learn more about themselves, as well as their father.

### Adventurers (Years 3 and 4) – Athens v Sparta

"Picture Our Planet" is a thematic unit, with a key focus on geography. Learning is centred around three contrasting localities: - Brazil, Scotland and Fiji, and includes key facts, physical and human features, traditions and customs and an insight into how each country is tackling particular conservation issues.

The Adventurers will be reading *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. In this classic story, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* is on the run! The three meanest farmers around are out to get him. Fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they're not dealing with just any fox – Mr. Fox would never surrender. But only the most fantastic plan ever can save him now.



### Pathfinders (Years 1 and 2) – Unity in the Community

"Light Up the World" is a thematic unit based around the sun and other sources of light, with a science focus. Pupils will look at solar power and how to save electricity, as well as learning about sun safety and the importance of protecting both the skin and eyes. They will also learn about how shadows are formed when solid objects block light. Nocturnal animals will also be introduced in this unit.



Our Pathfinders will be reading a range of books to support their learning this term. However, their focus in English lessons will be based around a short film called *Caterpillar Shoes*, a story about a caterpillar, who is very hungry. All he does all day is walk and eat and walk and eat. Using this as a stimulus, the pathfinders will be writing fact files, developing non-chronological reports for creatures and designing shoes for a minibeast. In addition, they will be studying the life cycle of butterflies.

### Explorers (Reception Class) – Let's Play

In this unit, our Explorers will focus on the world of living things, through sorting and naming them and learning about habitats. They will discuss what makes something pretty and name and identify some examples, as well as challenging typical stereotypes about the word. Our Explorers will identify a range of old and new things and their commonalities, learn about re-cycling and focus on the new things we all experience from a new toy to a new baby, sharing and exploring the feelings associated with these new things. Finally, they will make something new to give to a friend.

As always, the Explorers will be looking at a variety of different books. One of the ones they will focus on is called *I am Josephine (and I am a living thing)*, by Jan Thornhill and Jacqui Lee. Inspired by science and nature, this book is intended to help children recognise themselves as part of the natural world, with an emphasis on how all living things share similarities.

