

Kingstone Chronicle

Autumn 1 Edition



A welcome message from Mrs Preece



What a brilliant first half term we have had! It has been lovely to see the children settle so happily into the new academic year and rise to the expectations and challenges of their new classrooms. We have also thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the newest members of our Kingstone Family – our Reception children – who have made such a wonderful start to their school journey.

One of the highlights of the half term was undoubtedly Grandparents' Day. It was so special to welcome so many members of our wider Kingstone community into school and to see the children sharing this special time with their loved ones. We hope this will become a much-loved annual event in our school calendar.

We also celebrated Harvest with our whole-school visit to Kingstone Church for our Harvest Festival. There is something truly special about bringing our whole school community together in the church, and it was a lovely opportunity to reflect on all that we are thankful for. We are already looking forward to returning for our Christingle service later in the year.

As we look ahead to next half term, the excitement of the run-up to Christmas is already on the horizon. This is always a busy time of year, but it is certainly one of my favourite half terms! The school comes alive with singing, costumes, twinkling lights and glitter, as we embrace all the magic and joy of the festive season. There is so much to look forward to, and I know the children will make many more wonderful memories along the way.

For now, I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Kingstone Family.

Mrs Preece



RECEPTION NEWS



Our half-term at a glance



Marvellous Me!



Reception have spent lots of time sharing interesting facts about themselves and their families, as well as learning about the other children and adults in the classroom. They have made self-portraits and drawn family pictures, talking about the similarities and differences between their lives and those of others.

A message from Mrs Perrin

What a pleasure it has been to welcome such wonderful children to Reception during this first half-term. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every child, and look forward to the festive half-term ahead!



Autumn Fun!

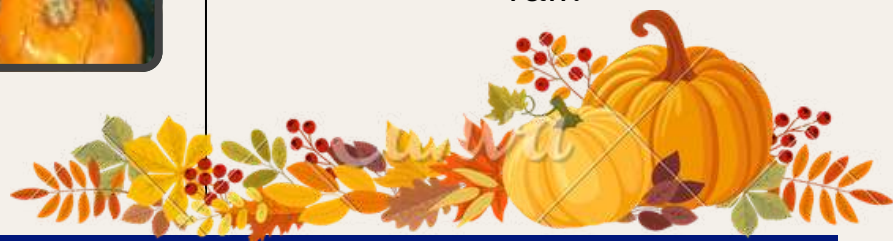
We have been learning about autumn and have found out that the leaves turn different colours and fall off the trees. We have thought about the upcoming autumnal event of Halloween and have enjoyed taking part in some exciting seasonal activities!



Sharing Equally



We have been learning about sharing quantities in maths and have learnt about more, less and equal amounts. We were invited to a 'tea party' where we got to cut up and share some fruit equally with a friend. It was great fun and taught us how we can be fair.



YEAR 1 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Multi-Skills

In PE, we have been developing our multi-skills, practising our balance, agility and coordination. We have enjoyed taking part in fun activities and small team games, through which we have been learning to attack and defend, work together and develop our skills. Mrs Smith has been very impressed with our enthusiasm and teamwork!



We love to learn through play!



We have really enjoyed learning through play this half term, exploring our new classroom and environment. We have loved exploring the different areas, trying new activities and learning alongside our friends. We are becoming more confident and independent in our learning as we settle into Year 1.

A message from Mrs Smith

The children have had a fantastic start to Year 1! We have enjoyed a lovely, busy half term, and I have been so impressed by the children's positive attitudes towards their learning. I hope everyone has a relaxing half-term break, ready for another exciting term ahead!



Animals including Humans

In Science, we have been learning about animals, including humans. We enjoyed exploring our senses during a sensory walk and investigating whether we could identify different drinks using our sense of taste.



We have also learnt lots about different animal groups and enjoyed an exciting visit from Elliot the vet, who helped us to find out even more about animals and how to care for them!



How have lives changed over time?

We have really enjoyed learning about life in the past this half term. We have discovered how transport, houses and toys have changed over time. We particularly loved exploring and playing with a range of toys from the past during our exciting workshop with the museum service, helping us to understand what life was like for children long ago.



YEAR 2 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



A flying start!

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the school year! We have been so impressed with the amazing home learning. The children have shown great enthusiasm for maths and reading, winning the NumBots Trophy multiple times already this term and earning lots of certificates during assembly for their hard work and dedication.

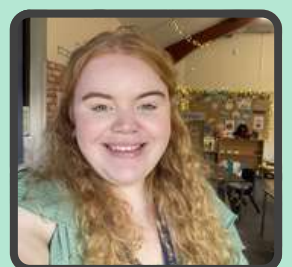


Lots of Learning!

We have really enjoyed this last half-term and have made excellent progress in a number of areas. A large part of this term has been getting settled into our new routine. This term has been packed full of learning, from healthy habits to information technology – we have not stopped! The children wowed everyone with their singing skills at Harvest Festival, and we are really getting settled into Year 2!

A message from Mrs Egan-Savage

Year 2 have worked really hard this half-term and have made truly excellent progress. I am so impressed with your hard work and resilience! One more half-term left before Christmas!





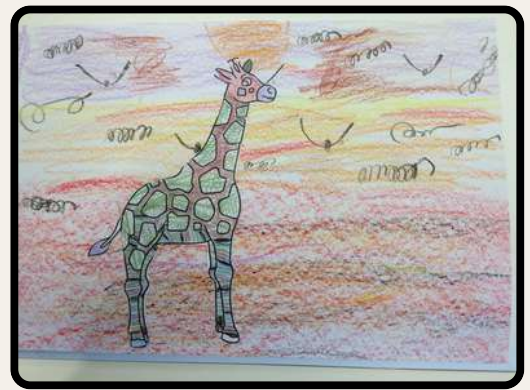
A trip to Zambia!

In Geography this half term, Year 2 have enjoyed learning about Mugarameno, a village in Zambia. We have explored what daily life is like for children living there and compared it with our own lives. The children have been fascinated by the similarities and differences between our communities. As part of our learning, we even had the opportunity to try nshima, a traditional Zambian food, which was a very exciting experience!



Tinga-tastic!

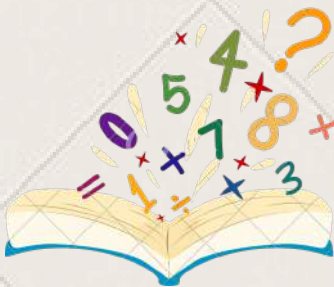
In Art, Year 2 have been inspired by the colourful style of artist Edward Saidi Tinga Tinga. We learned about this unique style of art and created our own vibrant Tinga Tinga masterpieces using bold patterns and bright colours.



YEAR 3 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Home Learning

Our goal in Year 3 is to read at home 4 times a week. Thank you for your support so far. By the end of this half term, we should have logged at least 25 reads.

Congratulations to the children who have topped our leader board for the most reads logged at home this half term:

1st Liana

2nd Martha

3rd Eleanor



Fun and learning!

Year 3 have made a brilliant start to the year! Each and every one of them have worked hard and made great progress as they settle into their new Key Stage Two class. We have been busy learning about the Stone Age, Animals including Humans, writing stories in English and exploring numbers up to 1,000 in Maths! It has been a very fun and busy half term.



A message from Miss Donald

The children have impressed me greatly with their hardworking attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. They have settled into their new class brilliantly and I am so excited to see how much progress they will make throughout the year.



Super Stone Age!

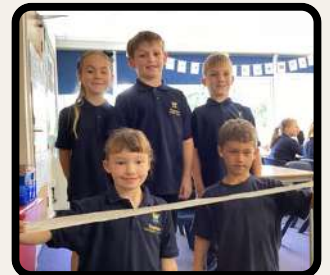
Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age this half term. We have learnt about when the Stone Age took place, what food people ate and what houses were like. We also loved learning about Cheddar Man, who is Britain's oldest skeleton and revealed lots about life in the Stone Age. To celebrate our learning, we finished the half term with a Wow Day where we did lots of fun activities like baking Stone Age biscuits, having a go at creating our own cave style paintings and solving the mystery of the missing jewellery in teams. It was a fantastic way to end our topic!



In our Science lessons, we have been learning about animals including humans. We learnt the purpose of our skeletons and muscles, and named some of the important bones and muscles in our body. We then compared this to animal skeletons and had a go at recreating different animal skeletons from things we could find in forest school.



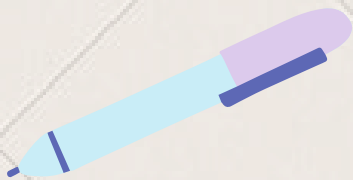
We carried out some exciting investigations linked to our Science topic. For example, we used a tape measure to find out whether our height is the same as our wingspan. In some cases, it was very close and, in others, it was exactly the same!



YEAR 4 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Polished Perfection!

We have worked hard in our Writing lessons to plan, write and edit a persuasive letter. The children had fantastic ideas and were very convincing. A surprising favourite for our brilliant class this half-term has been the chance to try out handwriting pens in our polished pieces books. The levels of focus in the classroom whilst writing in these books have been outstanding, and the pieces themselves are exceptional! We are all extremely keen to add to them throughout the year!



What a smelly start to Year 4!

Our first unit of Science lessons focuses on the human body and as part of that, we get to learn about the digestive system. What better way to do this than by using food and household items to represent the process of digestion and create... POO! The class was certainly split between children who thought this was the greatest idea in the world and those who weren't impressed with getting their hands covered in orange juice and mushy bananas!



A message from Mr Bull

Year 4 have been so busy this half-term. They've started multiple topics and units of learning with enormous amounts of energy. They have really shown what an excellent class they are. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!



Musical Fun!

We have been lucky enough to enjoy learning how to play the toots this half-term. For those of you who don't know, the toot is similar to a flute, but simpler for children to pick up and play. We have had so much fun with this and have even managed to get the playground parachute involved in our lessons as we raised and lowered it to the beat!



We have been enjoying getting to know our new classroom!

With a new year comes a new classroom and new routines. It has been lovely to see the class explore their new space together and enjoy the fresh feel of a new room.



Gymnastics Fun!

Our PE lessons have been building on the brilliant work we did in gymnastics in Year 3. We have been working to develop individual and partner balances, as well as recalling specific gymnastics vocabulary from previous years.



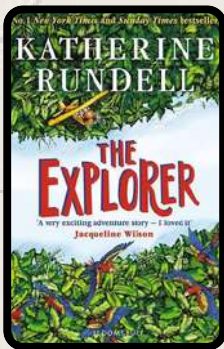
YEAR 5 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



The Explorer



We have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell! We have loved following the characters on their exciting adventure through the Amazon rainforest, discovering the challenges they face along the way.

The story has sparked our imaginations, kept us on the edge of our seats and inspired some fantastic discussions in class. We can't wait to find out what happens next!



Balancing Act!

In gymnastics, the children have been exploring different types of balances, focusing on counterbalances and counter-tension balances. They have worked brilliantly together, developing their teamwork, coordination and strength. A real highlight was using the apparatus and wall bars to create even more imaginative and challenging balances!



A message from Miss Wood

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the school year! They have demonstrated wonderful determination, kindness and excellent teamwork skills. I am incredibly proud of their efforts and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings. Well done, Year 5!



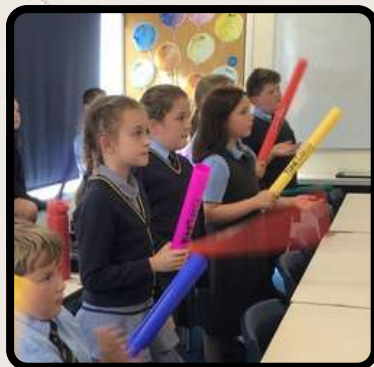
Superb Science



In Year 5, we have been busy exploring the properties and changes of different materials through a range of exciting, hands-on investigations. We have used fair and comparative testing to discover which materials are the best thermal conductors, as well as investigating the solubility of different substances.

Throughout this half term, we have developed our scientific enquiry skills and deepened our understanding of key concepts, including thermal conduction, solubility, separation and evaporation. Our practical experiments have brought science to life, encouraging us to make predictions, observe changes, record results and draw conclusions from our findings!

Boomtastic Beats!



In music, we have been learning to play the Boomwhackers this half term. We have explored pitch and discussed why Boomwhackers are different lengths. We have also been developing our rhythm and teamwork skills by playing in time with one another, using musical notation and playing along to some of our favourite songs.

Art inspired by Henri Rousseau



To deepen our understanding of the jungle, we explored the artwork of Henri Rousseau. Inspired by his vibrant colours and lush jungle scenes, we used our colour-mixing skills to create our very own jungle landscapes.

Hands on Maths

To develop our knowledge and understanding of place value, we have been using practical resources such as counters and Dienes blocks. These hands-on activities have helped us explore the value of digits and deepen our understanding of how numbers are made.



YEAR 6 NEWS



Our half term at a glance



Year 6 Become Circulatory System Experts!

Year 6 have enjoyed an exciting science unit all about the circulatory system. To support their learning, pupils dissected a lamb's heart and identified its four chambers: the left atrium, right atrium, left ventricle and right ventricle. They also examined the valves, arteries and veins, learning how blood is transported around the body.

The children then explored the components of blood by creating their own blood replicas. Cheerios represented red blood cells, mini marshmallows were white blood cells, hundreds and thousands became platelets, and yellow-coloured water represented plasma, made from water and proteins.

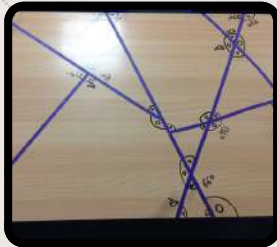
To complete the unit, pupils investigated the effects of diet, exercise and drugs on the body. They carried out research and a practical investigation, measuring their pulse rates before and after exercise to see how the heart responds to physical activity.

The hands-on activities helped bring science to life, and the children demonstrated excellent knowledge and enthusiasm throughout the topic.



Right on Angle!

To begin our Shape and Space unit, the children took part in a practical lesson exploring different types of angles, including acute, right, obtuse, straight and reflex angles. Working collaboratively, they used tape to create angles on their desks before measuring them accurately with protractors and classifying them according to their properties. This hands-on approach helped the children develop a secure understanding of angle types and measurement, making it an engaging and memorable way to introduce their learning about angles.



More maveulous maths

In Year 6, we have been enjoying Marvellous Maths, with learning that is hands-on, interactive and designed to bring mathematical concepts to life. The children have enjoyed a range of practical games and challenges to strengthen their understanding of number families and place value. They have also explored how numbers change when multiplied and divided by powers of 10, helping them to spot patterns and develop their reasoning skills. These engaging activities have encouraged discussion, problem-solving and teamwork, while building confidence and a deeper understanding of mathematics.



Nurturing Nature, Inspiring Writers

In English, we have been exploring the beautifully illustrated story Varmints, which tells the tale of a peaceful world transformed by development and industry, highlighting the importance of protecting the natural environment. Through our sentence-stacking lessons, the children have developed their writing by using adverbials, personification, expanded noun phrases, colons, varied noun choices and similes to create detailed and engaging descriptions. To fully understand the caring nature of the Varmints and the story's message, the children planted their own seeds and have been carefully nurturing them, learning how precious living things are and the responsibility we all have to care for nature. They then applied these skills and experiences to write their own imaginative stories, The World After Humans, introducing original characters into a future world reclaimed by nature. We cannot wait to send copies of their wonderful stories home for you to enjoy!



Out of school ACHIEVEMENTS

Our children continue to shine outside the classroom, and we love celebrating their fantastic achievements!



Isaiah (Year 1) – Karate
Harvey (Year 2) – Martial Arts
Rupert (Year 2) – Beavers
Rosie M (Year 2) – Netball
Charles (Year 3) and Maisie (Year 6) –
Agricultural show
Leighton-Lee (Year 4) – Horse racing
Mikayla (Year 5) – Trampolining
Bella (Year 5) – Acro







Super Swimmers!

Year 1 - Charlie
Year 2 - Nancy, Emmy, Noah S, Gracie
Year 3 - Evie
Year 5 - Bella
Year 6 - Lily, Maisie



Great gymnasts and cheerleaders



Year 3 - Liana
Year 4 - Poppy C, Isla
Year 5 - Bella

Forest School Fun!

Year 1 and Reception have been enjoying Forest School this half-term. They have been working on their gross motor skills and have loved exploring our digging area that now includes brand new diggers! Learning to safely manage risk is an important part of our children's wider development and Forest School is an excellent way of doing that. They learn to climb, develop spacial awareness and manage the environment around them to ensure their safety. We can't wait to see what fun we'll have next term!



CURRICULUM FOR LIFE



Our Curriculum for Life groups have been working hard this half-term to build lots of key life skills. They've developed their healthy eating knowledge by creating fruit kebabs. They've also practised tying shoelaces - a brilliant skill to master. Balance and teamwork were on the agenda as the children worked together on some very interesting obstacle courses. We can't wait to see what next half-term brings!



Our new Academy Values

This half term, we were delighted to launch our new Academy Values: Kindness, Courage and Aspiration. We have been incredibly impressed and proud of how well our children have embraced these values and demonstrated them in their everyday actions, both in and out of the classroom. Our values are woven into daily school life through assemblies, lessons, discussions and the way we interact with one another. We regularly teach and reinforce what each value means, helping our children understand how they can put them into practice every day. Each of our values have a visual assigned to them so even the youngest members of our school community can recognise them. We have high expectations for all members of our school community, including pupils, staff and families, to model these values and work together to create a positive, supportive and inspiring environment where everyone can thrive. What a fantastic start our children have made!

KINDNESS



COURAGE



ASPIRATION



YOUNG HOPEFULS



With a new year, comes a brand new team of Young Hopefuls. The new team have started brilliantly by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, litter picking around the school grounds and even going to meet with the Sunshine Club. We're looking forward to lots more events as the year progresses!



School Parliament



Our new School Parliament members have been selected and are ready to help make our school community the very best it can be.

Our ambassadors have already been hard at work:

- Charity – Have been involved in discussions around which charities we would like to support and why. They have helped with the selling of poppies in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Their first official event will be the ever popular Santa Run!
- Sport – Have met with Miss Exley and are coming up with ideas for playtimes. They will soon begin running sports sessions at lunchtime.
- Reading – Have been spending time with Year 1 sharing their love for reading and supporting the younger children to develop their confidence.
- Wellbeing – Have been helping Miss Exley with the planning of our Wellbeing Wednesday event.
- All of these children also met with our hot dinner provider, Miquill. They shared feedback from the pupils and suggested some changes they would like to see.

These children are also a very important part of our pupil voice. If ever you have any ideas or suggestions, please ask these children to share them at their next meeting.
We look forward to sharing more of their hardwork as the year progresses!

SPORT AT KTPS



What a busy half term it has been in PE across all our classes! I continue to be impressed by our children's knowledge, skills and effort in PE lessons, and it has been fantastic to see the progress each class has made.

Reception have made a brilliant start to their PE journey, focusing on their 'Games' unit and developing their fundamental movement skills. Year 1 have been busy with their '10 Point Hoops' unit, showcasing their attacking and defending skills through partner and group games. Year 2 have been exploring dance, thinking creatively about how they can represent different animals through their dance routines.

Year 3 have blown us away with their gymnastics skills, working collaboratively in groups to create routines that include rolls, jumps and different families of actions. Year 4 have also been developing their gymnastics skills through partner work, and it has been impressive to see their counterbalances and counter-tension balances, alongside their fantastic understanding and use of key vocabulary.

Acrobatic gymnastics has been the focus for Year 5, and what a brilliant half term they have had! It has been lovely to see some of our more confident gymnasts supporting and coaching their peers, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and leadership.

Finally, Year 6 have been heading off to swimming lessons, and it has been wonderful to hear about the progress everyone has been making in the pool.

Well done to all our children for another fantastic half term of PE!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD

We are extremely proud to have achieved our Healthy Schools award.

This award is for our commitment to physical education, emotional and mental wellbeing, RSHE and healthy eating. We collected our award at the Hereford School Games Award evening.



WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

It was fantastic to see so many of you participating in our Walk to School Challenge! Whether you were walking, scooting, cycling or taking part in park and stride, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who took part. All children who walked to school eight or more times had their names entered into a prize draw, and we are delighted to announce that Jude has won the Hereford FC season tickets! Congratulations, and thank you again to everyone who took part and helped make the challenge such a success!

HEREFORD SCHOOL GAMES AWARDS EVENING

We had the pleasure of attending the Herefordshire School Games Awards Evening, held at Whitecross High School, where we were proudly presented with our Platinum Award in recognition of our commitment to promoting PE and physical activity across our school. Miss Exley and Mrs Preece were also invited to give a presentation to schools from across Herefordshire, sharing the fantastic work we have done, and continue to do, to provide our children with high-quality, inclusive and engaging PE and physical activity opportunities.



LOOKING AHEAD...

We have lots of exciting events coming up, including football fixtures, sports afternoons and more!

Well done to all our children, who continue to impress me in their PE lessons. There will be plenty of opportunities for children to take part in sporting events next half term.

Miss Exley 😊



The Star Writer Tea Party

At the end of each half term, I hold a tea party. At the tea party I am joined by one child from each class. Children are chosen to attend by their teacher for impressing everyone with their writing throughout the half term.

I enjoyed a wonderful tea party this week with children from across the school.

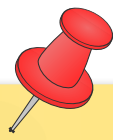
YOU'RE
A
STAR



This half term we are saying well done to:
Preston(Reception), Rory(Y1), Rosie(Y2), Grace (Y3),
Leighton-Lee (Y4), Charlotte (Y5), Delcie (Y6).

Well done to all our Star Writers; I am so proud of all you have achieved so far this year. Keep up the great work next half term.

Mrs Preece 😊



WELLBEING PAGE

WHO WE WORK WITH...

We work with a number of fantastic agencies and professionals who provide additional support for a variety of needs. Please do contact me if you would like to discuss the support available and whether it may be suitable for your child and family.

Below are some of the agencies we work with...



WELLBEING EVENT

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Wellbeing Wednesday event this half term! It was wonderful to welcome so many fantastic external agencies, including WEST, the School Nursing Team, HOPE Support, Community Power and Stride Active.

The work these organisations do is incredibly valuable in supporting the wellbeing of children, adults and families across our community. We hope you enjoyed finding out more about the services, advice and support available to help everyone thrive.

Thank you to everyone who came along, got involved and helped make the event such a success!

THRIVE WINDOW



THIS HALF TERM, WE INTRODUCED AN EXCITING NEW INITIATIVE CALLED 'THRIVE WINDOW'. EACH CLASS TAKES PART IN A WEEKLY 20-MINUTE THRIVE SESSION, FOCUSING ON A DEVELOPMENTAL TARGET TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE CLASS. THESE SESSIONS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS TO DEVELOP IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS THROUGH ENGAGING AND ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THRIVE WINDOW NEXT HALF TERM AND EXPLORING EVEN MORE FUN AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT OUR PUPILS' WELLBEING AND DEVELOPMENT!

MISS EXLEY 😊

Mindfulness Activities

Teddy Bear Breathing 🧸

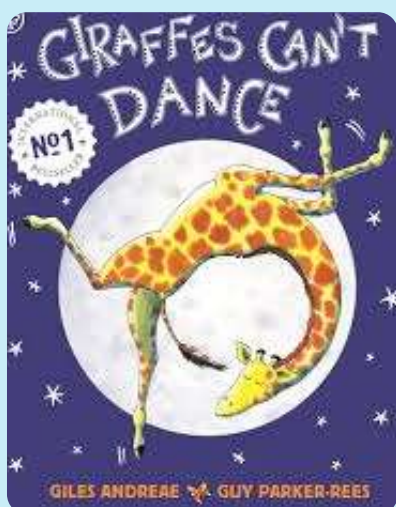
Ask your child to lie down with a teddy on their tummy. Encourage them to breathe in slowly and breathe out gently, watching their teddy rise and fall. Try this for 1-2 minutes.

Feelings Journal 🖍️

Spend a few minutes drawing or writing about the day. Children could think about what made them happy, what they found difficult and what they are grateful for. Younger children can use pictures instead of words.



Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been exploring the importance of having a growth mindset. We have been learning that we might not be able to do something straight away, but with determination, practise and a positive attitude, we can improve!



KS1 – The Power of YET!

In KS1, children enjoyed the story Giraffes Can't Dance. Through Gerald the giraffe, they discovered that everyone has things they find tricky, but that doesn't mean they should give up!

The children talked about things they can't do YET and learned how one little word can make a big difference.

KS2 – Just Give It a Go!

In KS2, children explored the story The Dot. They discussed how important it is to believe in ourselves, even when something feels difficult. The children learned that having a growth mindset means giving things a try and asking for help when we need it.

We discovered that mistakes are part of learning and that every small step helps us grow!

