



Autumn 1

NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM MRS PAGE

What a wonderful first half term it has been! As I reflect on my first few weeks as Headteacher at Bill Quay, I feel so lucky to be part of such a lovely school community.

We have packed so much into the past few weeks, from our Harvest Festival to our fantastic Witches and Wizards Day. It has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, creativity and a real sense of fun. I have been incredibly proud to see our values of Rights, Respect and Resilience shining through.

And, of course, how could I finish the half term without mentioning the jokes?! The children have kept me chuckling throughout, and I think we definitely have some budding comedians! 😂 Here are just a few of the hundreds I have had the pleasure of hearing...

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!

Why did the teacher go to the doctors?

Because he lost his pupils!

Why did the woman put her money in the freezer?

Because she wanted some cold, hard cash!

Needless to say, I have plenty of new material to keep my family entertained over the half-term break!

A huge thank you to our wonderful children, dedicated staff and supportive families for making my first half term so special. I have felt incredibly welcomed, and I am already looking forward to all the exciting things the next half term will bring.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, spend precious time together and return refreshed and ready for more learning, laughter and adventures.





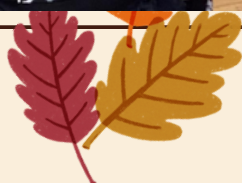
NURSERY

It's been lovely welcoming so many new faces to our Nursery this half term! 😊 The children have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed lots of fun, exploring, learning and making new friends. A particular highlight was our Witches and Wizards Day - the children had a spooktacular time making their very own banana ghost lollies! 🍌👻 We're so proud of how well everyone has settled and can't wait for more adventures next half term! 🤖



RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic first half term, embracing new challenges and making the most of every opportunity to learn. Our topic, 'Ourselves', has inspired lots of exciting activities, helping the children discover what makes them unique while developing their understanding of others. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity shine as they build friendships, share experiences and take their first steps on their school journey.



YEAR 1

Year 1 shone at our Harvest celebration at Bill Quay church. Every child stood up so confidently to sing in front of a full audience and those with speaking or acting parts performed beautifully. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



YEAR 2

Year 2 had a bewitching time celebrating Witches and Wizards Day!

🧙 The children enjoyed watching Room on the Broom, getting creative with Halloween crafts and making some spooky sounds during a fantastic music afternoon with Mrs Kitson. There was plenty of creativity, laughter and Halloween magic throughout the day! 🎃 In DT, the children enjoyed designing a chair for baby bear to sit on. In computing, the children took on the different rolls of a till in a shop to help them to understand the benefits of information technology.



YEAR 3



Year 3 have travelled through time to the Stone Age this half term. We have looked closely at rocks and soils in Science and used a variety of natural mediums and techniques to produce some pleasing artwork. We have looked at the orchestra in music and thoroughly enjoyed beginning to learn French.



YEAR 4

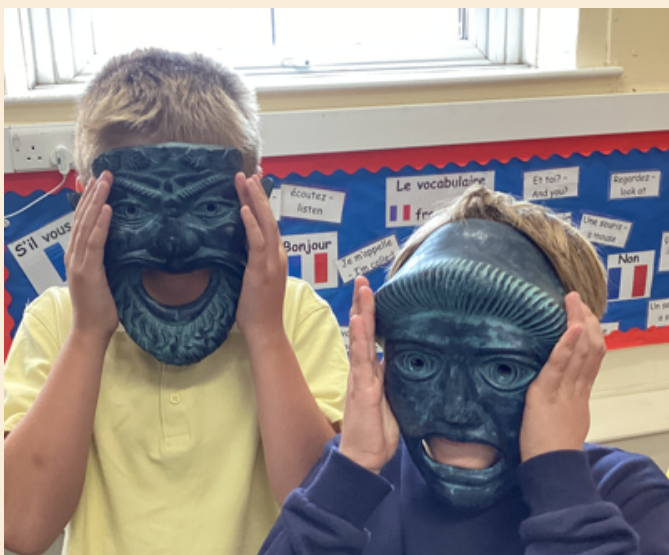


Children have settled into Year 4 brilliantly and have worked hard across all areas of the curriculum. They have enjoyed their Commando Joe sessions based on Spartacus, explored different types of teeth and learned some fascinating facts about the digestive system in science. In art lessons, they have explored tone and proportion and learned all about networks and the world wide web in Computing. They are currently learning about the influence of invaders and settlers on our shores and have an exciting visit from 'That History Bloke' next half-term to bring the topic alive.



YEAR 5

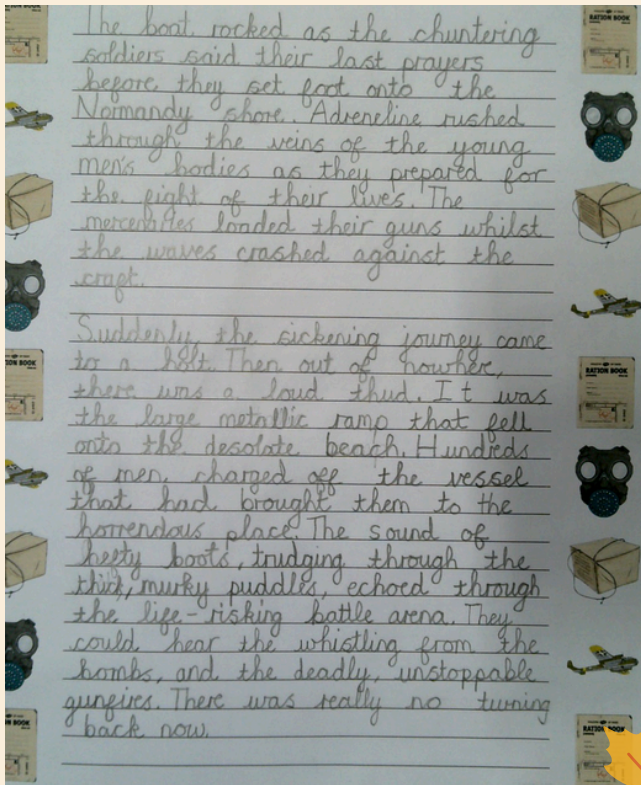
Year 5 had a fantastic time looking at all of the different artefacts brought in by That History Bloke. We were able to get hands on and examine things like swords, shields and pottery. It was a great morning finding out about how the ancient Greeks lived and how they spent their leisure time.





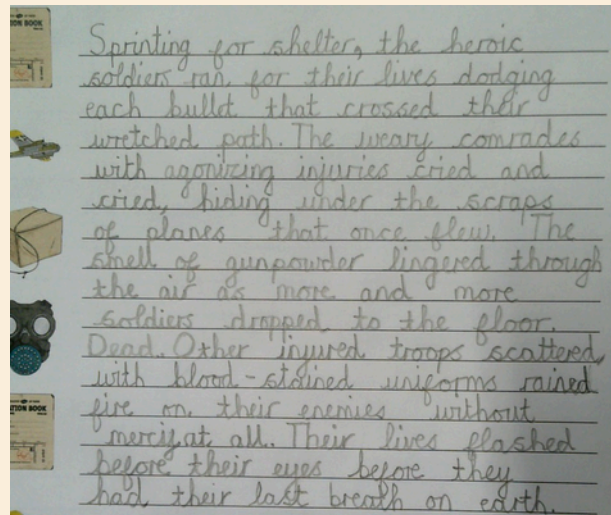
YEAR 6

Year 6 have been using film literacy to inspire their writing. After watching the short film, "Beyond the Lines," they created setting descriptions linked to this. This piece of writing by Bea is a great example of the fantastic writing the children have produced.



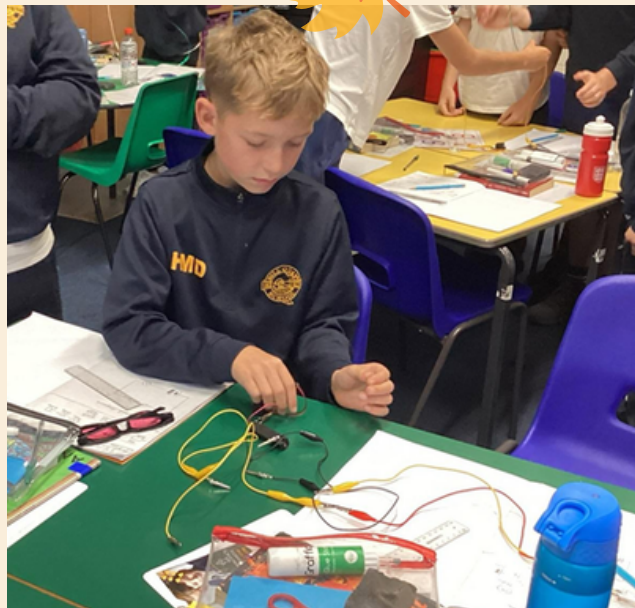
The boat rocked as the chattering soldiers said their last prayers before they set foot onto the Normandy shore. Adrenaline rushed through the veins of the young men's bodies as they prepared for the fight of their lives. The mercenaries loaded their guns whilst the waves crashed against the craft.

Suddenly, the sickening journey came to a halt. Then out of nowhere, there was a loud thud. It was the large metallic ramp that fell onto the desolate beach. Hundreds of men, charged off the vessel that had brought them to the horrendous place. The sound of heavy boots, trudging through the thick, murky puddles, echoed through the life-risking battle arena. They could hear the whistling from the bombs, and the deadly, unstoppable gunfire. There was really no turning back now.



Sprinting for shelter, the heroic soldiers ran for their lives dodging each bullet that crossed their wretched path. The weary comrades with agonising injuries cried and cried, hiding under the scraps of planes that once flew. The smell of gunpowder lingered through the air as more and more soldiers dropped to the floor. Dead. Other injured troops scattered with blood-stained uniforms rained fire on their enemies without mercy at all. Their lives flashed before their eyes before they had their last breath on earth.

By Bea.



Have a lovely half term!



See you all on Monday 2nd November





Dates for your Diary



Week commencing 2nd November - Parents meetings (Rec-Year6)

Friday 6th November - Year 5 Bake Sale



Christmas Events



Christmas Dates for the Diary
A very festive few weeks ahead!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Thursday 10th December Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Event (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Elf Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Friday 11th December Rec Christmas Party (PM) - Tuesday 15th December Rec Nativity (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Elf Day and Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Monday 14th December Y1/2 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Y1/2 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Elf Day and Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Monday 14th December Y1/2 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Y1/2 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Elf Day and Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Friday 11th December Y3/4 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Tuesday 15th December Y3/4 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Friday 11th December Y3/4 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Tuesday 15th December Y3/4 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December Y5/6 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Y5/6 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)	- Friday 4th December Non-Uniform Day for Fayre Donations - Wednesday 9th December Christmas Fayre (PM) - Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December Y5/6 Coffee and Carols (9.30am) - Thursday 17th December Y5/6 Christmas Party (PM) - Thursday 17th December Toy Day - Friday 18th December School Closed (Inset Day)

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas together!