

Year 2 Classroom News

Summer Term 1 — May 2026

And just like that...six weeks has flown by and we find ourselves at the end of another half term!

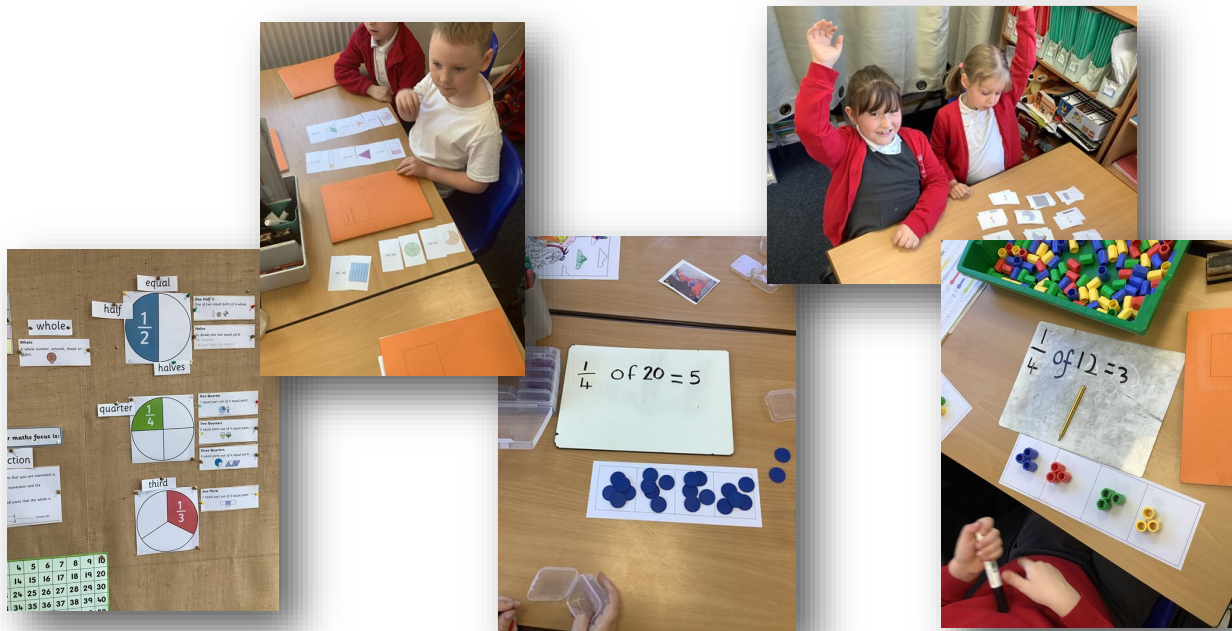
Here is a snapshot of some of our learning during April and May...

The topic focus has been a **geographical one** with an exploration of **“Oceans and Islands.”** The children have learnt the names of the five distinct oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic as well as some simple facts about them. Building on previous learning, they have been able to match the oceans to their continents. They understand what an island is and have learnt about the unique island of Madagascar. Linked to topic was **Art** with a focus on **“Abstract Oceans”** with a focus on texture, tone and shape. Inspired by the ocean, the children explored imaginative ways to represent the sea using pencils, pastels and charcoal, finally producing an ocean themed drawing. In **Design and Technology** the Deer, Badgers and Foxes have been designing a healthy vegetable curry to enjoy, practising key skills of washing, cutting, tearing, peeling as well as popping and chopping. Finally, of course, they were able to eat and evaluate their product! Photos below and on the next page..





In **Maths** we have been having lots of **fun with fractions!** The children have been calculating halves, quarters and thirds of both shapes and quantities. They have explored equivalent fractions that represent the exact same value or proportion. Following fractions, we moved onto **Time**. It has been exciting being able to tell the time on the classroom clock! O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times have been practised on clocks, read and recorded.



Science has been focused on **Plants**. We have recapped on parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. Following that, the children moved on to learn about the life cycle of plants including the key processes of germination, pollination and seed dispersal. They played a lovely game pretending to be bees collecting pollen and then distributing it to different flowers!



In English we have really enjoyed a book called "There's No Dragon in this Story" by Lou Carter. The children have explored the characters in the story in depth, particularly Dragon who is the main character; they have discovered his motivation to be a hero and the problems on his journey to achieving hero status. We have introduced and learnt about different types of sentences; statement, command, exclamation and question and taken a look at how speech is portrayed in the story. We have had fun with riddles and also written some. This week the children are writing a recount from Dragon's perspective, detailing his journey and his feelings along the way.



School Games Competition

We were fortunate to be able to participate in a School P.E Games event at Higham Lane North this week, competing against other infant schools. Twenty children's names were chosen out of a "hat" and they were really excited to accompany myself and Mrs Hancox to the event. They showcased many skills that Year Two have been practising over the last half term with our sports coach Mr Piers: jumping hurdles, launching rocket javelins, sprinting in a timed relay, aiming beanbags into hoops, the long jump as well as holding their balance! They were brilliant! We were so proud of their behaviour, positive attitude and friendly competitive spirit. Photos on the next page!

Our Squad:





Wishing you all a very happy half term break. We look forward to next term and supporting the children as they begin their transition to junior school. It is hard to believe that it will be their final term at Nathaniel Newton Infant School but we have lots to look forward to in the upcoming weeks to ensure it is memorable and exciting for them. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L. Fussey (Year Two team Leader) and the whole of the Year Two team.