



# Vernon Primary School

March 2024



## Welcome

I would like to congratulate and thank all our parents and carers for the fantastic costumes that appeared on World Book Day. We hope you all enjoyed spending the day in Where's Wally land?! I know the children (and teachers) had lots of fun exploring.

You may have spotted the Year 6 children braving the spring sunshine and showers taking part in their cycling proficiency certificate. We are delighted to say they all passed with flying colours although they may be waiting for some warmer weather to go out on their bikes again.

Red Nose Day last Friday was well supported in school with lots of funny outfits and red noses. We raised £112 on our just giving page.

We have had plenty of educational visits this half term: Year 1 have been to Staircase house in Stockport, Year 2 spent the day at Chester Zoo and Year 4 visited the Whitworth Art Gallery. The Reception classes have spent time with the Linkers Club at the Baptist church and at Holland Court. We had a special visitor for Year 6 an amazing archaeologist teaching us about the Maya Civilisation.

Just to remind everyone that a member of SLT is always available each morning on the KS2 playground should you have any questions. My day is Monday, Tuesday; Miss Wood, Wednesday; Mrs Kiely, Thursday; Mrs McNeil and Friday; Mrs Currall.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break and we see more of this lovely spring sunshine. Jo Carvell

## Reception



Reception have been enjoying the spring days and we have been playing outside in the sunshine.

We had warm bubbly water out in the water tray. The children really enjoyed exploring with jugs, spoons, sieves and measuring cylinders.

We are very excited for warmer, brighter days to be outside.

## Year 1

The children enjoyed this term's topic Monarchy Mayhem. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Staircase House where they travelled back to 1666 and explored what happened on that day when the Great Fire of London started. They got the opportunity to dress up as different characters and ask lots of questions.



In Year 1 we also been busy in Art where we explored ink printing. The children were introduced to several printing artists where they explored their work and had a go at creating a printing piece of artwork themselves. In DT they also learnt about influential architects before they planned and created their own Tudor house.

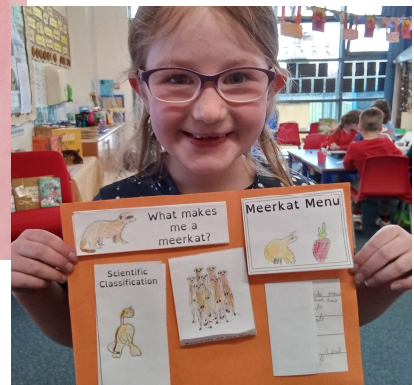


We hope they have a well-deserved Easter break and we look forward to seeing them back in the Summer Term.

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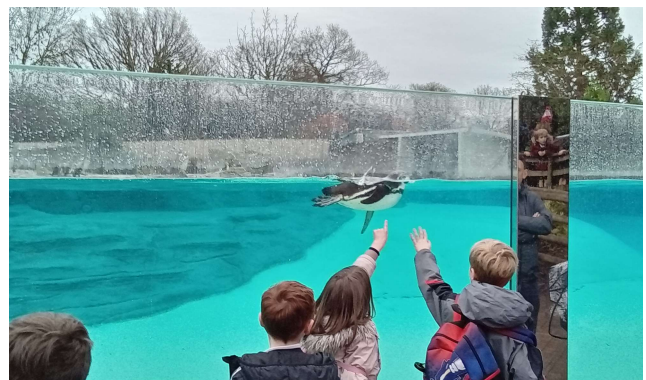
## Year 2

Year 2 have worked extremely hard this half term, it has been very short but very exciting! In Art we finished our final pieces inspired by the artist Nicholas Kowalski, we focused on shape, pattern and colour mixing. The children all thought of a title for their art work too!



In English we have spent time focusing on the features of non-fiction texts and we gathered facts to create our own Meerkat factsheet, which included subheadings, a glossary, pictures, diagrams and labels.

Finally we finished the half term with an incredible trip to Chester Zoo, the children had such a brilliant time and were a credit to the school. We saw the new giraffe calf, elephants and lions, however the highlight for everyone including the adults was seeing the two jaguars up close- Wow!



## Year 3

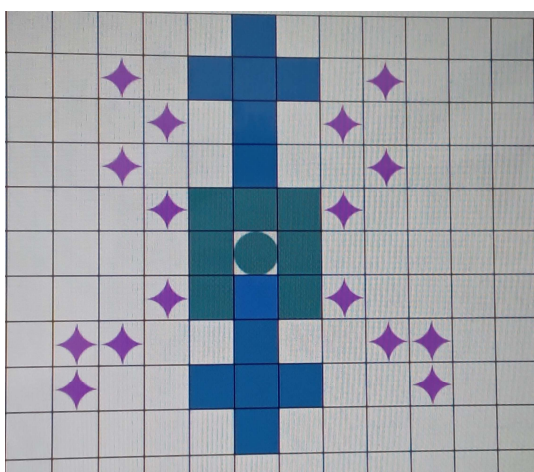
This half term the children have continued to be enthusiastic about our theme 'Chariots of Fire'! In English we have written some fantastic diaries based on 'Iliona's Roman Diary' a text we have read in our Guided Reading sessions.



In our PE sessions we have loved creating different gymnastic sequences focusing on our 'points and patches'.

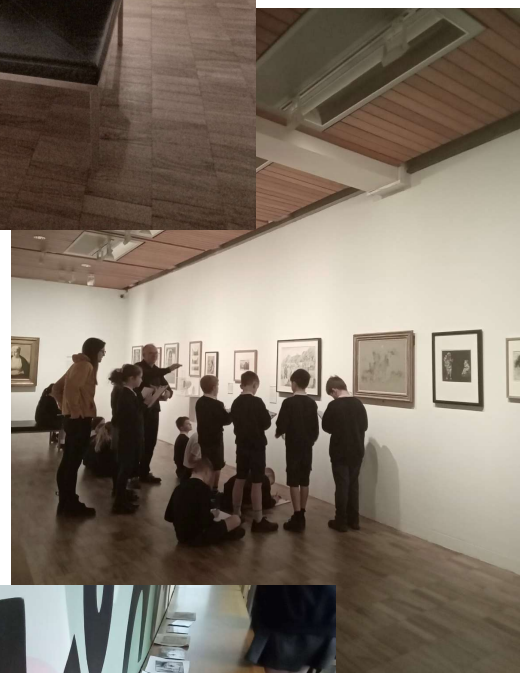


In Art and Design, we have created some amazing mosaics pieces based on our focus artist 'Antoni Gaudi'. We look forward to welcoming you back in the Summer Term ready to introduce our new theme 'To Infinity and Beyond'!



## Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester. The children took part in a print making workshop where they created images around the theme of displacement. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the museum to make sketches of anything that caught their imagination and produced some breathtaking pieces of art!



## Year 5

This half term, Year Five have undertaken their Geography fieldwork. As part of our work in the Alps, we were looking at comparing a location in the Alps with our own locality. In order to do this the children went out in Poynton and interviewed members of the public to find out about the leisure facilities in our local area and what the public thinks needs to be done to improve them. The children were fantastic and spoke politely to everyone they met and gathered lots of information for us to look at back in the



classroom. Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us and made this visit possible.

Exploring friction in science!

## Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous Maya Day with Vanessa (PukuB); an inspirational archaeologist who unearths the World's hidden mysteries. They dissected and made comparisons between Viking, Maya and modern day poo; examined pot sherds and identified which vessel they may have belonged to, dressed as people from different hierarchies in the Maya World; traded; made tortilla using traditional methods and listened to a presentation about Vanessa's adventures in the Maya World. An absolutely brilliant day with a lot learned.



## Sport

The Year 3 Change4Life club has been a huge success this spring term. It is run by the Year 5 sports leaders who plan and lead the sessions each Monday lunchtime with Miss Wildig overseeing. All the children have had a so much fun and have enjoyed activities such as obstacle courses, team building tasks, parachute games and much more. We are looking forward to opening up the club to Years 4, 5 and 6 over the summer term.



A huge thank you to parents for supporting the restorative, singing, yoga and sound bath. It was a great success and a wonderful way to end the week. A contribution of the funds raised will enable the school to buy some music, art and PSHE resources. By popular demand we are pleased to announce that another event will be taking place on Friday 19th April 6.30pm - 8.30pm. If you would like to come, or even bring a friend then book through spider.

## Fundraising

The Children had a fantastic time at our Valentines Disco last half term. We raised a fabulous £1581.96 from the disco and sweetie stall. Thank you from the fundraising team for your continued support.



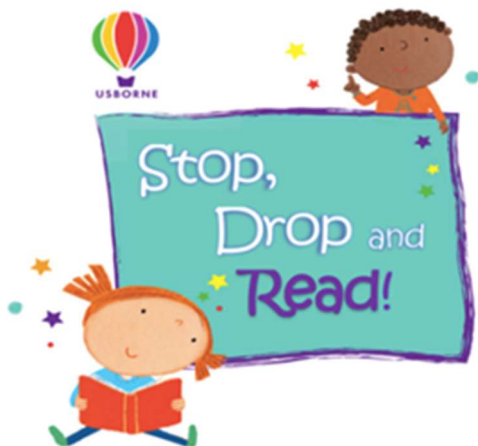
This year's book sale was a huge success. Children from all year groups had the opportunity to visit the stalls and find themselves some real book treasures.

We raised an incredible £217.34 which we will use to purchase a range of new books for all children to enjoy in school.



Sending out a huge thank you to all of the children and Governors who helped to organise and run the event. It was really lovely to see the Year 6 children reading to the younger students during the sale too.

Thank you also for all of the incredible donations we had prior to the sale. We look forward to making this an annual event at Vernon.



To celebrate and promote a love of reading at home and at school, we are holding our Stop, Drop and Read sponsored reading event for one week; Monday 22nd April in conjunction with Usborne. Money raised will go towards brand new books for our school! As a well done and thank you, your child will also be able to choose a book from the book fair that Helena will be running on Monday 20th May (throughout the school day for classes as well as after school from 3.00pm until 4.30pm for parents/carers). Reading logs and forms will be sent out straight after the Easter holidays. Happy reading everyone!

## Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Our lovely CCSO team have been taking groups of children in upper KS2 to the zebra crossing on Dickens Lane to take part in practical road safety lessons. We continue to struggle with dangerous conditions for our children and families of the roads near school so please keep talking to your children about road safety and how to cross safely.

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## One Project Ukraine

We continue to act as a drop off point for this charity. If you have any items from the list please drop them off at the school office. Thank you in advance for supporting this excellent cause.



### Poynton Rotary Club

(in Support of One Project Ukraine)



### Please Help Ukraine

Spring/Summer 24 donations urgently needed

\*\*\* If you would like to help/donate to the transport costs\*\*\*  
please email Poynton Rotary Member, Steve: Tatt71@hotmail.com\*\*\*

#### Medical

Painkillers  
Multivitamins  
Antiseptic spray/cream  
First aid kits  
Burn & wound dressings  
All size bandages & tape  
Plasters  
Emergency blankets  
Sterile gauze dressings  
Israeli bandages  
Rehydration sachets  
Imodium  
Mouth antiseptic  
Water sterilisation tablets

#### Food

Tea/Coffee (no glass)  
Packet food/pasta  
Tinned meat/fish/fruit  
Pot noodle  
Dried fruit/nuts  
Packet soup  
Sugar  
Salt & pepper  
Biscuits  
Chocolates/sweets  
Baby milk  
Protein bars  
Dried pet food

#### General

Men's t-shirts/sweatshirts  
Men's sweatpants  
Men's trainers/boots  
Toiletries  
Sleeping bags  
Blankets  
Water purification tablets  
Candles/Torches & batteries  
Solar power banks  
Water bottles/thermos flasks  
Nappies & baby items  
Wet wipes  
Sun Tan Lotion  
Insect Repellent  
Packet Seeds

#### Drop Off Points:

- Vernon Primary School
- Lostock Hall Primary School
- Poynton Community Centre (please **ONLY** leave in the bright green bin down the side of the building - School Street side by Poynton Pottery)
- Poynton Methodist Church (Friday 9.30am-1pm and Sundays 11.30am)

## School Office

You can contact the school office on  
[admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email; [absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

We kindly request that, where possible any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded correctly in the register.

# Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website.

For health and safety reasons, please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE and no necklaces or bracelets should be worn in school.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and any long hair must be tied up.

If you need assistance with uniform please speak to the office and we will help.

\*\*\*\*Hot off the press\*\*\*\*

Well done to Isla and Jaime in Year 6 they raised £265 for school fund selling jewellery on the playground today.

We will update on the other stall after half term.

# Diary Dates

Term Year	
Thur 28 March	Last day
Mon 15 April	Back to school
Fri 19 April	Yoga evening 18:30
22 April – 26 April	Usborne Sponsored Read
Tue 23 April	Y4 Viking Experience
Thur 25 April	KS2 Cross Country
Mon 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thur 9 May	School Class Photos
13 May – 17 May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 20 May	Usborne Book Fair
Wed 22 May	Y3 Jodrell Bank
Fri 24 May	Last Day
Mon 10 June	Bank to School