

# Vernon Primary School



## Welcome

Welcome everyone to the first newsletter of the year and I hope you like the new format! As usual we have hit the ground running and made a fantastic start to the new academic year.

The September Social was another roaring success making over £4,000 for school fund, I hope you all enjoyed the event and we plan on running the same next year. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped run the event and thanks to everyone that came and supported. We have some lovely Christmas events coming up so if you are clearing out over half term and have any unwanted gifts, smellies, candles decorations etc. we would be very grateful for your donations.

So far this half term we have had visits from the Y2 superheroes, Y3 pirates and a small group of Y6 went to London to the Houses of Parliament. The classes have all been working hard on their new topics which will continue after after half term.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th November.

Jo Carvell

## Fundraising

For the second year running we were blessed with beautiful sunshine for our September Social and we were thrilled to raise over £4,000. It looked like everyone had a fabulous time.

Thank you to Mrs Brammar and Mrs Markham for running another restorative singing, sound and yoga evening, a lovely relaxing time was had by all!

The spookfest disco has raised £1475 for school fund. All the kids were dancing their socks off so I'm sure they all slept well on Thursday night!

Our next events will be Wreath Making on Friday 6th December and the in school Christmas Fair for the children on Thursday 19th December.

We truly appreciate all the help and support from all of our families and friends.

## Reception

Both Reception classes visited Poynton Library to meet the staff and have a look at the selection of books. We love meeting the librarians and hearing lots of facts about our lovely local community centre.



## Year 1

Year One have had a fantastic start to the year. They have embraced the Year One curriculum and have adapted to a whole new way of working. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Andreou are very proud of how the children have settled into working independently. Our theme this term is Minibeasts and the children have enjoyed the Minibeast stories such as the Bug Collector and the Bad Tempered Ladybird where they have demonstrated some amazing drama and beautiful writing. The children have learnt about the artist Henri Matisse and studied the various pieces of his art. Then, the children created their own fabulous collages, in the style of Henri Matisse.

We are excited for our minibeast day on 7th November where we might get to hold some crazy critters and dress up as our favourite minibeast.





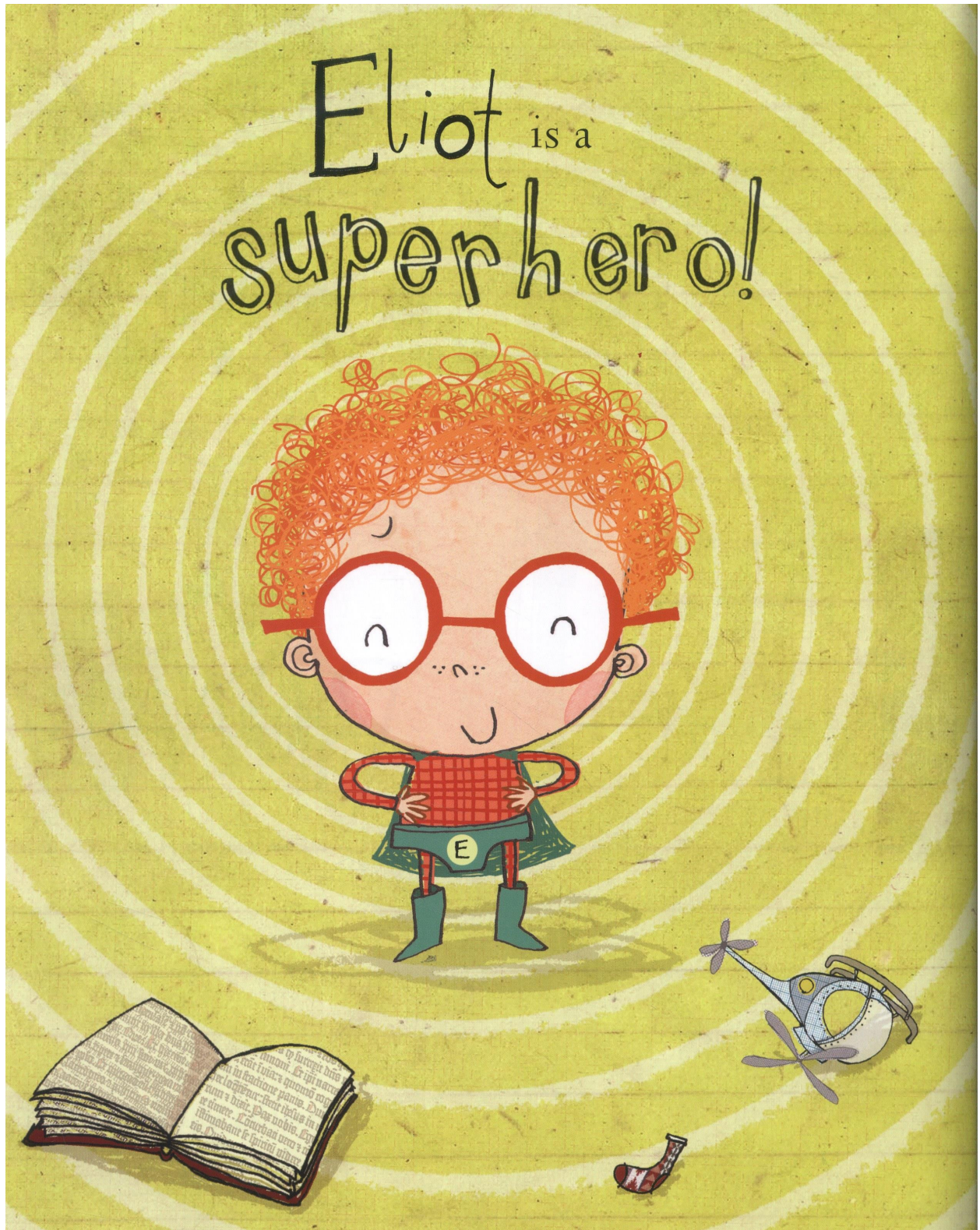
'butterflies'



The caterpillar



Year 2



Wow, we have had such an amazing first half term in Year 2! The children have had so many superhero missions sent to them from the Superhero Headquarters and they have succeeded in every mission and adventure. On Monday 14th October the Year 2 classrooms were seized by powerful, courageous, brave superheroes ready for their creative superhero day! The children worked with an artist and created their own version of Duck Dare. We then used Duck Dare as inspiration for a superhero story. Each child wrote their own fabulous Duck Dare story and we created a class book containing all of the stories! We are very proud of how the children have settled into Year 2, especially developing their independence, confidence and resilience.

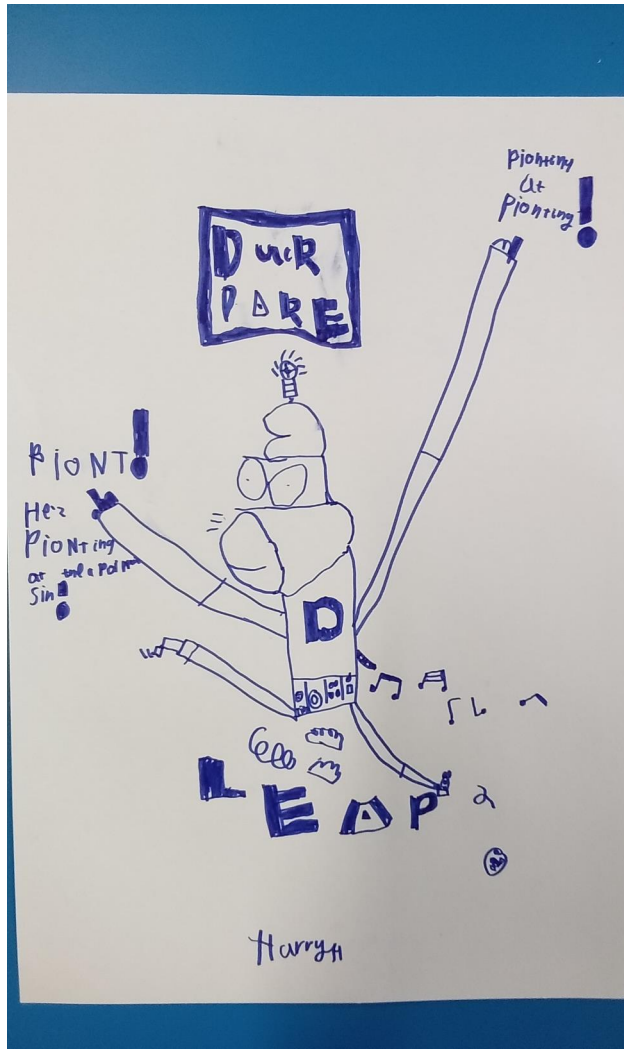


1 - Year 2 superhero comic drawing workshop run by local artist, Marc Jackson



2 - Year 2 superhero workshop run by Dan Tastic Education





3 - Duck Dare the Superhero pointing at a Poynton sign!

## Year 3



Jonny Duddle

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the year and have fully immersed themselves in the pirate theme. We have enjoyed exploring some wonderful pirate books by Jonny Duddle. We have used these to inspire us in a range of ways including writing pirate adventure stories and creating some amazing video adverts to encourage visitors to Scurvy Sands! Everyone loved pirate day and there were lots of incredible costumes. We began by making all of the children (and teachers) walk the plank, before splitting off into small 'crews' to do some exciting drama activities. The children loved playing pirate bingo, and pin the eyepatch on the pirate! We are looking forward to our Stone Age workshop next term, and enjoying the magical build up to Christmas next half-term.



*4 - In music, we have loved creating Calypso music in groups using the glockenspiels, shakers and singing.*





*5 - There were some incredible outfits on pirate day!*

## Year 4



What a start to the year! Year 4 have had a fantastic first half term and they have thrown themselves into our Tomb Raiders theme with incredible enthusiasm. On Tuesday 1st October, we visited Macclesfield Museum where we came face to face with exhibits from ancient Egypt. The children were able to handle artefacts, create their own Egyptian inspired artwork and discovered more about the fascinating Marianne Brocklehurst and her Egyptian adventures. The children have risen to all the challenges that they have faced with determination, resilience and confidence and they should be so proud of their journey so far.



6 - A mummy case brought back as part of Marianne Brocklehurst's collection. The children were fascinated by the artefact and loved getting so close to a piece of history.



7 - The children enjoyed being able to get hands on with artefacts.





*8 - We created a mummy! Using our focus text 'Mummies Unwrapped' we followed the ancient steps of the process to create our very own mummy! \*No children were harmed in the making of this lesson.\**

## Year 5



It has been an action packed, but fun-filled half term in Year 5 as we have delved into the Ancient Greek times learning about the Gods, state divides and famous myths. The children have written some fantastic narrative pieces linked to our theme. One of this terms highlights', was our bread making session DT when the children learnt about making, kneading and shaping bread. The end results were fantastic. The children also worked hard to create Greek Zorba dances before they performed their favourite moves during our inter-house Greek dance off.

We are looking forward to our Greek day on Monday 4th November, when the children are invited to come dressed up and take part in ' Portals to the past' workshop.

*What an incredible start to our Year 5 journey, well done everyone!*



*9 - Bread making in DT. Here are some of the incredible end products.*

Year 5 pupils have also had the exciting opportunity to participate in an online workshop with renowned author Katherine Rundell, who spoke about her latest book, *Impossible Creatures*.



We have been focusing on this text in our English lessons, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading and exploring the book. During the workshop, Katherine shared some fantastic tips, including how she generates ideas for her stories and the importance of knowing how a story will end. The session was incredibly engaging, and the children were inspired to apply Katherine's advice to their own mystery and suspense writing. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved!



10 - Katherine Rundell

## Year 6



During our recent transition visit to Poynton High School, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of art. The day began with a creative session where they learned the intricate art of origami, crafting beautiful paper designs. Following this, the group explored the impressive art exhibition, showcasing a wide array of student work, which provided inspiration and insight into the creative possibilities ahead. To top off the visit, the children had the chance to chat with Year 7 students about their experiences in art class, gaining valuable perspectives on what to expect next year. It was a fun and inspiring introduction to the vibrant art community at Poynton High School!

We are looking forward to our Imperial War Museum visit on the 27th November where we will be dressed as evacuees bring a special WW2 inspired packed lunch.



## Sport

We are excited to share that our School Games Leaders have attended their training at Wilmslow High School! They have learnt how to lead fun and engaging sessions for children across the school. One of their first big projects has been launching the "Most Active Class" challenge, where every class is working to add an extra 30 minutes of activity each day. The most active class is announced each week in Praise assembly.

Next term, they are looking forward to leading a Multi-skills lunchtime club for children to join.

Well done to our Sports Leader for inspiring everyone to stay active!



*11 - School Games Leaders*

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We continue to work hard to create an active environment across the school and promote a love for sport.





12 - Gold School Games Mark



13 - Oscar S was a mascot for Blackburn FC



14 - Poppy has recently completed her 'Bubble Makers' course with Scuba Cheshire.

## Houses of Parliament trip

Twelve very excited Yr6s were chosen for a once in a lifetime trip to the Houses of Parliament this half-term. After a very early start 3.45am (!) we set off for a day in London. Mrs Hough organised a fantastic experience as part of Parliament Week. Having applied for the trip for a few years and not been successful, we were finally selected this year. The children were able to go inside the House of Commons, the House of Lords and even got to speak to The Lord Haskel in a question and answers session. The children represented Vernon so well. They answered lots of questions and showed a lot of knowledge on British history and our government. We even went into Westminster Hall, where Henry VIII played table tennis, Nelson Mandela gave a speech and where Guy Fawkes was tried for high treason! An amazing trip was had by all.



# STUDENT COUNCIL

School Council have had a fantastic first half term!

The goals the council decided for this year are:

Our goals for the academic year 2024-2025 will be:

- To provide donations for a local Foodbank
- To provide more recycling bins around the school
- To organise seasonal competitions throughout the school year
- To organise events to raise awareness/money for charity (including specific national fundraising days eg Children In Need/Red Nose Day). This year our chosen charity is This year our chosen charity is JDRF, The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- Raise awareness of diabetes and dyslexia
- To provide opportunities for discussion of British Values throughout the school
- To plan Vernon's Got Talent in the summer term
- To organise school council's annual 'Friendship Friday' event

So far the children have already organised a hugely successful food bank donation and the schools Red Card to Racism awareness day. Well done School Council!

## Eco Council



Eco Council had their first meeting of the year, they are a very enthusiastic group, ready to help save the world! We discussed ideas for the year and children offered their ideas, such as growing wild flowers and creating spaces for minibeasts. We then discussed what they could do each day as Eco Councillors, such as remembering to turn their classroom lights off, recycling the correct materials and reusing any waste we can.



## School Lottery

Did you know Vernon Primary has its own school lottery? It is a great way for you to support our school and be in with the chance to win the weekly cash prize, regular special draws and even maybe the £25k jackpot!

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0 and 9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. Tickets cost just £1 per week and for every ticket sold, a donation is made to



our school. Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.



## Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website.

We request that skins/base layers are not worn under the uniform.

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.

Please ensure that all uniform, coats and other personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If you purchase name labels from [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com), please use the school ID 49069 and a proportion of the purchase price will be donated to school.



## School office

You can contact the school office on email to [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.

## Diary Dates

4th November	Term starts
15th November	Children in Need
3rd December	Reception Christmas performance
4th December	Y1 Christmas performance
5th December	Y2 Christmas performance
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Wreath making workshop
11th December	Yr 5 & 6 Christmas theatre visit
12th December	Yr 3 & 4 Christmas carol concert
18th December	Magic shows
19th December	In-school Christmas fair