

Early Years

The reception children have settled into school very well and are enjoying making new friends and experiencing some exciting learning. They have been learning the routines of the school day, exploring our outdoor areas, and enjoying eating their lunches in the hall. Their very first PE lesson was fun and exciting, and the children have also enjoyed their first Balanceability lesson on the bikes.

Over the past two weeks we have been exploring the themes within the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. Children have been thinking about Planet Earth, and the people, places and animals that exist here. They have also been thinking about who they are and their own place in the world. They have been thinking about the things they can do and what makes them unique. As part of this learning we enjoyed our 'Out and About' day on Tuesday. We read the stories in the willow dome and made streamers to help us experience the windy weather!

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Early Years and Key stage 1 News



Year 1

All the boys and girls have made a fantastic start to Year 1. They have shown a kind and caring attitude towards each other and they are clearly enjoying being together again and being back at school. The children have been busy learning a whole range of new skills across the curriculum. Within our topic of 'Living Together, Learning Together', the children have been exploring their feelings through the text 'The Colour Monster'. All the children can share their feelings and through the topic, they have gained a better understanding of the feelings of others. In science, the children have been learning about plants and each child has even planted their own bean - we cannot wait to see what the beans grow into! In English, we learned and recited a feelings poem for parents and carers and in art we have been using mood music to create pieces of colourful art.

All in all, it has been a super start to the new school year, and I am so proud of each child in Year 1.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have been really enjoying being back at school. We have written beautiful poems about what we think joy feels like, we have also performed and recorded these poems for a recital. We have taken part in lots of outdoor learning as part of our 'Living Together, Learning Together' topic; we have been using geography fieldwork to look at changes to our school environment and we went on a creature hunt around school where we even found a frog! We are looking forward to our walk in the local area this week to further learn about maps and human and physical geographical features of our local area.

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to the staff and children for making our return to school in September lovely! It's been great to hear children laughing on the playground and hear the staff say such positive things about how well the children have settled, their positive attitude to learning and how the children all say it's great to be back in school with their friends. This is good to hear!

I would also like to thank parents for their support-it has not been a normal return to school and things are definitely a little different, but I do appreciate your support with this. As soon as guidelines change, we will of course review the staggered start and end times which I know has been tricky for some, but this may not for a while yet. Our Star of the Week assemblies are held virtually on Microsoft Teams now, and a child commented last week "It was great seeing you on the telly Mrs Clayton!" Like I said, things are a little different!

I hope you all enjoyed the children's poetry recitals which were all shared recently on Seesaw. The teachers will aim to be sharing lots of things with you online, on Seesaw and via Class Dojo, so please keep a look out!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a positive start to the new academic year.

Last week we all went on a walk in the community looking at all the changes that have happened since Covid19, for example the one way system signs at the post office and the 2 meter distance tape on the floor at Trinity Methodist church. During the first 2 weeks of this term we wrote and videoed our class poem and performed it in front of Year 6. We have also started working with the music teacher Miss Jones on Tuesday. We are going to be listening to and appreciating lots of different genres of music. We are currently listening to Reggae music and what instruments are played.



Year 4

We have had a great start to the year, and even though we had an unusual week last week, the children adapted well. I would like to say a massive well done to the children for producing some fantastic work while self-isolating.

This week we have been on our community walk and have looked at how the community has changed since the beginning of the year. Once we were back at school, we then used our computing skills and created a map on Digi map of the route we had taken whilst on our walk onto our map. The children really enjoyed the walk and learning about their community.

Year 5

Year 5 have settled in really well to their new class. Despite the unusual start, all the children coped well when self-isolating last week and completed some great work on Seesaw. Well done everyone!

We have started our learning on our new topic of 'Living Together, Learning Together'.

The children have also been working hard to look at the changes in our community and how we are pulling together and continuing to support our learning in these ever-changing times. Well done Year 5!

Miss Baker and Mrs Gretton

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Key Stage 2 News



Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their walk into Chorley town centre, despite the overcast weather! We were able to see the changing house types and land use as we neared the centre. The class also had the opportunity to see the changes which had been implemented due to COVID 19. We then used our computing skills to create digital maps of our routes and added pictures of the journey.