

### Newsletter

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## NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2022

Thank you so much for all of the amazing effort for this year's Number Day. The children looked amazing and we had so much fun! Your donations helped us to raise an

amazing £136.71 for the NSPCC!





























### **Red Class**



Red class have been busy with the next country in their topic—Italy. The children have been recreating the 'Colosseum' using open ended resources. They looked carefully at the shapes and materials to build a similar version.

We also took a virtual trip to the 'Dolomite Mountains' in North Eastern Italy to learn about the change in climate. Our role play travel agents has been busy, with the current favourite day trip being to Venice on a gondola! Pizza design has also been popular in our malleable area— using our Italian talent (and extra cheese of course!)









**Literacy and Maths** 









We have had all eyes down for bingo these last few weeks. The children have loved playing phonics bingo to help them to recognise and remember sounds. The children contributed to a rule book for outdoor play and they had some great suggestions on how to stay safe outdoors. They used their knowledge of sounds to write their messages in the rule book. In Maths we have been exploring weight and capacity. The children enjoyed using scales and different materials to make a prediction before testing it out.





#### **Children's Mental Health Week**

We include talking about our feelings into everyday conversations in class but we have now introduced some daily mindfulness into our routine. The children can earn dojo points for being a 'Marvellous Meditator.' Here we are using a stretchy ball to help keep our focus on our breath as we breathe in and out.



## Orange Class



It has been a busy couple of weeks in Orange Class, designing and making our very own authentic Roman coins. The children looked carefully at portraits and chose landmarks which were important to them. They look really great!

To finish our project, we had our very own class Roman banquet! We were very grateful for all of your contributions. Thank you!





















#### Phonics Screening Check-Year 1

Orange Class parents/carers are invited to an 'Phonics Screening Check' information session on:

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at

2:30pm in the main school hall (via reception.)

Come along to find out more about the statutory test your child will complete in June 2022 and how to support them.



Refreshments will be provided.

Miss T Cocks (Assistant Head and Reading
Lead.)



# Yellow Class



#### Roman Coin Clay Creations

We had so much fun designing and then making our roman coins from clay. We were able to evaluate what we made and we look forward to sharing photos from our Roman Banquet at the end of this week.





#### Fun with fractions

We have been focusing on fractions in maths these past few weeks. We have been exploring halves, quarters and thirds as well as unit/non-unit fractions. This week we began to find fractions of amounts!





### Green Class









In P.E Green Class
have been enjoying
learning to play cricket.
We have improved our
throwing and catching
skills, as well as
learning how to bat!











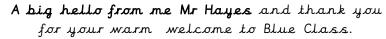


This week Green Class have finished our Roman project with a flourish. We spent time learning about mosaics and their decorative purposes, before designing our own. We then enjoyed making a real mess of the classroom as we brought our brilliant mosaic design to life!

Blue Class







We have had a great musical start to 2022, with our **Ukulele lessons**, in which the children have been learning their initial chords and singing songs.

We have been continuing with our Roman topic, learning about how and why the Romans came to Britain, Roman settlements and designing and making our very own Roman sandals. We have also been linking the Roman topic to our work in Literacy; producing information leaflets on the Roman Army.

In Maths we have been extending our knowledge and understanding of fractions and decimals focusing on tenths.

Finally Blue class has been piloting **Heamoor**School's 99 Club. Please ask your children
about this. Part of their homework is to learn
there respective number facts and times
tables to succeed in the Club.



Ukulele playing

Information leaflet research







### Indigo Class



#### Roman Shields

In Indigo Class, we have been making Roman shields (it is actually called a 'scutum'!) We began by cutting out a scutum using a template and then painting it red. Next, we decorated them with the same patterns and symbols used by the Roman legionaries on their scutums. Finally a 'boss' was attached to the middle. We were ready for battle!





Having learned all about Roman army battle tactics, we practised using our own scutums, re-creating traditional shield formations.

Here we are using the 'Repel-Cavalry', the 'Testudo' (tortoise), the 'Orb' and the 'Wedge'. Don't we look fierce?!













## Violet Class



It's fair to say that this half term has been unpredictable, exciting, but above all-utterly amazing. It's been a privilege to see the progress Violet Class have made with their learning over the past 6 weeks and I'm really excited to see what the next chapter brings.











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#### Romans

Our project has been really interesting and informative over the past 6 weeks. The children have learnt about the Roman Army and what it meant to be a soldier. They have produced some fantastic letters, persuasive texts and fact files. The highlights have been the designing and making of the standards and the scutums.

There has been a focus on place value and arithmetic over the past 2 weeks and it is so pleasing to see how much confidence the children are gaining during these lessons.

We all enjoyed the NSPCC number day especially the active maths learning.







