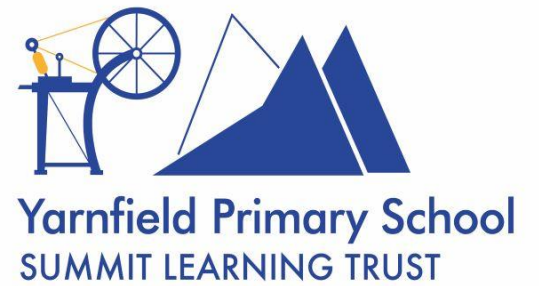


# YARNFIELD NEWS

## Principal's message

It has been very busy over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who came to parent workshop and we have had great feedback. Hope you have all picked up lots of ideas from them to help your children at home. We look forward to having more events like this in the future.



World Book Day

Times Tables Rockstars

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Nursery

### 'Egg-citing' News

Last week, Nursery received a special delivery. A farmer visited us and gave us ten eggs in an incubator. We looked after the eggs and kept them warm. We are now excited to announce that eight chicks have hatched. Unfortunately, two didn't hatch and have been sent back to the farm. We are enjoying looking after the chicks and watching first hand, the development of growth of living things over time. We have two boys and six girls. Did you know that the girl chicks are brown and the boy chicks are yellow? They are now starting to get quite big and are starting to grow their adult feathers on their wings.



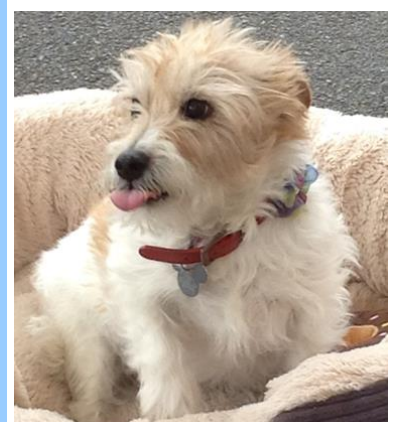
## Reception

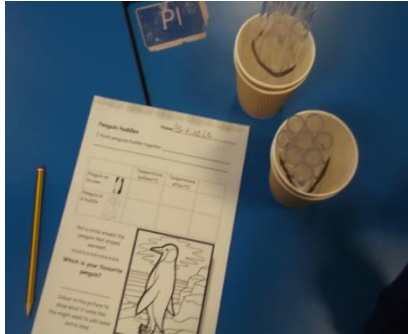
Reception visited Umberslade Farm Park this week. We had such a great time in RHA! We were very lucky to meet the baby animals - lambs, piglets and calves. The children were able to feed the animals and even fed a bottle of milk to two lambs. The children had lovely cuddles from George the rabbit and they enjoyed meeting Beyoncé and J-Lo the pigs. We also had a tractor ride! The children had a great time seeing all the animals and learning all about them.



## Year 1

Year One had a fantastic launch with their new topic 'Paws, Claws and whiskers' this half term with a special visit from a rabbit called Belle and Mrs Dillon's dog Livvy. The children loved the visit and wanted to take the pets home with them and they were all very caring towards the them. Year One will be learning more about animals for the rest of this term. If you have an interesting pet at home and would like to share this with Year One please let your child's class teacher know.





## Year 2

Why do penguins huddle in the Antarctic? Year 2 have found out the answer by carrying out a science experiment with our Polar Explorer Ambassador, Catherine. Children came up with their predictions about why penguins might huddle in such cold environments. To find out why we decided that we wouldn't be able to get any real live penguins in to class to find out, so we had to use test tubes with hot water in as a model. We had one penguin on its own, and another group of penguins in a huddle. The temperature was measured at the beginning of the experiment and then we measured the experiment again after ten minutes to see which penguin had lost most heat. We concluded that the penguin in the middle of the huddle had lost less heat compared to the penguin that on its own. So to answer our question, penguins huddle to keep warm.

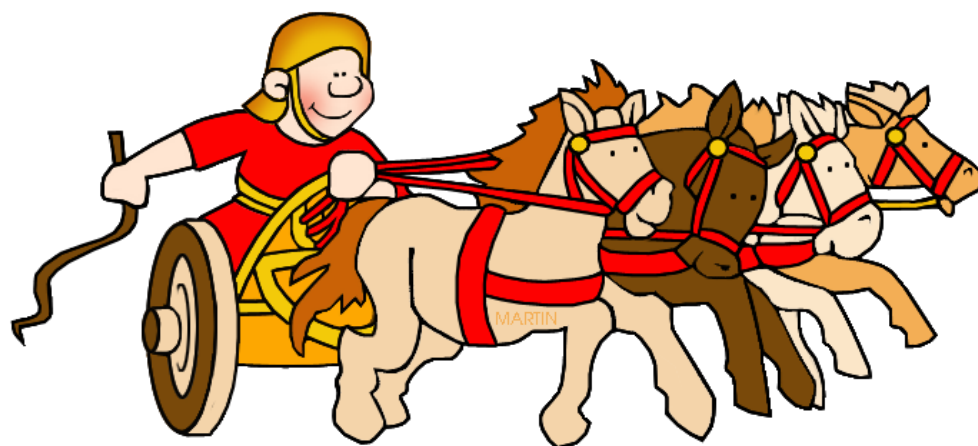
## Year 3

Year 3 had a magical start to the half term! We have begun exploring 'The Worst Witch' and had an amazing day at the Birmingham Hippodrome learning spells, making potions and showing off our acting skills! All of the children and staff had a wonderful day and are very excited to go back in May to see the show in the theatre!



## Year 4

Year 4 have started their new topic 'I am warrior'. In this topic we are learning all about the Romans. To engage the children we pretended to be Roman soldiers and completed Roman style marches and drills. The children were very excited and enthusiastic. Curiosity of the children filled the classroom with many questions. We also used many tactics to play a game called 'Capture the Flag'. We can't wait to learn more about the Romans!





### Year 5

This week Year 5 had an exciting trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon, where we explored Shakespeare's Birth Place. A special 'Well done!' to our fantastic tour guides, who so brilliantly presented information to the rest of their year group (and members of the public!) with professional and skilled demonstration.

Two of our brilliant tour guides from the day. Presenting information about the clothing that was worn by people around the time of Shakespeare.

**Year 6** had a busy start to the half term! Lots of children have signed up to after-school clubs and are busily making notes in their jotters about where they would like to take their learning next! Even Mrs Casey has one! The first week of the clubs has been very successful and many children have taken a positive approach towards their preparation for the upcoming SATs. They are all showing wonderful progress and a great passion for learning and improving further.



# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Last week saw the launch of Times Tables Rockstars and what a buzz it's created around school! I'm struggling to walk down the corridors without children being 'challenged' to a game or told what 'Rockstar level' children are working at – I love it!! Here's the participation levels for this week – can we beat it next week??

6AC/4NT – 87%	6LB – 75%	5SW – 60%	2LE – 49%	2CF – 40%
4KM – 83%	5NH – 69%	4SS – 57%	3SE – 49%	3VM – 35%
6VR – 81%	6SB – 64%	3JO – 52%	5SB – 44%	2RC – 34%

### Deaf Awareness Week

This week we have been celebrating deaf awareness by learning sign language to the National British Sign language song 'Greatest Day' by Take That. This was performed together as a whole school, which was watched by Gail Conway from the Birmingham Hearing Support Team. She said 'I am very impressed with the performance and looking forward to see what Yarnfield will be doing in the future'. If your child is interested in learning sign language, look out for an upcoming after school club that will be ran by Miss O'Gorman.



### Valentines Day

The whole school took part in wearing something red for Valentines Day. Each class wrote a note on a heart, which were hung to decorate the library and were then shared with others. We raised £249.52 towards the school fund.



## World Book Day

Children really enjoyed a day of dressing up as their favourite book character. As a school, pupils from different year groups split up and read to other children. They enjoyed sharing their favourite books with their fellow peers. The pupils were then given the chance to parade through the corridors - for the alternative year groups - to show case their imaginative costumes. Every year, as a school, all classes took part in a competition called 'Dress the Door'. Congratulations to the winning classes: **RHA, 2RC** and **4NT**. 'Guess the teacher' was another activity which many students participated in and enjoyed very much. To end the magical day, all teachers read a book to a different class. Mrs Bate (6LB) read 'Aliens love underpants' to 2CF. Mrs Bate said "The class were well behaved, engaged in the story and were giggling throughout" All the children listened to the story and lived happily ever after. **THE END.**



## British Science Week

To commemorate British Science week, children at Yarnfield enjoyed a week of science-filled experiments and assemblies carried out by a 'Science Boffin' and Catherine Filzsiman a 'Polar Explorer Ambassador'. Many children were inspired by these visits and as a result, they grew a strong love for science and built their confidence to carry out experiments in class with a curious mind.



## February Attendance

Reception	94.59%
Year 1	96.10%
Year 2	95.42%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.82%</b>
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	95.62%
Year 6	95.70%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>96.14%</b>



Let's try our best to get ourselves into school every day and see if we can reach the target of 97% next time!

It is very important to come to school every day. If you are absent - your friends miss you and you will miss out on crucial learning for the day. We follow the Trust Policy on attendance and value your support. Mr Hendrickson is always on call at school to support and give advice.

## Dates for the Diary

**18<sup>th</sup> March** - Rescheduled trip - RJW - Umberslade Farm Park

**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents consultation 3.30-6.00 pm

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Parents consultation 3.30-6.00 pm

**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham City Centre - Sight Seeing.

**25<sup>h</sup> March** - 'New Breakfast Club' starts - £2 everyday

**30<sup>th</sup> March** - Some Year 4 children- Performing in 'Spirit of Bollywood'

**12<sup>th</sup> April** - Staff Training Day

**11<sup>th</sup> April** - Break up for Easter

**29<sup>th</sup> April** - Children return to school

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Apply for Nursery place.

**15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 6 Easter Booster classes

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Year 3 Hippodrome Trip - Worst