

## ..... A message from Mr Copeland .....

This half term has been extremely busy and the staff and pupils have celebrated a moment in history with the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. In school the children learned about the significance of this event and about King Charles III's life, his love of nature and progressive views on the environment. Many of the children talked about watching the event at home, attending street parties and one family were even lucky enough to meet the Prince and Princess of Wales.



On Monday 22 May I was thrilled to join Year 1 on their school trip to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**. The pupils were fantastic ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the animals and dinosaurs. I was very impressed with the amount of knowledge the children had about the animals, learnt why meerkats have dark circles around their eyes and that polar bears have jet black skin and translucent fur! The children were very brave in their creepy crawly educational session and treated the animals respectfully in the fantastic hands on workshop. We even managed



to introduce some Maths into the trip with a visit to the gift shop. There were some very tired children on the coach back and as I look at my smart watch history and see that I recorded over 17,000 steps in the park I can see why!

All the other year groups will be heading off on school trips before the end of term with the Pre-School visiting **Acorn Hollow**, Reception heading over the bridge to **Hall Farm Park** and Year 2 travelling down the M62 to **Potteric Carr**. We believe that there are lots of benefits to school trips and that travelling off site can help pupils develop self-esteem, self-confidence and self-belief. Trips also give young people the chance to bring subjects to life, broaden their horizons and allow new friendships to develop.

Next half term will also see pupils preparing for their next steps with many Pre-School pupils about to rise into Reception and Year 2 pupils getting ready to make the transition over to Hymers College Junior School. Transitions are an important part in any school and at Hymers Hesse Mount



we aim to make these as smooth as possible for our pupils. The Pre-School children have been fully integrated with the rest of the school throughout the year by attending Wednesday and Friday morning assemblies, sharing a lunch time with Reception, joining House Events and celebrating Theme Days throughout the year. The Year 2 pupils have made regular trips over to the Hymers Campus for Swimming and Music lessons alongside meeting Junior School pupils at events, such as the Swimming Gala, Children in Need Day and Productions. I believe that these stepping stones and the support from all the staff towards each child's social development will allow our pupils to confidently move through the school excited for the new year ahead.

We have another extremely busy few weeks leading up to the end of the school year with lots of events taking place in June and July. Please take a look at the Key Dates section to see what is coming up. I hope to see lots of you at some of these events over the next few weeks.



## PRE-SCHOOL

We have all enjoyed another fantastic term in the Pre-School, and what a busy term it has been! Our topic has been 'Mad about Mini-Beasts' but there has been so much going on - including two Bank Holidays and the King's Coronation celebrations - it's hard to believe we have managed to squeeze everything in!

We have read books about bugs, including *Yucky Worms*, *If Only* and one of our favourite Julia Donaldson stories... *Superworm!* The children have learnt lots of interesting facts about the different insects and really enjoyed hunting for worms in our Woodland Area. We created a wormery in the classroom and observed the worms in their new home, which was fascinating. Of course, we released them safely back into the woodland once we had finished.

We have been getting very crafty this term, exploring collage techniques to create worms, bees and sunflowers, as well as painting paper lanterns! The



children loved this as it was a completely new way of exploring their creativity and really made them think about cause and effect. As you can see from the photographs, the results were a beautiful addition to our classroom!

We have much to look forward to next term, such as performances, our graduation ceremony and picnic, Sports Day and a trip to **Acorn Hollow!** We have our fingers crossed that we will enjoy some of this lovely weather for these events.



Our next topic will be '**At the Seaside**' - if you have any photographs of your child at the beach, we would love for you to share them with us via Tapestry so we can discuss them together in class. We will also be supporting the children as they prepare to move on to their new classes and to say goodbye to friends who are staying in the Pre-School for another year. It can be an exciting but unsettling time so we will be working closely with the Reception teachers and with you as parents to ensure a smooth transition. We have a feeling our feet won't touch the ground again this term!



We hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in the Pre-School after a good rest. Miss Smith and the Pre-School team.

## RECEPTION

This half term has flown by really quickly as we have had so much fun learning all about minibeasts and looking after our very own caterpillars. The children were fascinated watching them grow and change through the different stages of their life cycle. Releasing them into a bright blue sky on the last day before the half term break was a definite highlight for all of us.

We have also enjoyed creating our own interpretation of Matisse's *'The Snail'*.

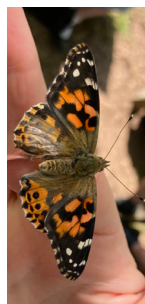
The children have been very busy learning about addition and subtraction in Maths using the *'First, Then, Now Stories'*.

It is hard to believe that we are moving into our final half term together. We have lots of exciting activities planned. The children will be learning all about

our next topic: The farm and this includes our school trip to **Hall Farm Park** on Tuesday 13 June.

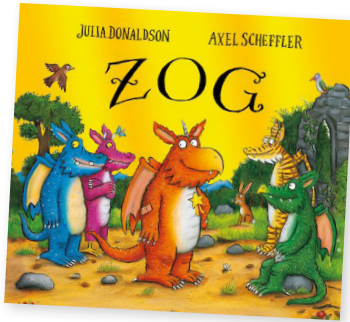
We hope you that you all have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you back soon!

The Reception Team



# YEAR 1

This half term saw the Year 1 children dive into the story of Zog. The children looked at what Zog achieved and then compared it to their own achievements. They even wrote a school report for Zog and thought about superpowers. Watch out as some of the children decided their power would be to become invisible. Imagine all the mischief they could get up to!



In Maths, the children have been working hard on their times tables, halving and doubling a number. They are getting super quick at mental

Maths questions. Later in the term, the children had great fun halving and then quartering colourful shapes before sticking them into their books.

Science has seen us explore the world of plants. We started with a walk around the school field in the hunt for wild plants. We also looked at the

difference between a wild plants and garden plants. The children were able to identify and name the main parts of plants and the important role each

part of the plant has. The children have also identified and named a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees. Our trip to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** was a definite highlight of this half term.

We had a wonderful day of walking, watching, learning and playing and can't wait to go on our next school trip!

Geography saw us imagine we were in a sunny hot climate as we compared weather around the world. The children also enjoyed recording the weather on a chart although we are pleased we didn't witness any of the adverse weather conditions we have been looking at during this topic! We are hoping the sunny weather continues after half term.

Enjoy the half term break. Well done Year 1!



## TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC TEEPEE at the Hymers College Garden Party

The Hymers College Association (HCA) Garden Party is set to feature an exciting new addition this year, with the introduction of a **Teddy Bear's Picnic Teepee**.

Children from Hymers Hessele Mount are being invited to attend the Garden Party with their families, for what promises to be a fun-filled day on **Saturday 24 June**.

Thanks to the HCA, in partnership with Beverley Events Company, the Teddy Bear's Picnic Teepee will be set up in the beautiful grounds of Hymers College, in Hymers Avenue, Hull. **Tickets are now available at £5 per child** and include a packed lunch, supplied on the day.

Children from Hymers Hessele Mount should meet at the teepee at 12 noon and can **bring a teddy** from home, together with a



blanket. Families can then choose a spot surrounding the teepee to enjoy the afternoon with friends from the school community.

The Teddy Bear's Picnic Teepee is being designed as a base from which to explore all the Garden Party has to offer!

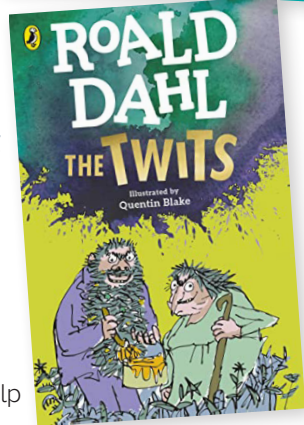
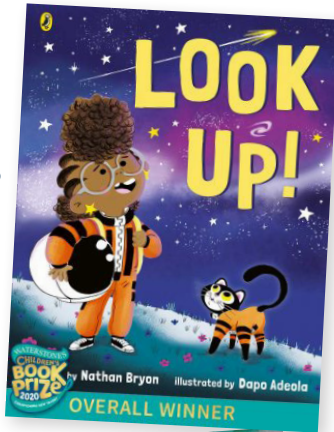
Other activities include a **"Name the mascot"** competition, a meet and greet with the HCA's Teddy character and soft play (younger children small charge payable on the day for soft play). Please note, parental supervision will still be required on the day, as this is an event organised by the HCA – not supervised by school.

Tickets are now on sale for £5 each – forms will be sent home with the children after the half term break. Please return the form together with the ticket price in cash to the school office.

## YEAR 2

The children in Year 2 have had another busy and productive half term. Our production of *'The Selfish Ladybird'* has taken up quite a lot of our time; we have learned our lines and all of the songs, made scenery and are now putting actions to our singing and practising our acting. It is all coming together very well and we are looking forward to showing it to the school and our families.

In Science, we have enjoyed investigating what seeds and plants need to grow healthily. We then used the results to help ourselves be good gardeners



to plant and grow seeds. The children have been eagerly watering and measuring our pea plants and with the warm weather they shot up!

We have worked really hard on our fractions and time work in Maths. We are practising telling the time in five

minute intervals and we are getting really good at it!

We enjoyed reading *'Look Up!'* in English, a book where the main character in the story is called Rocket and she just loves space! The flyers we made to help her advertise a meteor shower were



excellent. We have just started reading *'The Twits'* by Roald Dahl; we had fun transforming Mrs Twit into a better person and our ideas for a trick menu for Mr Twit were brilliantly revolting.

The children were right to be proud of their achievements when they swam like fish in their first Hymers Y2 and Y3 Swimming Gala recently.

We look forward to seeing everybody at our production next half term!



## Key Dates for next half term

### June

- Thursday 8 – Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 9 – School Photos
- Tuesday 13 – Reception Trip to Hall Farm Park
- Tuesday 13 – Year 2 Production
- Wednesday 14 – Year 2 Production
- Thursday 15 – Northern Lights Presentation
- Friday 16 – Year 2 Trip to Potteric Carr Nature Reserve
- Monday 19 – Pre-School Events
- Thursday 22 – HHM Sports Day at the Junior School 1:30-3:00pm
- Friday 23 – Pre-School Trip to Acorn Hollow
- Saturday 24 – HCA Garden Party at Hymers College from 11am
- Monday 26 – Induction Day

### July

- w/c Mon 3 – Reports
- Thursday 6 – Year 2 Leavers' Party 4pm
- Friday 7 – End of Term & Half Day
- w/c Mon 10 – Summer School at the Junior School 8:30-17:30\*
- w/c Mon 17 – Summer School at the Junior School 8:30-17:30\*

\* Sessions must be booked in advance

Happy holidays!