Year 2 News

Elsewhere in School...

- Our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics team won the Stevenage Festival and qualified to represent the town at County Finals as a result.
- Year 3/4 had a fantastic day out at Celtic Harmony Camp, learning what it was like to be an Iron Age farmer.
- Year 5/6 had a brilliant weekend away at PGL, boat building, orienteering, abseiling and zip-wiring!
- We raised over £250 for Sports Relief through a non-uniform day, and all ran our Sports Relief Mile around the field.
- Our two Year 3/4 High-5 Netball teams performed brilliantly at the Stevenage Festival, winning the event and picking up the teamwork award.
- Our Year 5/6 Boys Football team reached the semi-finals of the Stevenage FA Cup with a dramatic extra-time win.

March 2016

What we've been doing this term...

Houses!

Our topic this half term has been 'Houses Then and Now' which has involved comparing how homes and lifestyles have changed over time. At first we compared how the exterior of houses have changed, looking at chimneys, driveways, decorative features etc. We then compared the rooms and layout inside houses and researched how different objects were used in Victorian times and their modern equivalents. We also spent a lesson comparing a day in the life of a Victorian girl and her family with things we experience in our lives.

Knebworth Trip

To support our topic work, we visited Knebworth House last week, where we found out lots of new and interesting things about Tudor life and food. During the day we had the chance to listen to Tudor music and learnt a Tudor dance. We also had a go at calligraphy, copying Tudor style letters to write our names. We dressed as rich Tudor men and women and particularly enjoyed looking at the suits of armour and coats of arms, finding out how they were used.











Stars of the Week -Class 4a-



Lilly Baker



Brooke Tayler



Lilyanna Anderson



Hiba Rajab



Kaelan Ward



Katy Mikiel

Literacy

This half term we have continued to work in our Read Write Inc groups and have been consolidating our knowledge of sounds for reading and writing. We have been working hard on our handwriting, ensuring that all our letters are formed in the correct way so that it is much easier to join them. Miss Hodson's literacy group have been researching and presenting information and writing non-chronological reports. Across both classes we have been making sure we always use the phonic sounds we know to help us to sound out and spell words accurately. We have also been encouraged to write words out and decide if they 'look' right, and to try out alternative spellings if needed.

Both classes have been working really hard during Big Writing sessions this term. We have been using shared writing leading up to our Big Writing session to improve our use of vocabulary and imagination - much of which you can see in Raegan's story below:

The dragon

It was an ordinary day until I saw a dragon. It was so small, I couldn't see it properly. Then I ran away. It started to follow me so I went back and all it wanted was a trainer. So I trained it and it didn't know that it was magical with mind reading, fire breathing powers. When it grows it can fly.

I decided to keep it a secret because everyone would try to steal it and I didn't want that to happen because he was my dragon. I went flying so fast my hair was going crazy! I was so cold my face and my ears were red. We were so far away, we were in dragon land and when we landed we saw so many different dragons in caves, behind hills and under rocks. My dragon was playing with the other dragons. It was so cute.

Raegan Mitchell

Cooking Club

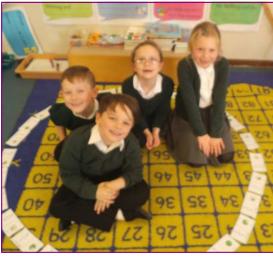
We've had a fantastic term in Cooking Club, producing a huge range of delicious treats thanks to the support of the hard-working (and hard-washing-up) Mrs Clawson, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Clawson - and, as you can see from the pictures below, we've been enjoying every minute!





Maths

This half term we have been working on fractions for our targets, finding a half, quarter, third and three-quarters of objects and amounts by a variety of visual, practical and written methods. We have been practising using 100 squares to add and subtract 2 digit numbers by thinking about the tens and units in the numbers we use. Some of us even began tackling some of these calculations in our heads by partitioning the tens



and units to add. We have also been practising how to draw number lines or sections of hundred squares to help us to work out answers, particularly when the numbers are too large to calculate mentally.





Towards the end of the half-term we looked at block graphs, pictograms and tally charts, making some of our own and interpreting the data by reading the graphs to explain what they show. We have also learnt to use vocabulary such as most/least popular and to compare sets of data and answer questions about them.

Science

In Science, we have looked at how animals change as they grow. We began by considering humans and how we change from babies to children to teenagers and adults. We then found out about animals and their babies, learning the correct names for young animals and comparing how animals transform and change as they grow.

Later on in the half-term we have been looking at the lifecycles of frogs, butterflies and chickens. We have drawn and labelled lifecycles and sequenced each life stage to show the correct order of growth.

Stars of the Week -Class 4b-



Ronie Thake



Maisie Caulfield



Stanley Barber



Evie Bates



Tilly Shearing

Diary Dates

19th April

Start of Summer Term

26th April

Year 6 Netball Festival

2nd May

Bank holiday - School closed

4th May

Year 1 Whipsnade trip

4th May

Year 4/5 Matilda trip

6th May

Year 3/4 Football tournament

9th - 13th May

Year 6 SATs Week

13th May

Stevenage FA Cup Finals @ Bedwell

25th May

Year 6 Leavers Photos

26th May

Year 2 Whipsnade trip

<u>30th May - 3rd</u>

<u>June</u>

Half term

Sports Relief 2016













