



Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you a very happy new year. Welcome back to a new term filled with many more great learning opportunities for your children. Their attitude to learning has been excellent so far, as has their behaviour, which will stand them in good stead for what will be undoubtedly a period of hard work ahead.

Looking back over the previous half term in the run up to Christmas:

Sprowston Fire Station visit

Early in November, Mrs Lambert organised this educational treat for the whole of year 6. The fire officers provided a carousel of maths based activities using fire equipment that gave children a real life focus for the application of maths they have been learning in the classroom. The highlight was of course the opportunity to get a bit wet whilst operating the fire engine hoses!

Remembrance exhibition

The exhibition held on Friday 9th November gave children the opportunity to study an aspect of World War One in greater depth. Doves class looked at the artwork of the war artist Paul Nash and his role in portraying the horrors and the reality of war to the British public. Robins class learned more about Britain and the role of the wider British Empire, focussing on Commonwealth countries and the vital role they played in the war effort. Eagles learnt about the role allied and central powers played during the war. This all culminated in a presentation of some brilliant artwork and research by your children.

University lectures and campus tour

Year 6 were lucky to have been selected for this excellent day out. We were treated to some brilliant fun and engaging lectures delivered by two university professors as well as some entertaining quizzes and a campus tour with UEA students as our guides. Pupils from Falcon were able to ask questions about university life....most popular question being: 'What time do you have to get up?'

Other highlights

- More presentations and entertainment from Rocksteady Music have proved popular with several children now participating in their weekly lessons.
- Our DT sewing project proved as popular as ever! Linked to the literacy unit on the book *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan, children learned new sewing skills and were able to create their very own 'Lost Thing'.
- In science, learning has continued on adaptation and evolution. Students got hands on and a bit messy whilst experimenting with lard and ice to demonstrate features of adapting to survive in a very cold climate.
- A group of year 6 children were invited to Sprowston Community Academy High School to take part in a times tables head to head challenge with Sprowston Junior. Our school came out on top, much to the delight of Mr Harrison whose wife was the teacher accompanying

our Sprowston Junior rivals. Behaviour and attitude of children from both schools was brilliant.

- Of course, the Year 6 Christmas party proved a great success- well done to all children (and parents!) who came up with some brilliant costumes and table decorations. We all had a fantastic evening and will just about have recovered in time to do it all again at the leaver's party which will be held in July.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th January - Parent teacher interviews

Tuesday 29th January - Parent teacher interviews

We look forward to a busy half term.

The Year 6 team