

# PLOVER PRESS

THE TERMLY MAGAZINE FROM THE DIGITAL LEADERS AT PLOVER



## Welcome to our first edition of the Plover Press!



What an amazing Autumn Term we have had at Plover School!

As part of our expeditionary learning, we have engaged with lots of visitors in school and taken part in a variety of fieldwork in our local area. Y5 & Y6 had the opportunity to visit Paris too!

Whilst we share our stories on our school blog, here are a few of the highlights from this half term!

# Foundation Stage



As part of our learning on Autumn, we learnt about bonfire night safety. We celebrated by having a campfire. We sang some songs, had hot chocolate which many children said was delicious and talked about what we could hear, see and smell.



EYFS have been exploring clay and using it to make animals, especially hedgehogs and owls.



We went on an Autumn walk. We loved the sounds of the crunching leaves and the different colours. We created artwork, using leaves and sticks once back in the classroom.

# Key Stage 1



The KS1 children have been having great fun learning to ride balance bikes with Bikeability. The sessions have helped them build confidence, coordination, and control as they practised gliding, steering, and stopping safely.

The children have loved the challenge, and it's been wonderful to see their skills grow each week as they become more independent on two wheels.



This half term, the children taking part in Chapter One had the chance to meet their tutors on a Zoom call. The tutors introduced themselves and shared a friendly hello with the child they'll be reading with each week. It was wonderful for everyone to finally put a face to the voice on the other end of the call!

We are already so proud of the progress the children are making in their reading fluency.

# Lower Key Stage 2



Year 3 and 4 were visited by Meltem Avcil, an activist for refugees, who offered her time to speak to our children about her childhood story of her journey to the UK as a refugee herself. This really helped the children to understand why people still come to Doncaster now.



Year 4 have really enjoyed the tennis coaching they have received over the past few weeks. Not all have found it easy and some have had to show great courage to keep trying until they succeeded. Consequently, everyone's skills have grown immensely – no matter what their starting point was. The sportsmanship they have shown has been genuinely beautiful to watch: encouraging each other when faced with challenges; celebrating with each other when achievements were made; and showing pride for one another when awards were allocated.

# Upper Key Stage 2



Children in Year 5&6 had the opportunity to visit Paris. It was an amazing experience that tested children's courage and allowed them to build relationships with their wider phase crew. Children conquered their fears up 674 steps to the second level of the Eiffel Tower as well as pushing themselves out of their comfort zones on fast, accelerating rides. They certainly made memories to last a lifetime!



For UKS2 family learning, we invited grown ups in to play a game of bingo, with the main prizes being chocolate! This linked to our expedition of 'Why should we help our planet survive?' and the money we raised was donated to our crew chosen charity RSPCA. Lots of fun was had by both the children and the grown ups.

# SPORT



We have had the amazing opportunity to take part in many sporting events this term, ranging from football, dodgeball and even swimming.

Everyone has trained hard to represent the school in a variety of competitions. More importantly they have had fun in the process!

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Well done to all of our sporting champions this term!