



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to work really hard and have enjoyed taking their learning beyond the classroom, with trips to Sheffield, sports competitions and sports events in the hall. We are looking forward to more visits and visitors after half term.

Thank you for your continued support: many of you attended the RSE consultation or asked for copies of the handouts from the session. Please ask at the office or ask your child's class teacher if you also want the handouts or additional information. We were delighted by many of the parent comments in our recent Ofsted—the report should be out within 30 days.

Have a wonderful half term! Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Whitby



ATTENDANCE

From September 2023

Explorers	~	89.37%
Adventurers	~	92.83%
Pioneers	~	92.57%

Total Attendance: 91.37%

Attendance target is 96%.

Key Dates

24.05.24	INSET
25.05.24	Half term
03.06.24	INSET
04.06.24	Children return to school
Wk. beg. 10.06.24	Phonics screening (Y1) and Tables tables checks (Y4)
14.06.24	Explorers sports morning
24.06.24	Futures Week
01.07.24	Explorers trip to Chatsworth
02.07.24	Transition Day
04.07.24	Wet 'n Wild Day
11.07.24	Sports day
12.07.24	Family picnic
17.07.24	Trip to the seaside
23.07.24	Break up

Please remember to Slip, Slap, Slop!

As we head into summer, please help us to reinforce the sun safe message.



Explorers

In Explorers this half term we have had lots of fun exploring maps. We used Google Maps to find Mickleley and looked at the features in our local area. We then had a go at creating our own maps by drawing on large paper. We used masking tape to create roads, paths, buildings and car parks and labelled these using post-it notes.

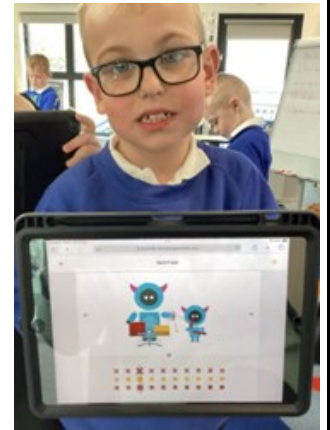


In maths we have really enjoyed exploring shapes and loved creating animal pictures using different shapes. The nursery children became shape explorers and have been looking for shapes inside and outside of the classroom.



Adventurers

The Adventurers have enjoyed a very busy half term! We have been learning how to create our own digital music, which we have been having a lot of fun with. If the children want to show you what they have learnt, please go to Chrome Music Lab. It is free to use and no registration required.



We had a fabulous time on our trip to Sheffield. The children were respectful, well-mannered and behaved beautifully throughout the day. They showed a lot of interest during our tour around the cathedral and asked some great questions. Weston Park Museum was another highlight – particularly the ‘What on Earth!’ natural history exhibition.

In English, we read *Lost and Found*, by Oliver Jeffers, and the children wrote tags to help some ‘lost animals’ that had wandered into our classroom find their way home!



Some of our children also represented school in a balance bike competition.

They showed great sportsmanship and their excellent behaviour was commented upon by the organisers and other staff present.

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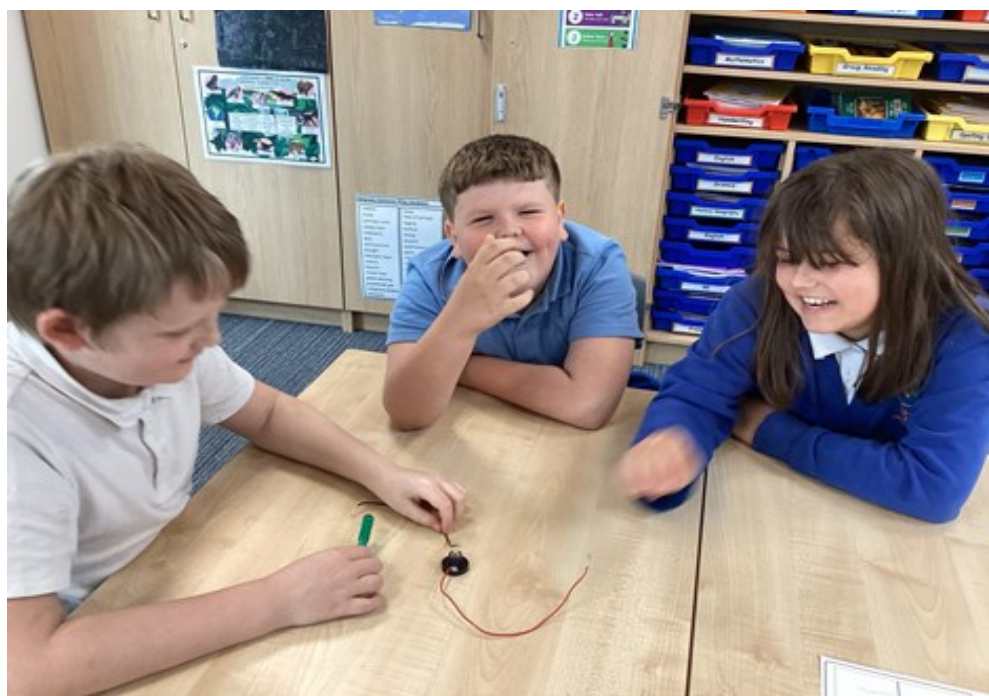


Pioneers

In Science we have been learning about Electricity, we have explored making electrical circuits and experimenting with how to make a light bulb light up. At the end of the lesson we all



decided that we are now 'amazing engineers'!



Safeguarding:

Many of your children will either be asking to use or using TikTok. We hope you find this advice helpful.

For further information and advice about keeping your child safe online, please click [here](#).



Every School Day Counts

There is clear evidence to show that days off school impact on your child’s attainment and progress.

365 days in each year	175 non school days a year		To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
	190 school days in each year	12 days absence				
		178 days of education	19 days absence			
			171 days of education	29 days absence Half term missed		
				161 days of education	38 days absence 152 days of education	
100% to 95% GOOD Best chance of success.	94% WORRYING Less chance of success	90%	85% SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible legal action	80%		