

Learning Together

Summer 2023



Here is some of the fantastic learning that has taken place in the Summer Term.

Let's share and celebrate our amazing learning journeys....

Nursery



What an amazing Summer term we have had!

We had a very special tea party with scones and jam to celebrate the King's Coronation. We painted our crowns and used jewels to make them sparkle.

We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly, and followed it with our very own caterpillars. It was exciting to watch the butterflies all fly away when they had broken free from their cocoons.

We loved taking part in our first sports day seeing all of our family there to cheer us on. The best activity was the running race!

We finished the year with our Nursery celebration assembly and it was great to share of all our amazing achievements throughout the year. We loved looking at the slideshow of all of our pictures and seeing our friends.

We are so proud of all the children and wish them the best for Reception.

Reception



We have had a brilliant Summer term!

We have loved learning all about the seaside, starting with our amazing trip to Minnis Bay where we built sandcastles and enjoyed our scrumptious ice-creams.

In literacy, we have worked hard to write simple sentences independently using the sounds that we know. We have enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and writing about what we would like in our lunch. Other stories we have really enjoyed have been 'Sully the Seahorse', 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' and 'Sharing a Shell'.

In maths, we have enjoyed working practically using the 2D and 3D shapes. We have used our maths vocabulary to speak in full sentences talking about the properties of the shapes. We have had great fun exploring capacity and volume outside in the water tray.

The other highlights from this term include our reception sports day, the visit from the ice-cream van and having a fun last week in reception with our friends.

We are so proud of all of the children and hope they have an amazing summer. Wishing you all the best of luck for Year 1!

Year 1



What a fantastic Summer term we have had together in year 1!

In English, we have been reading the story 'Goldilocks and just the one bear'. We learnt about the features of a diary and wrote a diary entry pretending to be the bear. Bear had moved to a new city, which he explored and compared to his home in the woods.

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume. We spent lots of time comparing the capacities of various containers by filling them up with water. We finished our maths unit by measuring out the ingredients needed to make playdough and then we enjoyed mixing everything together and playing with our playdough.

The highlight of our Summer term has to be our trip to the Horniman Museum. We were able to consolidate lots of the things that we have learnt over this year. All of the children were impeccably behaved and it was great to see them remember so much of what we have learnt! I know that the giant Walrus and the bee hive were a big hit!

Well done for all of your learning this year, year 1. We hope you have an amazing Summer!

Year 2



It has been another amazing term in Year 2. The children, as always, have worked very hard.

In English, we have been reading the story 'Grandad's Secret Giant' by David Litchfield. The children explored the theme of friendship and belonging through the text. The children developed their understanding of the features of a narrative before writing their own version of the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume. We spent lots of time comparing the capacities of various containers by filling them up with water. We finished our maths unit by applying our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills when solving capacity and volume word problems.

The highlight of our Summer term has to be our trip to Kent Life. The children consolidated their learning about Florence Nightingale by meeting the lady herself. She talked at length about her life and even taught the children how to use bandages and make slings!

Well done for for being so amazing Year 2. We wish you a fantastic summer and cannot wait to see you as Year 3 in September.

Year 3



We have had a brilliant last term in Year3!

In English, we read an amazing story 'Zeraffa Giraffa' based on true facts. We found out that in 1824 the Pasha of Egypt sent a very special gift to the King of France, Charles X. And what a gift it was! The first giraffe in France created quite a buzz! We researched the Botanical Gardens in Paris and the rotunda where Giraffa lived for 18 years. We were really fascinated by this story and wrote a persuasive guide to encourage people to visit the magnificent Jardin Des Plantes and the Rotunda.

Of course, the highlight of our term was the trip to Wingham Wildlife Park where believe it or not, we saw Rothchild's giraffes, gorillas, snakes and lions and found out a little bit more about other African animals.

In Maths, we learnt about measuring length, capacity and mass. We used scales to measure the mass of different classroom objects. We then looked at angles and shapes, and loved using our hand-made angle makers to check the angles around the classroom. We solved mathematical problems and, once again, practised representing them using bar models.

As part of our Creative Curriculum topic, we learnt all about Romans and how Boudicca led the revolt against the invaders. We imagined we were both, Romans and Celts, and wrote a diary entry from both perspectives. We then had a great time getting creative and building our very own Roman Villas using recycled materials.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year and we know they will smash it in Year 4! Have a brilliant summer everyone!

Year 4



Year 4 have had an amazing and busy summer term!

In our English lessons, we read a book called 'Blue John' who lived in a cave. We learnt a lot about how caves are made as well as the difference between stalagmites and stalactites! We finished the unit by writing an information letter to a person who has visited a cave and wanted more information about them. We were able to share all our knowledge in these letters.

In Maths, we have learnt about the properties of different shapes including the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals. We explored the difference between bar charts and line graphs and learnt how to read them effectively.

In Creative Curriculum, our topic this year has been the Egyptians. We have learnt about the different kingdoms in Ancient Egypt and their beliefs in the afterlife. We also learnt about the process of mummification!

In Science, we learnt about the digestive system, including the different organs and the jobs. To explore this further, we created a replica of the digestive system out of bags and tights and observed the changes the food as it travels through the body!

Later in the summer term, Year 4 visited Horton Kirby Educational centre where the children had an enriching opportunity to explore wildlife in the local area, including some time in the river. This linked to our second science topic of Animals and their habitats and gave the children an opportunity to use their investigative skills in a real-life situation!

All the children have worked so hard this year and we are so proud of them! We wish them all the best in Year 5!

Year 5



It's been an action-packed final term in Year Five!

In English, we have read *Holes* by Louis Sachar. In the story, a young boy (Stanley Yelnats) is sent to Camp Green Lake after being falsely accused of theft. When here, boys are forced to dig a hole each day to 'build character'. We wrote a persuasive letter to President Clinton as a concerned parent to request the closure of the correctional facility.

In maths, we have worked with decimals and negative numbers in context. We've used our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 when converting between units of measure. We also enjoyed practical tasks when learning about volume.

In creative curriculum, we have learnt all about the Wild West. Firstly, we located the different states of North America and identified where the Great Plains are. We then learnt about how European settlers travelled across the Western frontier as well as about the life that native American tribes and cowboys lived.

The children have worked so hard this year and we are so proud of them all!

Year 6



In their final term at Danson, year six have been extremely busy! In English, we watched a video called 'Francis' where the children unpicked the key events within the story and went on to retell Francis in a piece of writing.

In maths, we consolidated learning from over the year and many of the children took part in mathematical projects which involved a range of the maths learning and skills from Key Stage Two.

This term, in DT, the children created steady-hand games using their previous knowledge from their 'Electricity' unit in science. Year six also extended their creativity through computing sessions where the children created advertisements for their school production on iPads and edited them on an app called 'iMovie'.

Not only have the children had a busy term of learning but they have also had many exciting experiences such as: water sports at Danson Adventures, a CRiBS workshop, ice-cream on the school field, sports week, performing their school production and finally they had their leavers' assembly. It is safe to say that the year sixes have ended their time at Danson on a high and we wish them all the very best for the future!