



*Highwood Round Up
April and May 2022*

Nursery

"When the chocolate melted it was all sticky!"
Cleo

"I found so many eggs but I had to put some back because I only needed three!" Eva

"I got a new dress, just like a princess!"
Isha

"I got new toys. It was a new car!"
Dani



Butterflies

We were very excited to observe the life-cycle of a butterfly. We used non-fiction books to find out more about it. We made symmetrical butterflies using paint. We released six butterflies in the garden and watched as they flew off to find new homes.



"I wanted to hold the butterfly because it was so pretty."
Alaia

"The butterflies liked it on the red flowers because we planted those a long time ago."
Mason

Eid

We talked about the festival of Eid and some of us talked about how we celebrated with our families. We had a go at drawing around our hands and decorating them with mendhi patterns.



Easter

We made chocolate nests and we went on an Easter egg hunt. We had to find three coloured eggs and then we swapped them for some Easter treats!



Reception

A Pirate's life for me!

We have been reading The Night Pirates over the past two weeks. We have learnt so much about pirates. We made a ship, dressed up, found treasure and made some maps. Some of us had to walk the plank!



"We found real treasure in the mud!"
Youssef

Mud Kitchen

We have been loving the mud recently! We have been making lots of mud treats and having mud parties. We decorated the mud pies with all of the flowers we could find.



"Handa lives in Kenya, it is very hot there."
Afrika



Handa's Surprise

We read the story Handa's Surprise. We learnt all about Africa and we tried some new fruits such as passionfruit and pineapple. It was a tasty snack time! We played the African drums and also learnt an African dance.



"It looks like frogspawn!"
Finley



"It is so loud!"
Catarina



"Argggghh Walk the plank!" - Reggie



"Shiver me timbers!!!!!"
Charlie



Year 1



We have been learning about special books and R.E. and how some people look after them.

'She told us the story of Daniel and the Lions. Daniel got thrown in the Lion's den and calmed them down. (Olivia-Rose)



Dan came and spoke to us about his special Christian books and shared a range of different Bibles with us. We could then ask questions about the Bibles like, 'who wrote it?'



"I liked visiting St George's Chapel and learning about St George." Dylan

We had a wonderful day at Windsor Castle. We watched the Changing the Guard ceremony and explored the State Apartments and St George's Chapel. We took part in a workshop called 'Our Platinum Queen' where we re-enacted a Guard Inspection, an Investiture Ceremony and a even a Coronation!



'Dan showed us a big Bible. It had lots of pictures in it and was really old.' (Daniil)



'We saw arrow loops, battlements and where some kings and queens are buried.' (Baer)

'We learnt about how the Queen dubs special people. The Queen wasn't there because it was her birthday. The soldiers played Happy Birthday to her.' (Pala)



Watford Schools Trust came and spoke about 'Daniel in the Lions Den.' A story from the Old Testament about what God is like..

Miss Dodwell came and shared her special book called the Quran. It is special to her because she is a muslim. She showed us how she treats it with respect.

I liked visiting St George's Hall and learning about the naughty Knights." Sophie





In DT, we have designed a root salad. We had to taste lots of root salads first and work out which ingredients we liked.



We had to learn cutting skills to make our salad. We learnt the claw and bridge method.



In Art we have looked at sculptures by Marc Quinn and Brendan Jamison. We used sugar cubes and bread dough to make our own sculptures in their style.



Year 2



Year 3



In art lessons, we made Egyptian masks of Tutankhamun and Anubis. We made our own stencils and created a 3-D effect by scrunching up newspaper. We then used papier-mache to cover the newspaper. After that, we painted a base coat in white and finally we chose the correct colours to paint our masks.





Year 4 worked hard to create their own fairy tale books with levers and mechanisms to make parts of the book move. It was great sharing these with the Year 1 children.

Year 4

I liked reading our moving books to Year 1 because they kept asking us questions and we let them have a go at using our books.
Skylar



I liked creating my moving book and having a good time with my friends.
Maya



Making it took ages. I found it hard but fun when reading to the Year 1.
Jimmy Dean

We were learning to play recorders. It wasn't that hard to play.
Charlie



In art, we have been trying different painting techniques to recreate a traditional Chinese painting

It was really fun painting the flowers because we used different techniques
Zainab

It was very fun making the artwork and using our new sketchbooks to test to see what we could do in our artwork.
Christopher



You have to play the B note by covering the hole at the back and the first one at the top. I like how it makes the noise.
Frazer

In music, we have started to learn to play the recorder. We have learnt to play the notes A and B. We have also been reading music to perform different songs on the recorder.

This month, Year 5 have been exploring the artist Peter Thorpe and his Space Abstract paintings. They have used two different media to draw his pictures; pastel chalk and paint. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about him and creating their own Abstract Art!

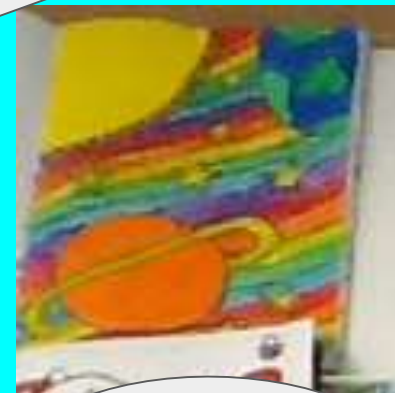
Year 5



I preferred using paint over pastels for our project. I like the bold colours.
Ruby-May



I really enjoyed using the style of Peter Thorpe to create our paintings.
Meher



I preferred pastels over the paint because they were easier to blend.
Sienna

Year 6



The hot chocolate was very bitter but it was fun to make. I just did not like it at all. Daisy



When we made it, I liked it when you had to froth it up. When you add honey, it tastes a bit better. George

It was a really fun experience because I have never heard Samba before. I played the Gogo bell! Jessica

I felt a lot of pressure as I was on the drum and I had to set the beat of the samba. If I messed up, everyone would be out of time. Aaron



It was really good but the drink was very bitter. Christian

We became Mayans for the day and tried a Mayan tradition - making hot chocolate! Did you know that the Mayans were renowned for this?



This week, Year 6 have been working hard on their percussion skills. We have been playing Samba Reggae Groove together. It was really hard to keep in time! Watch us perform on Twitter!

It was a lot of fun and I played the tambourine. We sounded like a real Samba band. Neissa

