



New Beginnings

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and finding out about all of the exciting things our children and young people at Nethergate get up to.

This term our staff team have been working on developing our vision and values. We have got as far as creating draft statements which you can see below. We will be asking your views and our children's views in the new year so that our final statements reflect our whole school community.

Draft Vision Statement;

A place of belonging, growth, and endless possibilities where every child is celebrated, empowered and supported to thrive in their own unique way.

We envision a school where;

- Every pupil is seen, heard, and deeply valued
- Learning is personalised, joyful and meaningful
- Staff, families, and professionals work together to unlock potential
- Inclusion is our daily practice-not just a principle.
- Every child is an enabled communicator.

Our Values;



We are delighted to be able to let you know that the Youth Centre at Green Lane is now confirmed as becoming our sixth form/preparation for adulthood centre in September 2026. Work on adaptations and refurbishment has now begun and we look forward to moving in later next year.

I hope you all have a lovely break over the Christmas holidays.

Best wishes and season's greetings from All at Nethergate!

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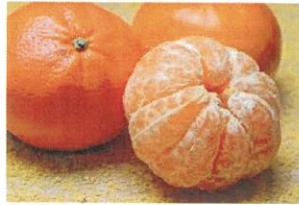
This term we immersed ourselves in nature, searching for and counting frogs, birds, and insects. We practised communicating about the things we could see, hear, and feel, while building confidence with transitions into new environments.



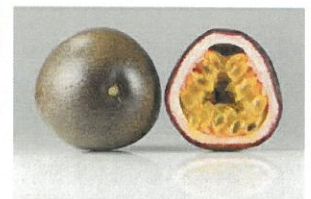
KS2 Birch Class



We especially liked kiwi, melon and banana!



We used our communication board to ask for different fruits



We have enjoyed fruit tasting in our enrichment afternoons





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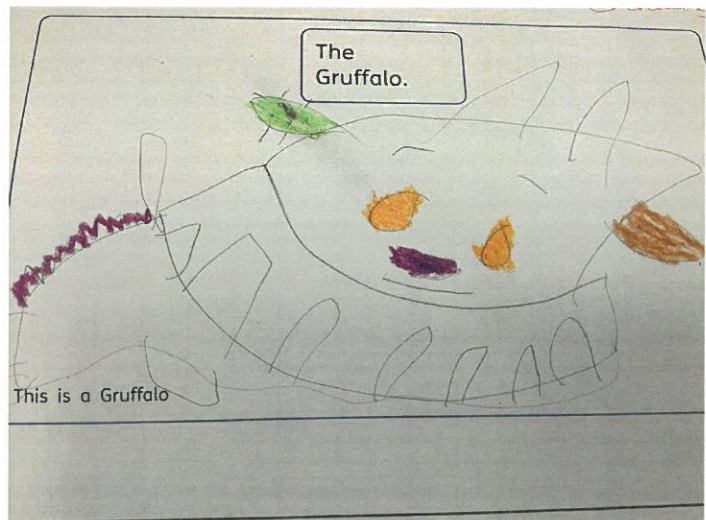
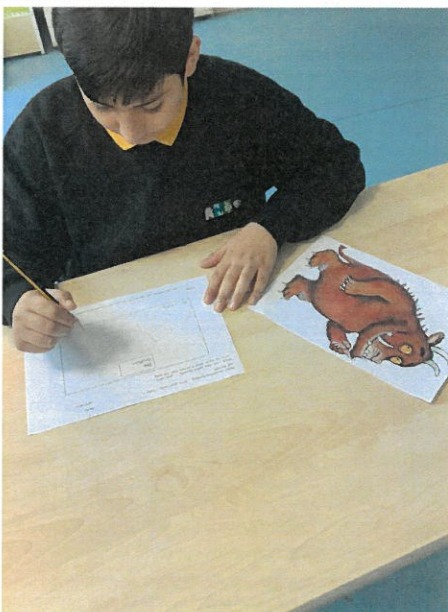
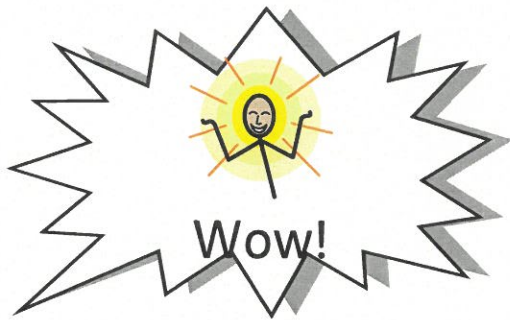
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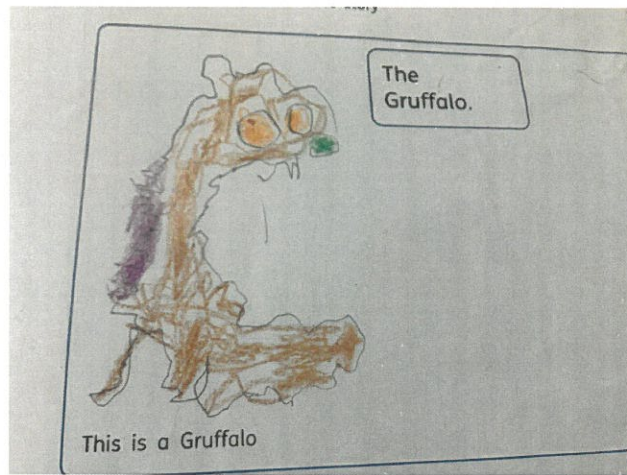
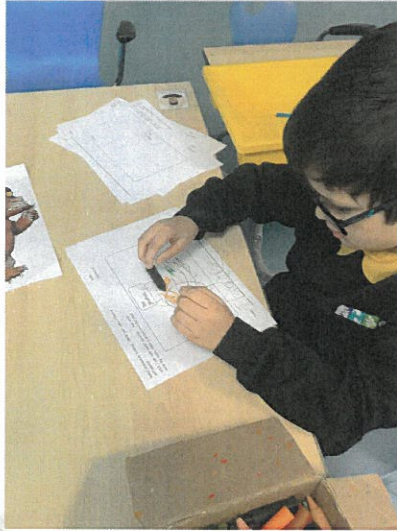
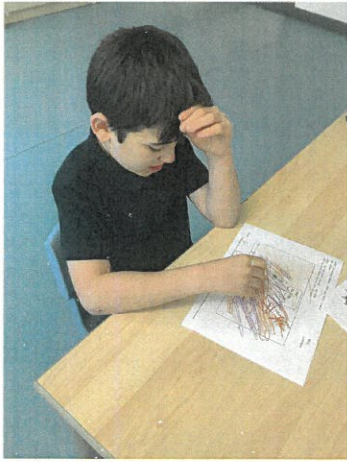
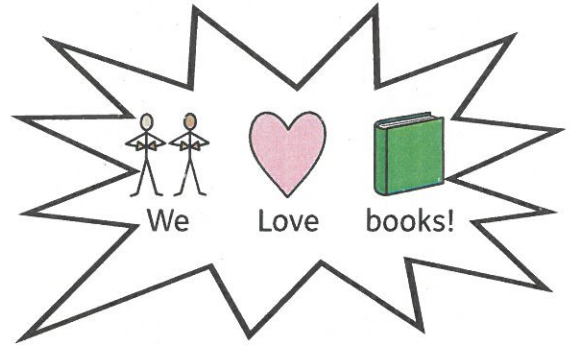




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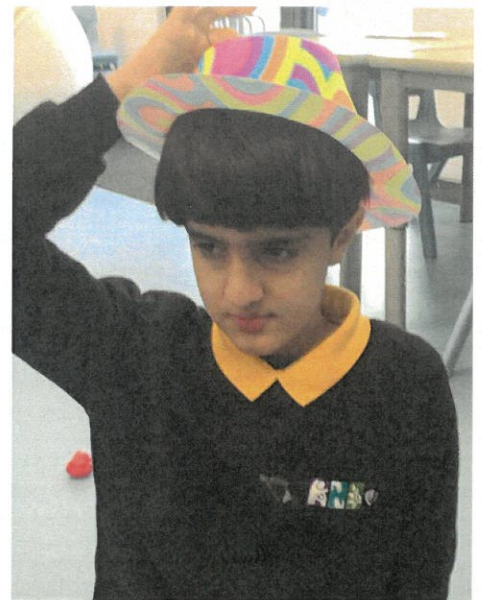
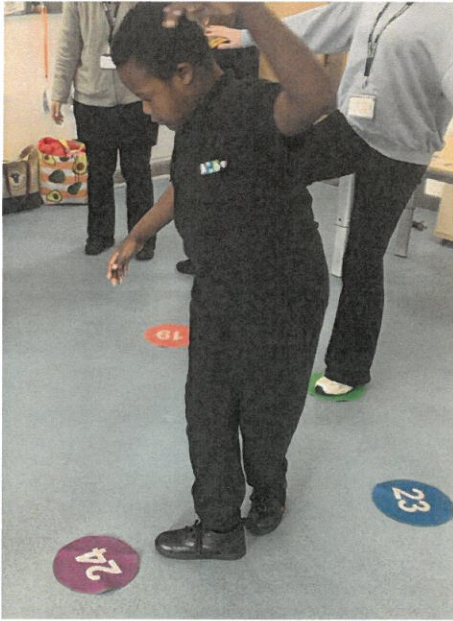
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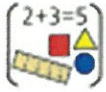
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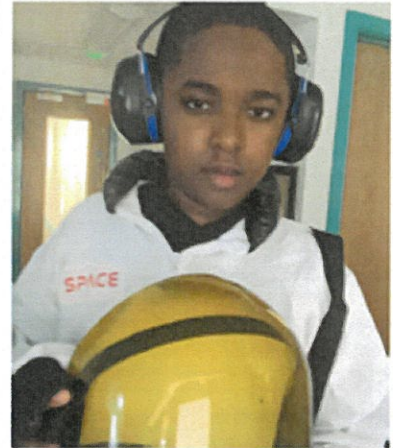
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Irons Class



This Autumn term our theme has been Forward Thinkers, we have been learning about historical people who have made significant contributions to society.



Mansfield class

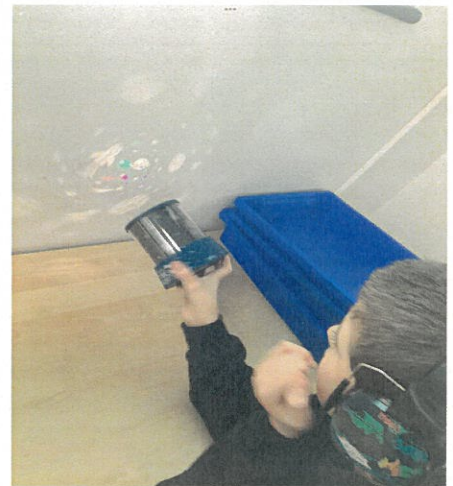
This term we have been exploring forward thinkers such as Neil Armstrong, Marie Curie and Thomas Edison. Mansfield class have enjoyed dressing up as these people and exploring what makes them famous.



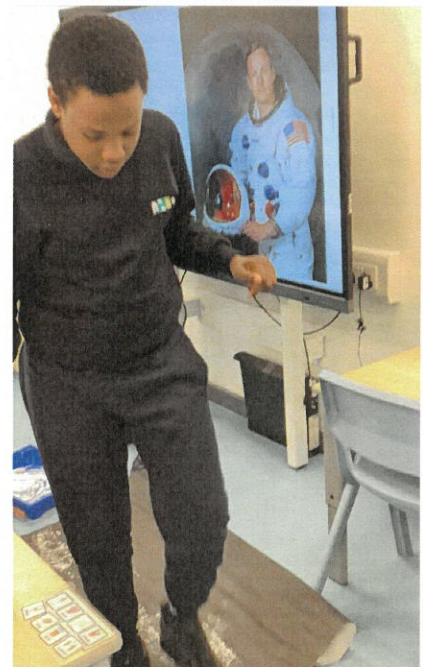
Dressing up in lab coats and goggles and experimenting in Marie Curie's lab .





Exploring light like Thomas Edison .



Dressing up as Neil Armstrong and role playing leaving foot-prints on the moon








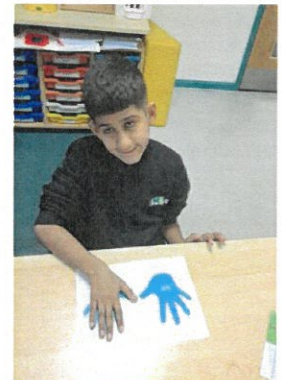
 
Watts Class






  
Identifying our feelings



  
We went to the moon!



   
Developing our communication skills

  
Working hard in Maths

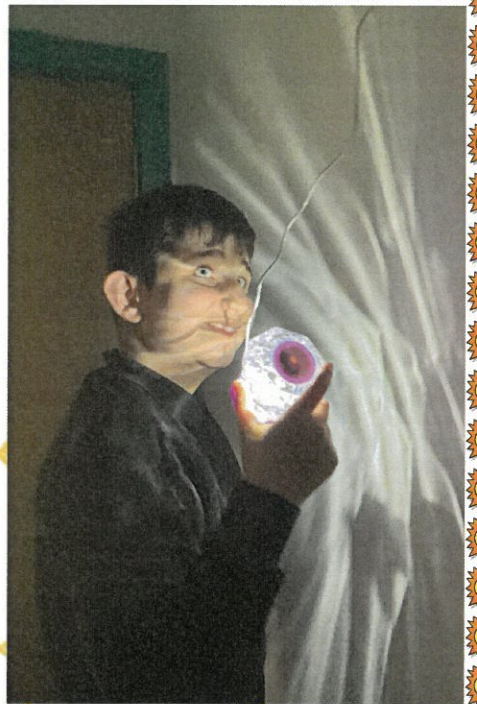
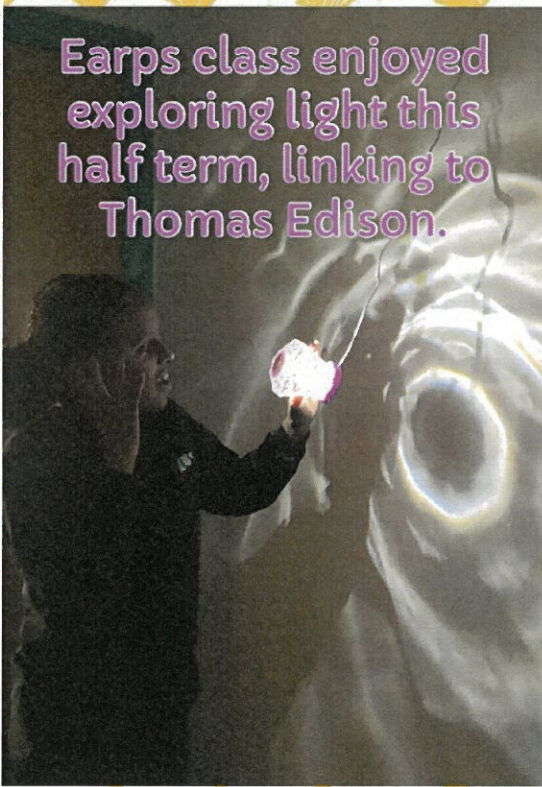


 
Playing basketball





Earps class enjoyed exploring light this half term, linking to Thomas Edison.



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Adlington's class trip to West Bridgford Park

Adlington class have enjoyed our trip to West Bridgford park this term. We are looking forward to going back and going on other trips next term.





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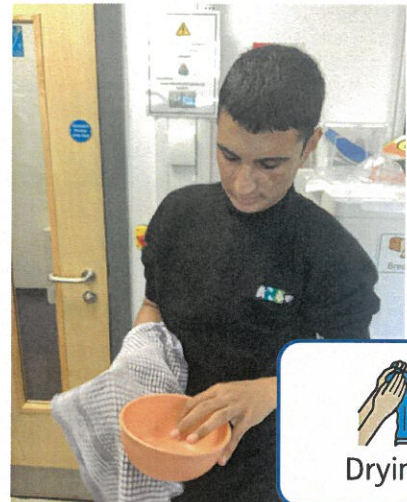
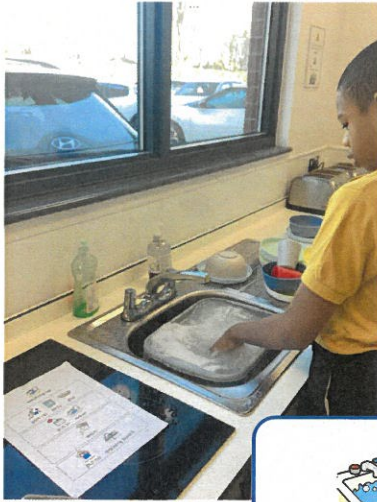
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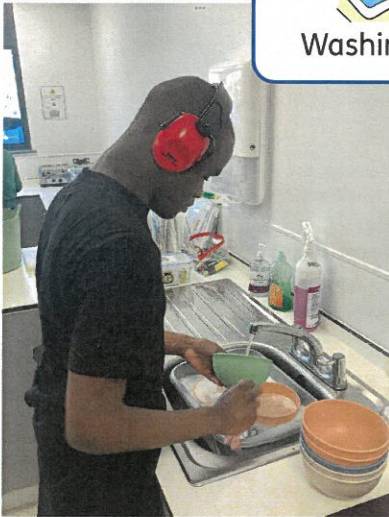
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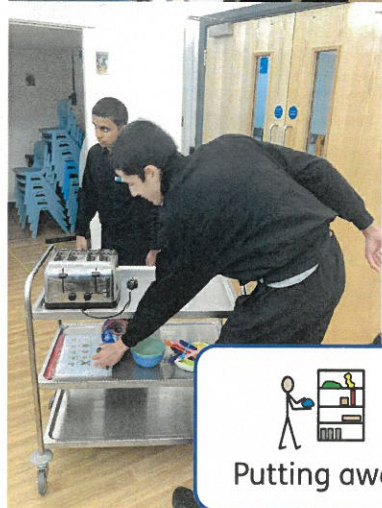
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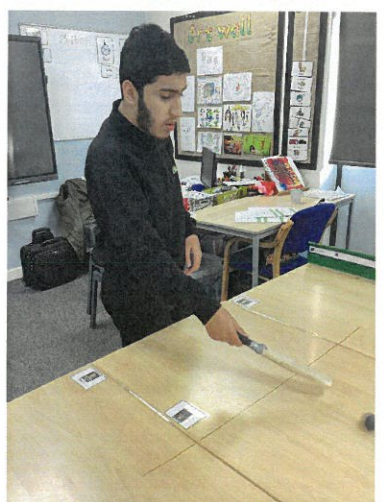
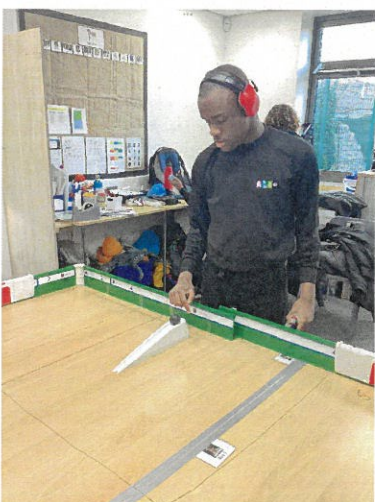
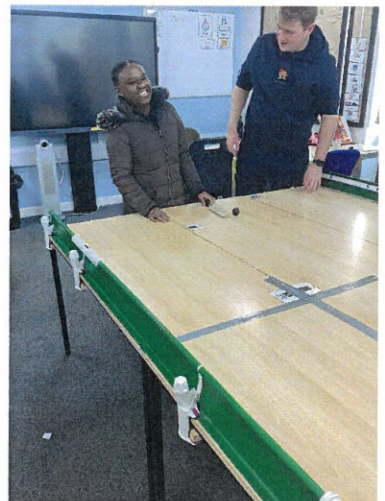
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
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 Lawrence class have enjoyed learning about human survival skills and










 the different things we would need in different environments. We

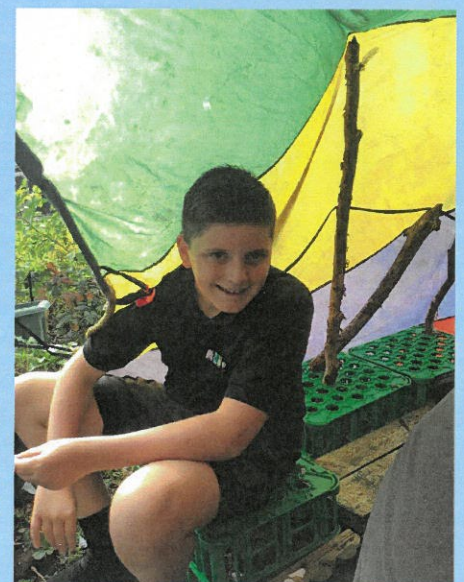






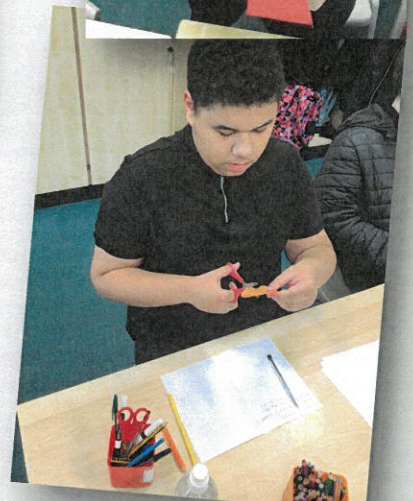



 especially enjoyed working as a team and building our own shelter!





Enterprise



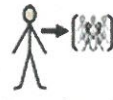
This half term, pupils from Buttress Class have been busy creating products for the Christmas Fair. They shared ideas, researched items, priced up resources and are looking forward to welcoming family and friends to see what they've made.



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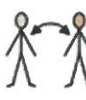
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We focused on developing key independent skills this term like grocery shopping, making purchases and paying, doing chores like cleaning and baking. We also enjoyed making Reindeer Hot Chocolate cones for our enterprise stall.



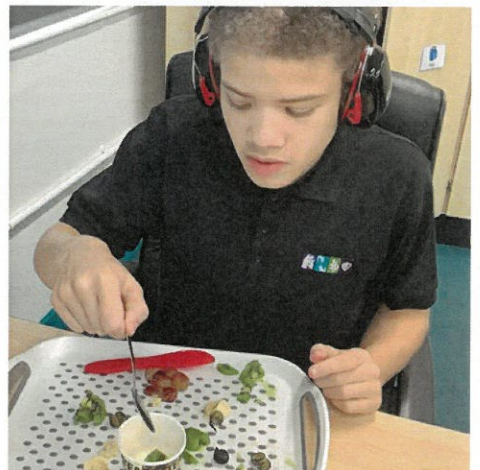
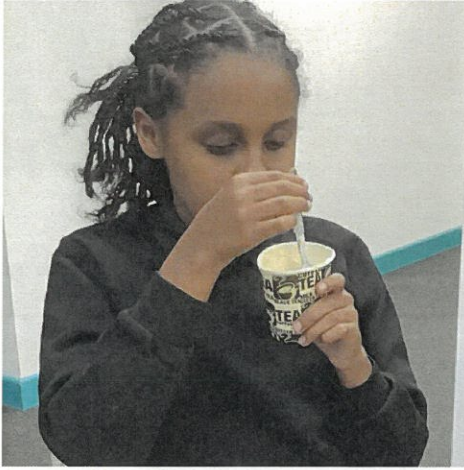
KS4 Bains

In the first half term our theme was 'Lights Camera Action'. We watched clips from films to base our work off and we made our own short clips using a green screen. In the second half term our theme was based around work. We have had lots of opportunities for work experience at The Plane Tree in Beeston and in Magic Breakfast in school



Food and Life-Skills Sessions

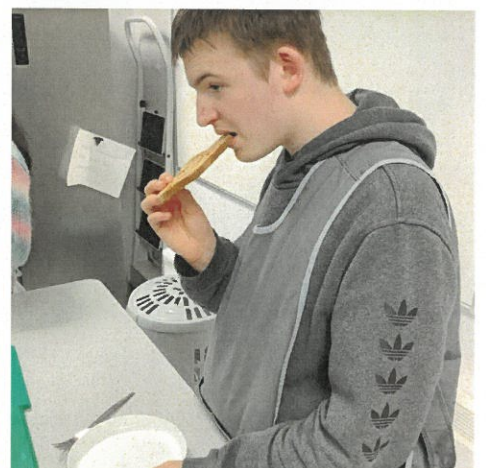
Sensory Food Exploration



Our sessions created a fun, low-pressure space for pupils to take an active role in exploring food. They chopped, sliced, squeezed and even squashed fruit and vegetables—turning cautious moments into curious ones! These playful activities weren't just for fun; they were inspired by research showing that eating for some people is shaped by unique sensory and interoceptive experiences. By exploring food through touch, smell, and taste, we aimed to build confidence, reduce anxiety, and make food feel less overwhelming. Ultimately, this approach helps broaden diets and supports positive relationships with food.

Food and Life-Skills Sessions

Cooking Up a Storm in Key Stage 4 and 5 Enrichment



Our cooking sessions were designed to help pupils develop essential life skills while promoting confidence through food exploration. Many pupils were initially hesitant to try new flavours, but by creating a positive, pressure-free environment, they began tasting foods like olives, beetroot, and mushrooms—often for the first time.

Brianne said, “I thought that I didn’t like mushrooms, but I’m eating a mushroom and I like it.”

Arron asked, “Can I taste it? Can I taste some more?”

And Kieran shared, “I ate it, but I made sure that I ate mainly the cheese part.”

These moments show how cooking together can turn uncertainty into curiosity and enjoyment, helping young people discover tasty, healthy food while gaining confidence and independence.



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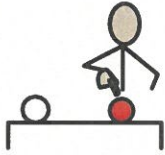
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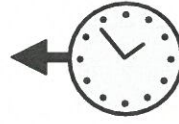
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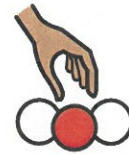
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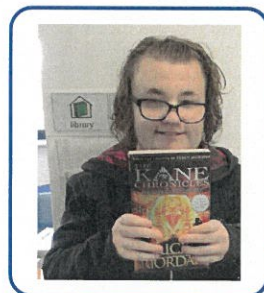
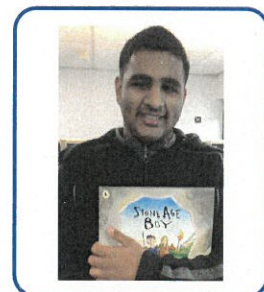
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McClure Class

This term we have been learning about Judaism and in particular Hannukah. As part of Hannukah we have taken part in Tashlich, a time where Jewish people think back over the year to think about things they have done wrong or mistakes that they have made. We wrote out our mistakes on tissue paper and soaked them in water to cast away our mistakes. We also wrote down some of our mistakes and ripped them into small pieces to create collages, creating something beautiful from things that we regret.





Paddy and Amy showed us their Pizza kitchen.



Paddy showed us how to make dough and throw it up and catch it.



It was fun!



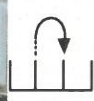







 We added grated cheese and pasta sauce.

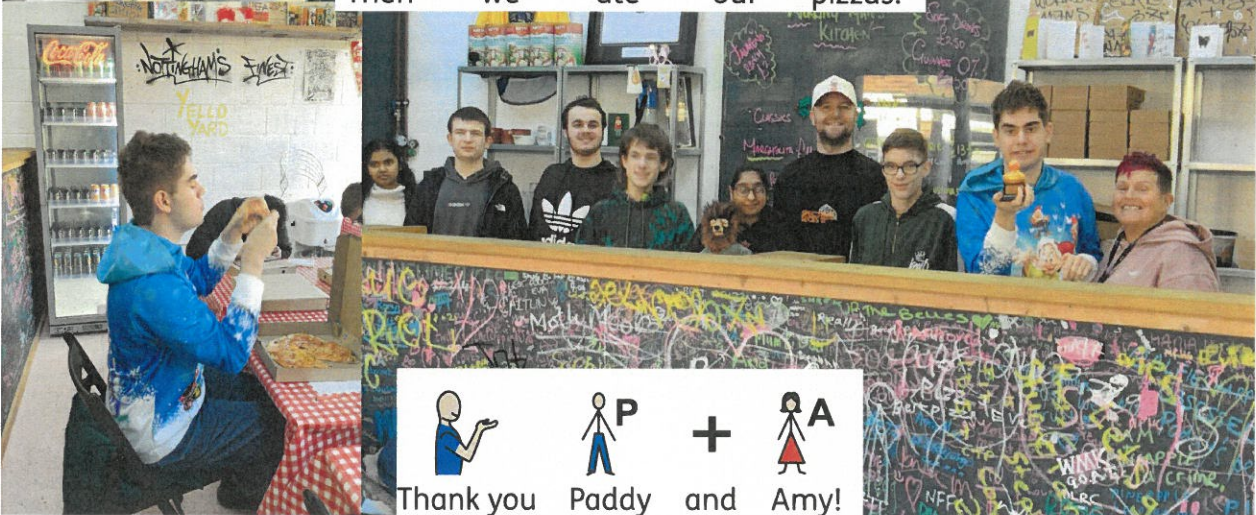








 Then we ate our pizzas.








 Thank you Paddy and Amy!

Physical Education

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This Term in PE across KS3 our topic has been Basketball. We have practiced passing, dribbling and shooting, some classes have been able to play full court games against each other.

Careers Fair at Nethergate Academy



This year's Careers Fair took place on Thursday, 4th December. We welcomed a wide range of providers, including Nottingham College, Landmarks, Portland College, The Plane Tree, The Adventure Service, Fast Forward, Notts CYP, Pulp Friction, Access Training and many others.

Pupils from Year 9 and above attended the event, where they explored opportunities and gathered valuable information about the services and clubs available to them now and in the future.



The Plane Tree



Over the past few weeks, two Sixth Form students have been visiting The Plane Tree every Tuesday. Under Shelly's guidance, they have taken on responsibilities such as serving customers, helping to run the shop, and creating festive Christmas items to sell. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time there, developing confidence and gaining valuable skills in teamwork, communication and customer service.



Dunelm



We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Dunelm and their wonderful customers for the generous Christmas gifts they have purchased for our pupils this year. Their kindness has been truly overwhelming, and we are incredibly grateful for the support they have shown and bringing such joy to our school community!

*Thank
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The North Pole Times

Christmas Words

Word Search Puzzle



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden left to right and down.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS