

Year 6

Wow, what a fantastic start to Year 6 we've had. The children have thrown themselves into their learning and have loved our We'll Meet Again topic. They have learnt about how conflict affected the lives of people during World War 2 including rationing, evacuation, and propaganda. However, the highlight of the topic was our visit to the National Holocaust Centre, where the children heard the story of Eve Kulger, a survivor from World War 2 and visited The Journey exhibition. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to gain a better understanding of how conflict affected the lives of Jewish children and the British Values of tolerance of different faiths and individual liberty. We were all impressed with how well the children conducted themselves on the visit and how they showed respect to everyone at the centre. All our English learning this term has been based on World War 2 including a setting description of the blitz, a World War 2 evacuee diary, a contrasting narrative based on The Book Thief and finally a fantastic narrative conveying atmosphere based on The Christmas Truce. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading our class book 'Letters from the lighthouse' each day and discovering the story of Olive and Cliff Bradshaw. We are so proud of our Year 6's who have taken on their many different roles such as: House Captains, UNICEF Ambassadors, Eco Warriors and Mini Police with great perseverance, enthusiasm and maturity – they are setting a fantastic example for the rest of school. The children have earned a very restful Christmas and New year, ready for all that is to come in January. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas. **Mr L Revell & Miss A Worrall**



Sports Report

Term 1 has been a brilliant term for sport at Bourne Elsea Park. All the children from Reception through to Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their PE sessions ranging from learning fundamental skills, to playing invasion games, such as football and netball. Throughout all the PE sessions children are reminded of the importance of being Healthy, Happy and Active and the benefits sport has on our wellbeing. Most recently, a group of Year 4 children had the wonderful opportunity to have a taster session of Tag Rugby at Bourne Rugby club, learning techniques and skills for rugby for the first time. A special mention has also to go out to our Year 6 children who went to the recent netball competition at Bourne Grammar school, returning with a trophy for their fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. Some children across the year groups have also had the opportunity to take part in wellbeing sessions, with Sam Ruddock (a British Paralympic athlete), where they have been able to discuss and reflect on emotions through sport. Sam was incredibly impressed by the maturity and lovely nature of all the children involved. Congratulations to all those children who took part and represented our school so well! **Mr L Revell**



Be Kind to your Mind is a phrase you will often hear around school

when the children in each year group take part in a Mindful Monday session. In the session we focus on the '5 ways to well-being', mindful breathing techniques and pupils are invited to think about how they are feeling and how they can help themselves and others.

Earlier in the term the whole school raised awareness for #HelloYellow Day and the Young Minds charity by coming to school wearing an item of yellow clothing. Each child thought about an act of kindness and we created a whole school chain of kindness that stretched down the school corridor.

Mrs W Campbell & Mrs M Friel



We know children are spending more time online, so it is vital we continue to provide high quality E-Safety learning within our school. We began in September learning about self-image and identity, discussed health, well-being and lifestyle in October and during Friendship Week in November we focussed on online bullying. The children have also explored poems from 'Beneath the Screen' in Key Stage 2 linking to their themes, whilst in Key Stage 1 classes linked their learning to a range of stories including 'Trolls Stink!', 'Chicken Clicking!' and 'Webster's Bedtime'. In Year 6, we were lucky to have a visit from Dan Hawbrook, Online Safety Officer, focussing on online bullying and what children can do to keep themselves safe online. We cannot wait to celebrate Safer Internet Day next term on the Tuesday 9th February 2021 as well as our One Day Creative E-Safety Workshops. You may have seen our weekly guides for parents and carers from NOS on our Facebook page and website. These provide a range of information and top tips to keep your children safe on different apps and games. We hope you continue to find these helpful, especially during the Christmas period. We hope you have a safe Christmas! **Miss A Worrall**

It's been a busy term for the PTFA with organising the children's Christmas cards, the whole school Tea towel, ordering and wrapping the books from Santa plus arranging oranges to be donated for the school Christingle service. It has been great to be able to run these events this year, and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting us. The money raised this term will be going towards a wish list of things that the children would like to see in school. So before I sign off on behalf of myself and the rest of the team we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year. **Mrs A Mortlock**



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Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a terrific start we have had back at Bourne Elsea Park since September! Our children continue to be their wonderful and magnificent selves journeying through our creative curriculum whilst our staff continue to work to plan engaging, challenging and imaginative learning journeys for them. Whether it is experiencing the blitz with Year 6, running away from Vesuvius in Year 4, being part of a mummification in Year 3 or visiting historic buses in Year 2, we know that through these learning experiences our children will continue to know more and remember more. I know that our teachers are already busy preparing for next term's learning adventures!



Speaking of adventures, we were thrilled to be able to have had some of our pupils reconnect with competitive school sport at local competitions and events this term. We know how important these are to our pupils' personal development and how much they excel when they take part. At recent tag rugby and netball competitions our children were commended on how well they represented the school, setting an example to others – they were absolute superstars! We hope to continue these events and many others in the coming year and will of course keep you updated with the outcomes of these in the latest news section of our website.

It has certainly begun to feel a lot more like Christmas during the last two weeks of term! Trees and tinsel decorate our corridors, nativity songs ring out from classrooms (as I'm sure they do in rooms at home!), Mr Revell has been wearing a rather peculiar selection of Christmas jumpers and Christmas cards are delivered by our Year 6 children. During this special time of the year, we share the Christmas story through our virtual nativity and our Christmas Carol service at Bourne Abbey Church. In this time of advent, we remind our children of the good news that Christmas brings and the messages of love, hope, joy and peace that are shared throughout this time.

As always, a huge thank you to everyone who continues to make Bourne Elsea Park such a special place to learn. It has been a memorable term, with the return of events such as Collective Worships, Golden Book assemblies and playtimes together, it has made the sense of community and family at our school even stronger and I look forward to watching this develop in the new year. Our children have been back to their brilliant best and a special mention must go to our two new classes of Reception children who have settled superbly into school life at Bourne Elsea Park.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone here at the school, we look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Mr Peter Bellamy, Acting Head of School

A Christmas Blessing from Father Chris
 O Lord, May we know the joy of the angels,
 the eagerness of the shepherds,
 the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
 and the peace of the Christ child
 this Christmas.
 Amen.



Yet again, our school year began with the important job of voting in our new Student Councillors. The whole school used their democratic right to have their voices heard by selecting their choice of candidate in the voting box before votes were counted and proud members of the Student Council were presented with their new badges. Being led by our new Year 6 representatives, councillors have met regularly to discuss suggestions from their classes and to plan important days such as Children in Need day on which we successfully raised over £500! They have been joined by our UNICEF ambassadors, along with a huge variety of other representatives of pupil voice in the school to take part in our incredibly successful UNICEF Gold Level reaccreditation day, where they impressed the assessors with their knowledge and enthusiasm for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the benefits and rewards of our school being Rights Respecting. Our wonderful Outright Campaign has focused this year on the vital subject of mental health, and along with helping to lead some informative Collective Worships on this theme, our UNICEF Ambassadors took part in an interesting UNICEF led virtual presentation on World Children's Day. They are now continuing to support their peers and our Mindful team in improving the health and wellbeing of the children in our school. The Council have continued to listen to the ideas of their peers on how to improve the school and lead them in new initiatives and charity days and have this year been supported by our fabulous PTFA who have agreed to fund a new environmental area, with planting areas, bird watching, feeding equipment, bug houses and watering facilities. Amazing work Student Council and so many thanks to our wonderful PTFA! I would like to thank them for their hard work this term and look forward to continuing with them to make our school the best it can be! **Miss S Davey**



RECEPTION

What an amazing start the children have had to their school life. It is incredible to look back to September and see how far we have come. The children are now independent and enthusiastic learners and are always ready to tackle every new challenge.

We have embraced our 'Superhero Me' theme and taken part in lots of superhero inspired learning. We found out about all the different skills that superheroes have and tried to recreate them in our own way.

One of the highlights of the term was dressing up as a superhero and taking part in a superhero training camp. We learnt about the superhero skills of perseverance, strength, stealth and a little bit of magic!

One of the most wonderful learning experiences in school is making new friends. We have loved building friendships and embraced this during Friendship Week. We are always happy to be playing and learning alongside all of our friends across the two Reception classes both inside and outside the classroom.

We have also enjoyed finding out about topical events over the last two terms and our classroom provision reflected these. We took parts in lots of creative activities from making poppies, to splatter painting fireworks, to autumnal printing and making Diva lamps to celebrate Diwali.

As the term came to a close, we were thrilled to film our Christmas Nativity play. We know it will bring Christmas cheer to everyone who watches it over Christmas time.

What an amazing first two terms in school. We can't wait to find out what is in store next year!

Mrs W Campbell & Mrs A Simpson



Year 3

Wow! What a way to start the year! We really could not have squeezed any more learning into our first term in Year 3. We started our learning by thinking about a topic very close to our hearts – pollution and saving the world. Initially we learnt all about different natural disasters and how these impact upon the people who are most severely affected, and then we moved on to think about human disasters and what we can do to reduce our impact on our beautiful planet. We focussed on plastic pollution and how our waste can destroy habitats and eco-systems. We then got our brains buzzing as we designed out-of-this-world inventions that could collect and recycle plastics into solutions for other world problems, such as creating housing for homeless people, or making robots to provide company for the elderly. We then sent our ideas off to the marvellous Sir David Attenborough... and guess what... he wrote back to us! We were literally bursting with excitement as we read about how he had been charmed to receive our letters and thrilled to know we enjoyed his programmes. What a very precious letter to receive.

Then we took a step back in time to the Ancient Egyptian era. A real highlight was the visit from the Partake Theatre Company. Through the two morning workshops, we developed our knowledge and understanding of the lives and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians. We couldn't believe our luck when we were able to handle different artefacts, and our senses were sent into a spin during the spice sniffing challenge. Then, in the afternoon, we put our imagination and drama skills to work as we dressed up and took part in the burial ritual of the deceased Prince Sety. This really was a once in a life time opportunity and the atmosphere we created as the hall was lit by the flickering candle light was truly remarkable. This surely was a day we shall remember for a very long time, all eternity maybe!

We don't know about you, but we need a couple of weeks off to recover! Have a fabulous Christmas everyone and we'll see you in 2022! Miss L Ockwell



Year One

Wow – what a fabulous fairytale beginning to Year 1! The children have absolutely blown us away with their enthusiasm, hard work and determination. They

settled back into school so well, making that important transition from Reception to Y1, with an eagerness to learn and shine. They wasted no time sharing their incredible imaginations with us as we have produced some truly wonderful writing based on The Gingerbread Man and their own versions of The Three Little Pigs. The children have baked and decorated delicious gingerbread men (luckily – none of them ran away!) and created bridges for The Billy Goats' Gruff – we think we may have spotted some flourishing architects in our midst! In maths, we have got to grips with addition and subtraction to 10 and in science we have found out all about our senses and different materials and their properties. Thank you for all your support with stunning 'take care' homework tasks and home reading. We really appreciate your time and efforts. Have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in January, ready for our next adventure 'Into the Unknown...'

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Year 1 team!

Mrs R Bradley, Mrs J Trafford and Mrs C Evans



Year 4

Phew! How have we packed so much into this incredibly busy and exciting term in Year 4? Beginning our term with a bang, we plunged straight into our new Roman topic, Veni, Vidi, Vici through the eyes of two young children living in Pompeii in AD79. While reading the book, Escape from Pompeii, Year 4 have learned so much about the history, culture and society during the time of the Roman Empire and just how shattering the explosion of Mount Vesuvius was for the citizens of this bustling coastal town, inspiring them to write various genres of texts about the experiences of the Tranio, the boy at the centre of our story. Following on with a very different adventure, Year 4 have enjoyed reading the fairy tale fantasy, The Tunnel and have written their own version of untold events from the point of view of Jack, the boy lost in a fairy tale woods. Of course, so much more learning about Ancient Rome has been taking place in Year 4, culminating in our fantastic class assembly where the children showcased their in-depth knowledge of this epic empire along with their fabulous acting and singing talents. Then of course, they enjoyed a superb day at Peterborough museum, handling Roman artefacts and roleplaying various members of Ancient Roman citizens. Finally, they enjoyed a wonderful DT topic, all about Roman food, where they learned many culinary skills, such as peeling, chopping, and mashing to create a tasty and healthy paupers potage. Oh yes, not to forget the incredible maths, Art, RE and PSHE learning that's taken place too! Time for a rest, I think! Please enjoy a wonderful festive season and a refreshing New Year!

Miss S Davey



Year 5

What an exciting term it has been in Year 5! Our Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have covered so much, including: the lives of the rich and poor, housing, the workhouse and Victorian schooling and servant life. We were able to bring the experience alive with our fantastic Victorian school day giving the children the chance to experience first-hand what life was like for a child in a Victorian schoolroom. The children had an excellent time dressing up and getting into role as a real Victorian child, roleplaying some of the discipline and learning from a Victorian classroom. This included paying a penny to enter, fitness drills, singing the national anthem, writing on chalkboards and the dreaded dunce hat! We do not expect they will want to swap to this type of learning on a regular basis but they joined in enthusiastically on the day! As part of Black History Month, the children also learnt about the life and contributions of Harriet Tubman. Later in the term they excelled themselves in DT when learning new designing, sawing and construction skills in order to create bridges in the style of Brunel. The children were also introduced to the 'Building Buddies' scheme which we will be taking part in over the course of this year. We have been really impressed with the take care homework which has been produced this term. It has been lovely to see the children taking pride in their creations and enjoying the topic. Thank you for all your support this term. The Year 5 team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Mr J Waterhouse



Year 2

Wow – what an incredible journey we have already been on this academic year in 2H! The easing of restrictions has resulted in a number of first time experiences for the children including a school visit and carol service. I have been blown away by the children's determination, enthusiasm and maturity as they have taken on these new adventures and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in confidence as the year progresses.

Our topic, 'Oh the Places You'll go' led us far and wide as we learnt about our town's transport today and in the past. In October, we had a wonderful visit to the Delaine bus depot in Bourne. We were all captivated by the stories Mr Delaine-Smith shared about the company through the World Wars! It was interesting to find out about the old buses, including how customers used to purchase tickets and how the busses are maintained today. Nevertheless, the highlight of the day must be hearing the echo of shrieks and gasps coming from the children during the bus wash! I was immensely proud of how the children represented the school and showcased our 3 Rs.

We have loved exploring many different texts surrounding our topic. Our favourites being Penguinpig and the poem book 'You can't take an elephant on the bus!' The children showed great courage in re-enacting parts of the story and all joined in learning the poetry off by heart which culminated in a wonderful performance. In DT I was wowed by the ideas and care children put into designing and creating their own vehicles. It was great to see all children get involved in exploring the mechanics of different vehicles and applying their learning to their own models.

In term two we took a jump over the water to the Isle of Struay in our topic: "Isle go anywhere..." exploring Island life through the Katie Morag stories. Our cross curricular learning has allowed the children to experience some real Scottish delights including baking their own porridge. The children's inquisitiveness has shone through in our RE lessons where we have been learning about Islam and the importance of belonging to a community and religion. We explored the significance of the naming ceremony for new born babies and enjoyed discovering the origin and meaning behind our own names. Our exploration and ICT skills were further put to the test in our Geography lessons this term when we learnt how to identify physical and human features within our Elsea Park community and local area.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year, especially with your reading, spelling and fantastic take care homework. I wish you all a peaceful, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Miss E Hornsby

