

Personal Development  
The Chronicles of  
Cestria Primary  
School  
2023 - 2024



January  
2024



## Fantastic Swimming

Our fabulous swimming team who came second in the Durham and Chester le Street swimming gala.. We are SO proud of you all.



Physical Health & Active Lifestyles

## Safeguarding Newsletter

Sent out to parents.



British Values

## Lets Play Darts!

This morning Year 3 and 4 have taken part in a workshop with Sean from Marts Academy, looking at how we can learn and develop maths skills through darts!

The children really enjoyed having a go and working out the scores... and a special well done to Noah and Ario who were our two finalists!





Character Education

## Super Science

In science, we have been learning about how sound travels. We made string telephones as part of our experiment.



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## Amazing Art

The children have been experimenting with different ways of using paint and produced some excellent examples!



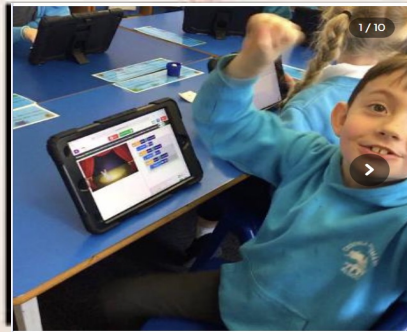
Character Education

## Fantastic Structures

Taking abstract to a whole new dimension some fantastic sculptures. We have been creating abstract 3D sculptures with a theme of playground equipment.

## Coding

Year 3 are absolutely flying with our coding unit of work in Computing! We have learned to code generally, code in sequences, and today have started using timers in our code to set off sequences & algorithms! Great job everyone .



Character Education

## Book Assembly

As a school we have read and talked about the book 'My Shadow is Pink' ahead of LGBTQ+ month in February. We have had a great discussion about inclusion and how we should always try to be who we are inside.



Protected characteristics

## Rock Detectives

Year 3 in their latest session becoming rock detectives have been testing physical properties of rocks to decide how strong they are, how permeable they are, and to see if they react to acid (vinegar) or not! From this, we can predict whether they are igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic rocks!



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## Coding

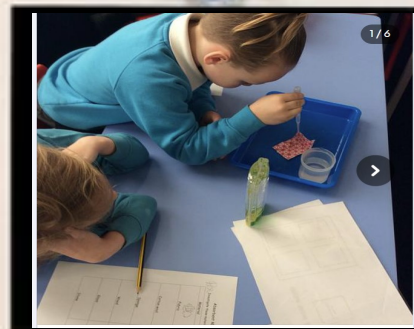
Year 5 have been creating their own 'room' for our installation performance art .



Character Education

## Super Science

Year 2 have been working together to test and record the absorbency of different materials in science. They also thought carefully about what makes a fair test.



Character Education

## Art

In Art year 2 have been using clay to make pinch pots. They also learned a technique to join two pieces of clay together called 'score and slip' and really enjoyed trying it out.



Character Education

## Hot Seating

Year 3 have been hot seating the characters of Fantastic Mr Fox, and having our own debate... Farmers vs Foxes! We are really enjoying this topic of work, even if I have asked them to be a bit mean and take the side of the farmers!



Character Education

## Mini Police

Year 5 have been joined by members of the Durham police force as part of the mini-police project. For the next three weeks we will be learning about all of the different things that the police do.



Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance

## Computing

In computing this half term Year 5 are coding. They have been creating simulations using algorithms.



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## Cookery

In our cookery rotation this week the children used their amazing spreading and chopping skills to make a delicious wrap. They even used their maths skills to count in twos and five's with raisins and marshmallows .



Character Education

## Design & Technology

In DT we are learning about mechanisms and the children made their very own linkage. We were very impressed well done everyone!



Character Education

## Peer to Peer

Reception had a lovely afternoon we've had with our Year 6 buddies.

They have helped us design our own dinosaur eggs.



Character Education



### PE at Parkview

Reception had a fabulous morning at Parkview, playing lots of different games with the older boys and girls.



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### Peer to Peer

Year 6 had lots of fun working with their buddies in Reception.



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### Judaism

Year 2 enjoyed finding out about the story of the 10 Plagues. Some of us pretended to be Moses and others were Pharaoh.



Spiritual, Moral & Cultural Education

## Reading Buddies

We have 2 new members in each Reception and Key Stage 1 class who love to listen to bedtime stories. They will spend time with a chosen child from the class. The aim is to give the children a nice bedtime story, to take pictures/ write about the story (favourite bits in the Bedtime Bear Adventures book to write in.



Character Education

## Assembly

We welcomed Mr Garlick from Cornerstones who came to talk to us about Trust today. We have drawn someone who we felt we could trust.



Spiritual, Moral & Cultural Education

## Art

Photorealism. Year 4 have used our objects to create still life compositions. When we were happy with our compositions we took a photo on our iPads. We can then refer to the photos over the next few lessons as our still-life paintings take shape. We have begun to sketch the basic layout and next time we will be choosing paint techniques to bring the pictures to life .



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### Outdoor Fun

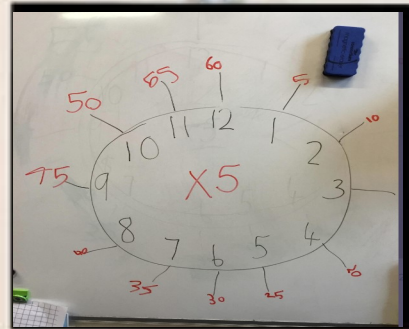
The children in Reception love to use the outside decking area. The rain or cold days don't stop them having fun learning.



Character Education

### Clock Maths

Year 2 enjoy playing maths games to help tell the time and also to help to learn times tables.



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### Peer to Peer

Year 3 and 4 worked together in teams in Bench ball. We liked the idea of having to find more space in a crowded court at the beginning of games and then being able to put more passes together as more people joined the benches .



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