



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Autumn 2024 Newsletter 2

A message from the Headteacher

After nearly four months, the Autumn term is over and I am in awe of the progress all the children have made in many areas of their learning. It is also wonderful to see how polite and articulate they all are becoming too. The Fairisle Staff have worked so very hard every day to ensure that our pupils are safe, happy and engaged with their learning. I am extremely proud of everyone within our Fairisle Family!



The Christmas performances were fantastic across all year groups – I was beaming ear to ear! The perseverance, determination and energy demonstrated that our children are striving to reach their potential!

At Fairisle Infant & Nursery School we want every child to achieve success and be the best they can possibly be. There is a clear link between pupils' achievement and their level of attendance at school. Pupils need to attend school regularly and punctually to benefit from their education.

May I wish you all a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in January 2025!

Miss Owens, Headteacher

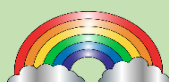
Caterpillar group

Children have been enjoying being outside and developing their gross motor skills in the garden. They have been climbing, walking, rolling, and riding in cars and bikes. All of these activities are helping to develop their coordination and skills. Well done Caterpillars!



Rainbow Room

Autumn 2 has been a busy half term full of celebrations in Rainbow Nursery, these included Diwali, Bonfire Night, World Nursery Rhyme Week, Remembrance Day & Children In Need. We are now really looking forward to Christmas. We have written letters to Santa, we are learning Christmas songs, decorated our Christmas Tree as well as making lots of Christmassy Crafts.



Sunshine Room

Our favourite memories from this half term took place during World Nursery Rhyme week where we sang a new rhyme each day and took part in activities linked to the different areas of the curriculum. After singing 'The Big Ship Sails' we used boats to help Concept Cat learn about the concept 'last'. We made boats, dressed up like pirates and enjoyed singing and dancing. We took a trip to space as we sang 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.' We learned about shapes and made a night scene to represent the rhyme. Acting out the life cycle of a chicken from 'Old MacDonald' was interesting and we had lots of opportunities to practice our reading and mark-making skills. We enjoyed playing musical instruments loudly and quietly and linked this to different versions of 'Incy, Wincy, Spider.' We rolled a die, subitised the number and added sticks to playdough to represent the legs of a spider. We made sets to match numbers too by adding pegs to our cardboard spiders! Later in the week we used props and pennies to sing and act out '5 Currant Buns in a Baker's Shop.' We developed our fine motor skills by doing coin rubbings and drawing our own currant buns. We had fun using loose parts to make our own currant buns too!



Year R



Year R have made huge leaps in progress this half-term and grown in confidence. We have been learning about Jesus' birthday and the nativity. We were so proud of our performances in the Year R Christmas Production singing and dancing our hearts out and showing our creative sides. We had our first school trip to the local post-box and spotted some of the landmarks around our local area. Here we each posted a Christmas card that we had made and written for our family. The adults said we were so sensible on their walk and we are so excited to wait for the delivery of our creation.

Year 1

This half term we have focussed very hard on our learning in writing, DT and Geography. In writing we have explored in depth about traditional tales and used role-play to understand the journey of the 3 Little Pigs and also rewritten an entire story of the 3 Billy Goats Fluff! In DT we have become designers and explored how we can make and build playgrounds, we have used different materials to try and design and rebuild some of our favourite playground equipment. Cooper and Nicola said "A seesaw needs to have the handles so we can hold on and the seat so we have somewhere to sit." We have also become geographers and looked at the United Kingdom. Using our working wall and class discussions, we were able to map the United Kingdom and name all 4 countries, name their capital cities and identify each country's flag! Jack told us "Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland." Whilst Rosalie said "The flower of England is a rose." Overall, we have had a fantastic term in year 1!



Year 2



This half term's newsletter entry for Year 2 has been written by Aria and Vanessa:

We have been learning about Guy Fawkes. We have been singing our Christmas songs. We have been learning about how people are the same and how people are different. We had 'jumper day' and we had to wear Christmas jumpers. We have had a wonderful term at school!