



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Summer 2025 Newsletter 5

A message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your thoughtful responses to our recent parent questionnaire – your support and feedback are greatly appreciated. As we will soon be entering the final term of the academic year, I just wanted share with you that it is truly inspiring to see how far the children have come since September. Their academic achievements, alongside the growth in perseverance, resilience, kindness, and compassion, are a joy to witness and a testament to the strong partnership between home and school. We are committed to listening, learning, and continuing to provide the very best for every child.



Here are just a few of the lovely comments we received:

- *"Exceptional nursery! All staff are nurturing and attentive."*
- *"My child has made so much progress – the staff are brilliant."*
- *"The Teachers are an asset to the school."*
- *"The school has adapted brilliantly to support my child's Autism."*
- *"Amazing staff – always willing to listen and help. Never feel judged."*
- *"My child is engaged, happy and loves coming to school."*
- *"Very supportive school. The office team are always helpful and professional."*
- *"Exactly the reason I chose this school for my child – Amazing!"*

Thank you for all your support! Well done to the parent/carer winners of the hampers: Arlo A, Daaron O, Ava M and Rosie T.

Miss Owens, Headteacher

Caterpillar room

Children have been working in our Acorn Room on Now, Next and Then. They have been singing songs in circle time and then working on tasks at the table together. This week they have been glueing and sorting colours and singing the Rainbow song!



Rainbow Room



We have been learning about things that grow so far this half term. We have loved the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. We then planted our own beans, making sure that we gave them a drink of water and put them somewhere sunny. We were all surprised to see how quickly they had grown in a week. We must have green fingers!



Sunshine Room

Plants, insects, and children – what do these things all have in common? Change!

This half term, we have embraced our inner scientists and explored the fascinating world of change and life cycles. From planting seeds and watching them sprout, to discovering minibeasts in our garden and learning about their favourite habitats, our curiosity has been in full bloom. We got creative too—designing beanstalk art with textured materials and painting beautiful, symmetrical butterflies. Story time came alive as we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Superworm*, then used small objects to help us act out our favourite scenes. We even grew our own 'magic' beans and silly 'cress hair' for our teachers! With magnifying glasses in hand, we observed our plants closely, spotting similarities and differences, and learning how to care for them. What a wonderfully busy and blooming term it has been!



Year R

Year R have had an exciting half term learning about all creatures great and small. We started by hunting in the school ground for mini-beasts, linking this to the story of the 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. Next we moved onto larger animals, namely farm animals linking this to the noisy story of 'What the Ladybird heard' this was a fantastic stimulus to get us talking about our Longdown school trip. We plan to end the term on this topic by learning about dinosaurs, their diets and habitats. We can't wait to see what amazing writing the children produce in response to these inspiring reptiles. Look out for a surprise appearance of caterpillars arriving very shortly in Year R classes to round off a successful half term!



Year 1



In Year 1 this term, we have done lots of exciting learning across all of our subjects. The children's favourite has been our Science learning where we all were able to go on a school trip to Hilliers Gardens. All 3 classes enjoyed a day filled with activities in nature, including picking herbs and flowers, going on a nature walk to observe the different plants and trees and also going pond dipping to find any creatures that might be living in there. With the highlight being able to find newts! We have had an excellent half term in Year 1 and the entire Year 1 team are very proud of everyone.

Year 2

We have had something very exciting happen in Year 2 this half term. We found an egg that we looked after. Unfortunately, the egg hatched and escaped leaving behind a large mess. We think there was a dragon inside the egg! We continued learning about dragons by reading 'The Egg' and then had a visit from it's author, MP Robertson who taught us how to draw dragons. Lilly from Eagles wrote about his visit:

First we came to the hall and Mark was telling us about dragons because he is an expert. I was happy and excited. After that, Mark was drawing a dragon. He was showing the other books. Later on Mark was teaching us to draw a dragon. It was the best day ever!

We loved the book 'Tell Me a Dragon' and have designed and written about our own dragons. In Science, we found the best places where Steve the Stick Insect could make friends and continued to develop our Maths knowledge using water to measure capacity. Leo using dragons horns to listen to the sounds of dragons.

