



Altmore News

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Dear Children and Families,

We have reached the end of another year! I'd like to say how proud I am of you all for making this year such a success. It's been a real pleasure to see how happy you've all been back in school and how much you've enjoyed your learning, and the progress you've made. Have a lovely holiday – see you on Monday 6th September.

Sarah

Attendance Awards



Highest Class Attendance Week Ending .09.07.21

Our Target: 96%

Nursery – Green, Blue, Red	100 %
Reception – Class 7	96.4 %
Year 1 – Class 18	99.3 %
Year 2 – Class 13	99.3 %

Nursery

Green Room

In Green room this term, we have enjoyed learning all about all things to do with water. We explored the water tray and watched things float and sink. We also enjoyed filling up and emptying different sized containers. We learnt about the different types of weather and enjoyed listening to a range of lovely stories. We then learnt all about Japan and the Olympics; creating Japanese flags and printing with paint to make the Olympic rings. We have had so much fun this term, we even got to compete in our school Sports Day.



Blue and Red Room

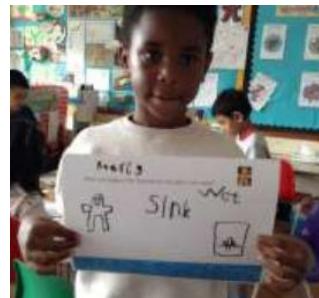
At the start of the term, we encouraged the children to talk about what they had done during the half-term holiday they drew pictures. We then began teaching our topic 'How many pebbles on the beach?' We shared our personal experiences about the seaside. We had our very own Altmore beach and an Ice Cream Parlour and enjoyed a range of seaside-themed books, including 'Billy's Bucket', 'One is a Sail Ten is a Crab', 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and songs and rhymes. In Phonics this term, will have been teaching the children the set 1 sounds. Most children are recognising letters and practising writing their name in preparation for their Reception year.



Reception

Traditional Tales

This term we have continued to read traditional tales in Reception. When reading 'The Gingerbread Man' children read different versions of the story comparing similarities and differences before thinking of a different way the gingerbread man could cross the river. They discussed their ideas in groups, developing their conversation and verbal reasoning skills. Children then wrote alternative endings for the story and created a class book which quickly became a favourite book to read during end of the day 'Storytime'.



Physical Development



The children have really enjoyed their PE sessions with Coach Rich. The children have had opportunities to develop and show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements when using a range of equipment. Using large scale obstacle courses and gymnastic equipment has enabled the children to move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space and avoiding obstacles.

Year 1

Dinosaurs

In Term 6 children continued to learn about Dinosaurs, and began looking at their diet, alongside learning about the bodies and diets of everyday animals. The children thought about their body parts and compared this with animals. They learnt about the names of different animal groups such as mammals, amphibians, birds, fish, reptiles and about the different characteristics that make an animal belong to a specific group. To end the topic, children took part in a very interesting investigation looking at animal poo! Teachers made poo to resemble the droppings of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores, which the children believed were real! Although the children were quite disgusted, they did get stuck-in and looked closely at shape, size, colour and texture. They looked for clues inside the droppings to help them predict the diet correctly. The droppings had grass, sweetcorn and hair inside, and children were taking part in lots of exciting talk about what they could see.



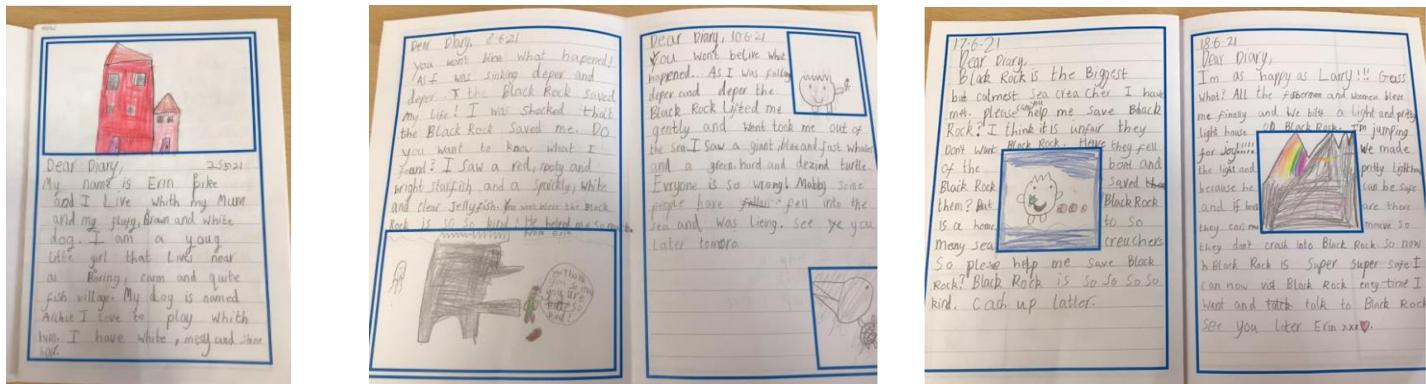
Year 1 have been very busy these last few weeks. Children have been taking part in transition activities in preparation for moving into their new year group, and enjoying lots of fun activities related to the upcoming Olympics! Children have learnt about Japan, the host country for the Olympics this year. In English, they have learnt how to write their name in Japanese and in Maths they have been learning how to count to 10 in Japanese! Children have really enjoyed creating Japanese inspired artwork, such as paintings of cherry blossom trees, and also painted their own t-shirts for Sports Day. In P.E they had lots of fun taking part in sumo wrestling! At the end of the week, children came to school looking fabulous dressed up in Japanese clothing!



Year 2

The Secret of Black Rock

The children in Year 2 loved reading the story 'The Secret of Black Rock'. Children were exposed to the story gradually, to allow plenty of opportunities for predictions throughout the text. This also created huge excitement for children to know what happened next in a story which was really wonderful to see. Children started by predicting what they thought the title would be by looking for clues on the front cover. They then completed descriptive writing about Black Rock and wrote about how the characters were feeling throughout the story. Throughout the unit, children were publishing diary entries in role as the main character 'Erin.' This was done one entry at a time, as the story unfolded! Each diary entry had a different English focus including writing in the first person, using a range of punctuation, writing in the past tense and using coordination and subordination. Take a look at Anjali's diary below:



Beach Day

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year (again) has been the second year where we have been unable to take children to the beach, so... Year 2 teachers decided to bring the beach to Altmore - we had a 'Beach Day' at school, in the sun on the rooftop play deck! The roof-deck was filled with everything 'summer' including bunting, music, sand pits, paddling pools, outdoor games, books to read and seaside colouring sheets. To make the day even more memorable we had an ice-cream van visit and all children were able to go up and get a Whippy. This was a great highlight of the day with all children extremely excited by the whole day and experience. It was with very warm hearts that teachers observed children playing with other children in their year group and not just children in their class. From water fights to reading books calmly, children had the most wonderful day.



Other News & Events

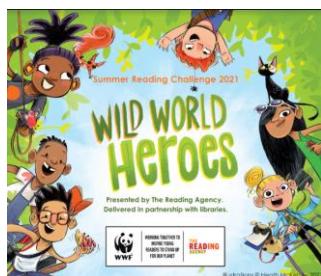
Japan Week

This year, the Olympics is taking place in Japan. As a school we celebrated 'Japan Week'. We talked about where Japan is in the world and located it on a Globe. We listened to The Japanese National Anthem and then compared it to our National Anthem. We also listened to traditional Japanese music. We looked at the Japanese flag and learnt about the meaning behind the red circle. We learnt about the history of the Olympics, when and where the first Olympics took place. We talked about the different games that were included in the Olympics and which countries took part. We wrote our names in Japanese and we created some Japanese art. We made Japanese fans and used them when we took part in traditional Japanese dancing. We also learnt how to count in Japanese too. For sports day, each class will be splitting up into 5 groups and each group will represent a country that is taking part in the Olympics this year. To end the week, we also came in dressed in Japanese clothing. We had lots of fun and can't wait for the Olympics this year.



Summer Reading Challenge

Your child has started their Summer Reading Challenge! Please support your child in completing the challenge by reading books from a Newham Library. All children will start the competition with a trip to the library with their class where they will be allowed to choose two books. Once they have read these books, parents are to take them back to the library to get their next two books. To win the challenge children have to read 6 books over the summer. This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes.'



Healthy Start Vitamins

You can now receive free vitamins if you have a child under the age of 4, are pregnant, or had a baby in the last 12 months and you are living in Newham.

To arrange to collect your vitamins, please contact the Children's Centre on 0208 552 6604 who will be happy to help.

You may also be eligible for the Healthy Start Scheme which would entitle you to free milk, fruit & vegetables.

Pick up an application which will give you all you need to apply or visit [healthystart.nhs.uk](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) for more information.



Dates for your diary...

July

16th July Last day of term

September

6th September First day of term

Please note these dates are subject to change