

Bowerham Newspaper

Autumn Term 2023



Well, what a busy term we have had here at Bowerham! Everything from Christmas makes to flu vaccines, we've done it all with buckets full of enthusiasm and a smile on our faces!

We quickly settled into our new classes and have all been working hard all term.

We have all had a great time as you can see from our newspaper with trips, visitors, parties, nativities, carol services and singing.

We've said a sad "Goodbye" to members of staff, Mr Morris and Ms Smith, we will miss you, but wish you well for the future.

We have welcomed Mrs Caradice, Mr Soole, Mrs Knowles

-O'Sullivan, Miss Wall and Miss Hill to the staff team, as well as welcoming back Mrs Sharma. Miss Bettess will be teaching Year 3 from January 2024.

Mr Essa and Mrs Kenyon have both got married this term, not to each other though and we wish them a very happy future.

Miss Kay has had a new baby, Adley-Joshua, Hugo is being an amazing big brother!

The newspaper has a new team, Neve, Daisy, Freddie and Timothy who have made a great job this term.

We all hope that you have a fabulous Christmas break, whether or not you celebrate Christmas and a very happy New Year.



Books and Film!

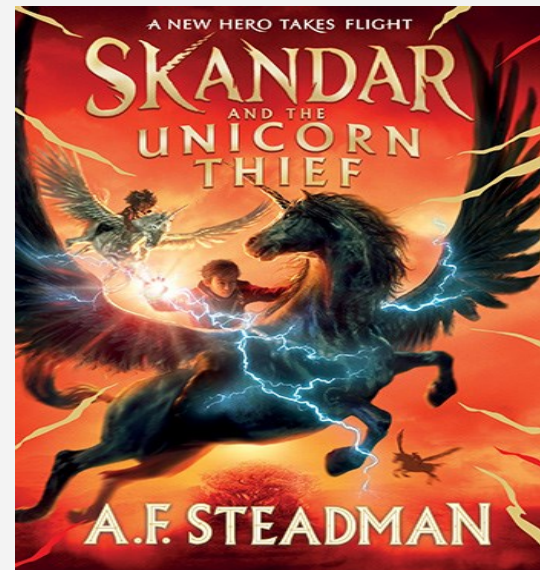


There is a wide variety of books in the library to choose from such as JK Rowling's new and improved Harry Potter, Harry Potter and the lost child, Juniper's Christmas by Eoin Colfer, a Christmas Special or A Christmasaurus Carol written by the bestselling author Tom Fletcher. All of these you can find in the school library so go and check them out.



That is not even the tip of the iceberg for how many books there are to choose from our library, but I am leaving you to explore all the wonders of it.

Another great book for Lower Key Stage 2 children is The Academy and Skandar and the Unicorn Thief.

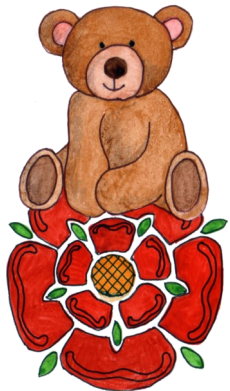


Films are one of the most popular forms of entertainment on the planet and that is why I am going to give you an update on what has been going on behind the scenes. The new Sonic The Hedgehog is on its way. The director of the Sonic 2 movie, Jeff Fowler, has been organising everything for the new Sonic movie planning it over time. It will be released some time in December next year. The Characters include Sonic, the main character, Knuckles and two new characters Amy and Shadow.



That is all from us, thank you and goodbye.

Reception at Bowerham



All of Reception had the most relaxing Marble Day, after a fantastic nativity performance.



Our Nativity was all about the Christmas story told from the twinkly stars perspective!
Our donkey made some funny jokes.



Sadie thinks that we should work super hard next term to have another marble day soon!

We enjoyed lots of exciting activities on marble day. We had a yummy hot chocolate station. We watched our favourite Christmas films and even turned half of the classroom into a spa! It was so cool!

“It was the best day ever!” said Georgie, as the day came to an end....

“I loved the spa because we had cucumber on our eyes.” said Joe.



Year 1 have a really 'slice'



Year 1 children had such a 'slice' time making healthy pizzas in Design and Technology

As part of the Year 1 Design Technology curriculum, we have been learning all about healthy eating. As part of the topic, the Year 1 children designed, made and evaluated healthy pizzas.

We began our learning by looking at about the eatwell guide and all the food groups that contribute to a healthy balanced diet. These include: carbohydrates, protein, dairy, fruit and vegetables and healthy fats and oils. We learnt that sugary treats should only be eaten in moderation.

Bowerham Bear brought a very unhealthy lunch including a share-pack of Doritos, a large galaxy chocolate bar and a full bag of Moomin Pinballs! The chil-

children enjoyed telling Bowerham Bear why his lunch was not a healthy option and how he could make better choices.

"Bowerham Bear won't have much energy if he eats that everyday!"

Using our new knowledge of healthy food groups, the children designed a healthy pizza on the computer using iLearn2 and on paper.

To complete the topic the children recorded instructions for how to make a pizza using **time openers**

First you spread the sauce around.

Next sprinkle the cheese on top.

Then add your favourite healthy toppings

Finally cook for 5-7 minutes in the oven and enjoy.



Christmas at Bowerham!

The Year 2 Nativity



The Year 2 Nativity - 'I'm Gonna Shine'

The Year 2 children excelled themselves with a performance that blew the pupils, staff, parents and wider family members away! The Nativity this year was called 'I'm Gonna Shine'. It was a lovely take on the traditional story from the perspective of the Star of Bethlehem. All the children did an amazing job, with each child having a speaking part and the singing was phenomenal!

What did people say?

"That Nativity is the best thing I've ever seen." **Finni's Dad**

"That was amazing. I feel so full of love and Christmas joy." **Mrs Banks**

"I really loved playing the angry, jealous King Herod." **William**

"I was nervous but I feel great after performing.." **Seren**

"Miss Maguire did a fantastic job with her first Nativity." **Miss Denison**

"We are so proud of each and every one of the Year 2 Children." – **The Year 2 Team**

Merry Christmas!



Stone Age Day 2023



YEAR 3 TAKE OVER THE STONE AGE!



Year 3 children take over the STONE AGE!

We arrived at school dressed as Stone Age people. The classroom was full of leopard print and stone age tools, including clubs and some of us were even wearing clay necklaces and earrings. We took part in lots of fun activities, set up by the hairy MR MORRIS! We built a fire in the woods, using a flint and steel to light it. We enjoyed weaving and creating arrow heads and spears using soap. A stone age day would not be the same without cave paintings, we painted bats, hunter gatherers and caves. Please ask the Year 3 children how they made the fire and what they enjoyed the most.

Our thoughts...

"I enjoyed the flint and steel." Reuben

"I liked making the fire too! Hot hot hot!" Noah

"It was like we were really in the Stone Age!" Beatrice

"My favourite activity was the fire pit!" - Senan and Harley

"I enjoyed carving out an arrow head from the soap, we got to use carving tools." - Ethan

"I painted a woolly mammoth." - David

Colour your own stone age man!



YEAR 3 Stone Age Day



WE WILL ROCK YOU!



Year 3's Stone Age Adventure!

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 3 had our very own Stone Age Day! It was outstanding! First, we calved some waxy, slippery soap. Then we used watercolours to create spectacular cave paintings! Next, we watched Mr Morris make a roaring fire! It was super! Year 3 had lots of fun on this day and would love to do it again!



Our thoughts...

"My favourite activity was making the fire!"

Felicity

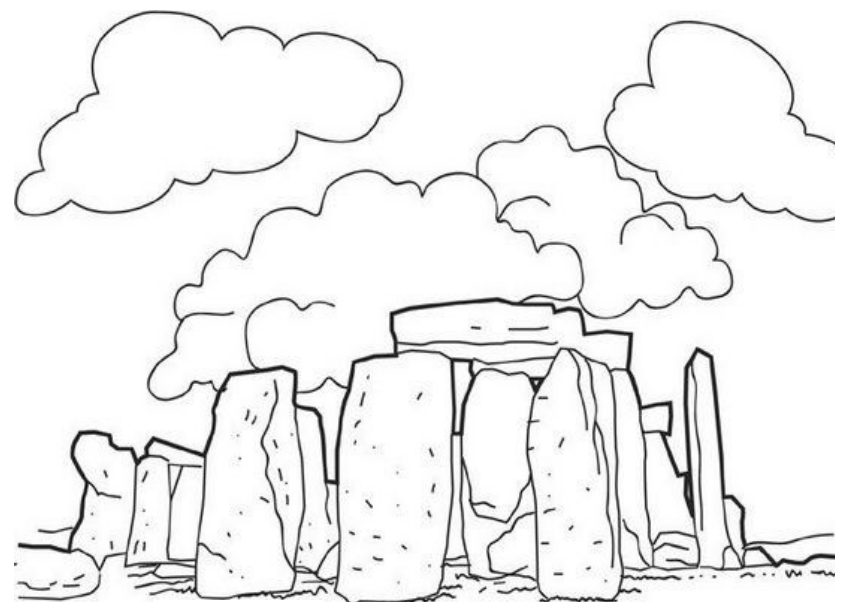
"I enjoyed making the paper tools!"

Georgina

"My favourite activity was calving the soap!" Lily

"I really enjoyed Stone Age Day because it linked to our Topic!" - Xavier

Stonehenge



Witchy Walk!

Year 4 visited Lancaster Castle and the site of the execution of the Lancashire Witches in 1612.

At the start of the half term, Year 4 visited Lancaster Castle and then walked up to Highfield, the site of the hanging of the Lancashire Witches on 20th August 1612.

Last half term, Y4 learned all about the events leading up to the Lancashire Witch trials of 1612 and their aftermath. We learned how people at that time really believed in the existence of witches, even King James I wrote a book about them called "Daemonologie" in which he told everyone it was their duty to seek out witches in our country and get rid of them! Can you believe it?

We had to go in 2 groups, because the Castle couldn't accommodate all of Year 4 at the same time. We walked to the castle and were met by Victoria who took us on a tour. She showed us where it was be-

lieved the witches were held. She told us that they were shackled all the time as people were frightened they might fly away if they were not.

We looked at the court rooms and the prison cells. It must have been horrible to be locked up there!

Victoria showed us equipment of torture and punishment, including a branding iron which was used to burn a mark on people to show they were thieves.

Once we left the Castle, we



Victoria showing us the holding cells. We got to lock our teachers in!

walked up to Highfield, passing the Golden Lion public house, where it is rumoured that the poor, unfortunate witches stopped on their way to be hanged for a last drink. There is a

plaque outside to commemorate this.

We looked at all the features which wouldn't have been there in 1612, as they witches were taken to "the moors outside Lancaster" which is what Highfield was in 1612. Mrs Dyer wondered what kind of a day it was when they were hanged, was the sun shining? It was August after all.

We realised that all the buildings we could see, including Williamson's Park, the canal and the cemetery wouldn't have been there at the time of the hanging.

We all enjoyed our time in the Castle and although we got wet walking, it was interesting to see the changes in Lancaster over time and where the witches met their grisly end!

The Site of the hangings.



Year 5 Victorian Day

One of the many activities we did on Victorian Day was visiting the Judges Lodgings. Staff were dressed up as Victorian Ladies and Gentlemen and greeted us. We walked into the lodgings through the colossal entrance, which was right by the gift shop! In the gift shop, there were all sorts of Victorian artefacts such as hobbyhorses, handcuffs and marbles. We went up the grand staircase and into the classroom. The classroom had many different Victorian items including an abacus, inkpots, desks that could open up, a large bell, and a chalkboard with a mantra saying "better best". There were many other items such as a dunce hat, old football cards, chalk with slate, charcoal and a Union Jack flag.

We then visited a Victorian-style kitchen with our tour-guide. Our guide showed us some old equipment such as a rotisserie, troughs, pots and pans. The first thing we noticed when entering the kitchen was a massive table in the middle where they would have worked on all the food. There were ingredients such as flour and sugar and then even dead birds hanging from the ceiling. The kitchen also had equipment for laundry.

Later in the day we were shown Victorian bedrooms and even a nursery. In the nursery there were Victorian toys which we tried playing with. Some of the toys were made of wood like a rocking boat, spinning tops and blocks. There were also dolls, which Muhammad described as "kinda freaky". The Victorian toys were limited in what materials they were made out of, with only a few materials available such as wood, clay, paper, cotton, wool, string and glass.

"Different toys from different eras such as Edwardian, Victorian and the World Wars right up to the 2000's" - Kathrine

"I think it was amazing because they let you see the magic of how people have grown from the Victorian to Modern age" - Ben

"It was really interesting because we could learn a lot of new things" - Freya

Once we got back from the Judges Lodgings, we continued our Victorian Day with activities. We tried different Victorian playground games. We played tug-of-war, hopscotch, croquet, marbles, blind man's bluff, football, skipping, granny's footsteps, clapping games, arm twists, noughts and crosses, dress-up, and chalk drawing. We did all of this in the rain!

"Chalk was most fun because I like to draw" - Isabelle

Tug-of-war and blind man's bluff were the most popular games with a majority of children agreeing that they were the most enjoyable. There were many other things that Victorians did for fun; they had puppet shows, the circus, theatres, seaside holidays, the opera and sports like cricket. Many of these activities were only for rich Victorians and so poor people were stuck with playing with wooden toys.

We continued Victorian Day at lunchtime in our classroom. We marched around the long tables before we ate. We each got a bowl of gruel for our lunch. It was salty, warm and lumpy. Most children hated the gruel but a few children enjoyed it and even asked for seconds!

"The gruel was disgusting, it looked lumpy, watered down Rice Krispies" - Jayden

"I'm not exaggerating, it is the worst thing I have EVER tasted" - Gabriel

"It was like soggy rotten salted popcorn" - Ben

We came to school dressed as different types of Victorians. Some people wearing old, scraggy Victorian clothes whilst others wore unique fine clothes. If we were naughty or late, the teacher would use their cane. Some children were caned for fidgeting, talking, being cheeky or late. This form of discipline would make sure children would not do anything bad again, but some children started asking for the cane! There were other punishments as well, people were sent to the corner to stand alone facing the wall and others were made to wear a dunce hat, which means idiot.



SCHOOL PANTOMIME!

Recently, the whole school went to the Lowther Pavilion in Lytham, to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

When we arrived at the theatre, we all got out of our coaches and went to our seats inside. Upper KS2, sat at the top of the theatre while the lower years, sat at the very bottom.

Everyone really enjoyed the performance and would very much consider going again to watch the amazing performance. The acting was spot on and everyone performed their parts with gusto. "I loved it . It was brilliant" A year 3 child said "I enjoyed it very much. It was a blast" another child reported. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the humour that Silly Simon performed. Whenever he walked into the room, we would all go and chant "Simon !" when he said Silly. In Avya's opinion Silly Simon, the very humorous one, was the funniest character in the play.

Charlie said in his opinion he thinks that the man in the



giant suit was the best character.

So if you want to ever go and see the pantomime just go on the internet and search up this year's pantomime and book there, it's well worth it.



Early Years Activities

Reception were introduced to their buddies, who they see every Friday.

They really enjoy spending time with them.

