



*Bluebell School*

# *Class Middleton*



In Class Middleton we have completed some fantastic pieces of work and engaged in a wide variety of activities; some of our highlights have been –

- We have welcomed two new friends into our class, and we have all worked hard to establish our school rules into our everyday routine.
- Our topic this term is, 'People Who Help Us' and we have engaged in a wide variety of lessons to consolidate this learning further, including, subitising items within a first-aid box, exploring the objects used by 'People Who Help Us'. We also participated in a community Learning Walk around Kidsgrove to find different people and places that help us including a Police Station, a Post Office, a Dentist and a Library. Additionally, we have engaged in Role Play activities and have dressed up as 'Firefighters, Vets, Doctors and Police Officers'.
- Class Middleton are HUGE lovers of books, and we have really enjoyed engaging in National Story Telling Week this term. We focused on the Story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and completed several activities including, healthy eating smoothies, feeding the Caterpillar healthy and unhealthy foods, using Pasta to complete the life cycle of a Caterpillar, as well as practicing writing our name in a Caterpillar's body!

What another beautiful half term you have had Class Middleton! From Rachael, Bernie and Jess! 😊

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# Wedgwood



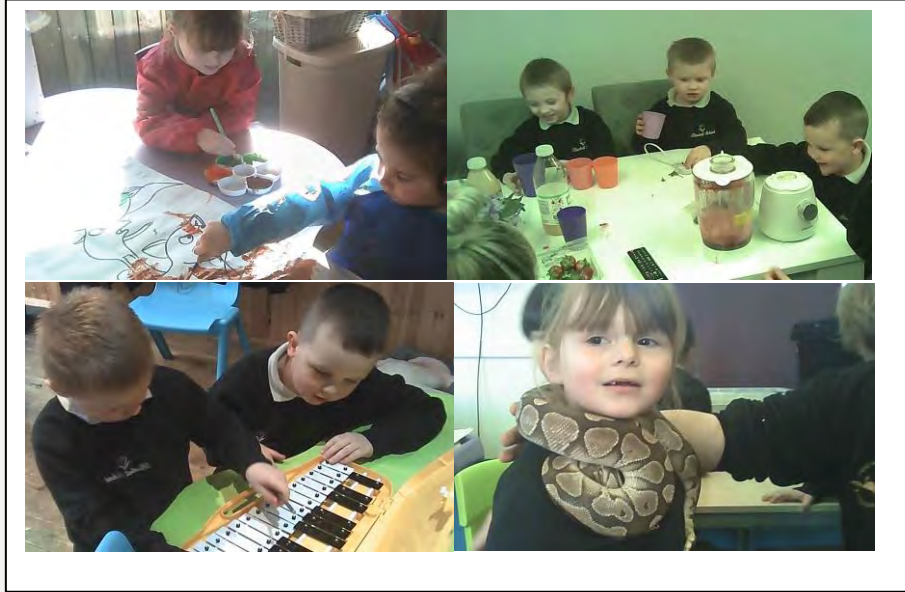
Class Wedgwood have had a fantastic start to the spring term. The children have particularly enjoyed their topic learning on 'The Carnival of the Animals'. The children have been bird watching, collected sticks to make birds nests, created 2D and 3D mammals using craft materials and enjoyed exploring the sensory aspects of African animal habitats. The highlight of this topic for the children was meeting some of these animals in real-life, when The Unconventional Menagerie came to visit Class Wedgwood. All the children were very brave and careful when handling the animals. Some children were even brave enough to hold tarantulas and snakes!!!! Wow!

What an exciting term we have had so far!

Enjoy the break!

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# Class Aynsley



Class Aynsley have had a fantastic start to the Spring term! They have demonstrated excellent enthusiasm in their learning and have built wonderful relationships with adults and peers.

This half term, the children have been Sense Explorers, relating to their English and Science learning! They have participated in sensory and practical activities to explore the five senses, including sensory tuff trays, outdoor exploration and making fruit smoothies.

They have developed beautiful friendships with each other by engaging positively in Social Skills sessions to develop their abilities when interacting. The children have practiced initiating interaction and sharing their special interests with their peers.

Class Aynsley are absolutely thriving in their Phonics learning! We have seen many of the children complete the 'Name the Picture' program and have now moved on to learn pure Set 1 Sounds.

Well done, Class Aynsley, for all of your hard work!

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We have had a super half term since the Christmas break and the children have been working so hard on their activities, developing their independence and building their confidence too. Here are a few of our highlights:

- The children have been swimming! For some of our children this was a brand-new experience and others were extremely nervous, but everyone has done so well and it has been so lovely to see their confidence grow each week.
- They have been amazing scientists as we have been conducting lots of experiments this half term! Their favourite was making ice cream!
- The children have been on many outings this half term, a few of these include: Lidl, Tesco, The Library and walks in the local area.
- National story telling week was another highlight, the children loved being read to by Sharon and engaged in so many other fun activities.

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# Coalport



Class Coalport have had a beautiful end to the half term! We have all really enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities as part of the curriculum. We have worked together to take part in lots of fun experiments as part of our Science lessons. The children's favourite one was the fruity sweets colour mixing experiment. We made a rainbow!

This term, the children especially loved story telling week where we visited our local library and discussed our favourite books. The children did an amazing job of creating our own story door of the book they had chosen, "Dog Man".

For a well-earned end of term treat and a fun way to close storytelling week, and our love for "Dog Man", class Coalport took a trip to the Cinema to watch the movie with an added treat of a McDonalds for our dinner, Yum!!

Well done, Coalport! Have a lovely break and we will see you on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

From, Kayleigh, Shannon, Kirsty and Jye ☺

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# Class Minton



Class Minton have had a lovely start to the spring term, we have had lots of fun whilst we learn!

We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in National Storytelling Week and as a class have focused on the story 'Alice in Wonderland'. We have participated in lots of practical activities relating to the story such as a role play tea party, potions tuff tray activities (where we explored using all our senses) and used cross-curricular links whilst using the 'giant playing cards' to play games such as, identifying numbers that may be higher or lower than the previous card.

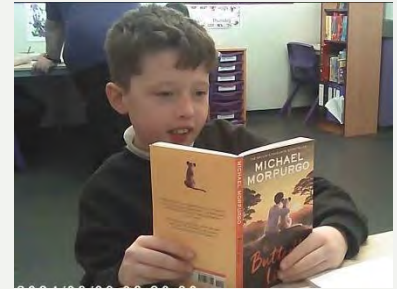
During Science, some of us have been exploring habitats and have used a multisensory approach to our learning. Some of us have been working hard to complete scientific investigation through experimentation and others have been learning about the Solar System.

We love to use lots of concrete resources to reinforce our learning. Maths allows us to use a variety of resource such as Numicon, number rods, multilink cubes, counting bears etc. Some of us have been learning about patterns, whilst others have been learning about addition and subtraction.

We have had a fun filled half term and have participated in lots of activities to support our social skills and understanding of diversity.

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# Class Dudson



Class Dudson have had a brilliant term so far.

The children have been listening to and studying the book, 'The Butterfly Lion' during English and have really enjoyed following the story and producing beautiful letters in the role of the main character 'Bertie'.

In Science, we have been learning about Great British scientists and have spent some time in lessons researching some facts about them, to produce our own fact files. We have researched many famous Scientists and looked in-depth at what they were famous for. We have also investigated red and white blood cells.

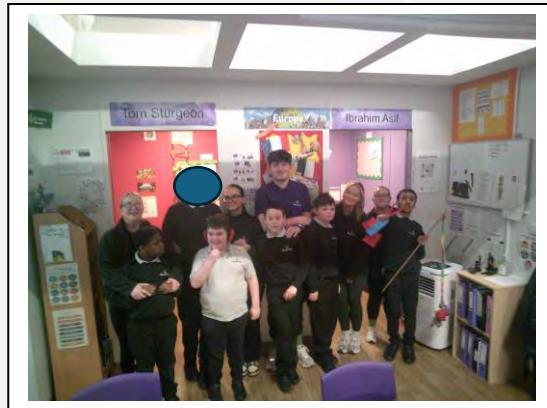
As part of our Art topic, we have been learning new skills such as conte crayon sketching and pointillism. The class visited Mow Cop castle and engaged in an activity to create a sketch of the amazing ruins.

During PE, the class took part in some yoga, following along to an instructional yoga walkthrough - fun and laughs were had all the way through! Pupils have also demonstrated their amazing swimming skills and water safety too. They represented the school well whilst offsite by listening to and following the instructor's rules carefully.

As part of the History topic, we have been learning about Mount Vesuvius, its eruption in Pompeii and the devastation it caused to the people living there. The children were learning about why the people of Pompeii walked around with pillows on their heads and replicated it by walking around the class with their folded jumpers to protect their heads from the falling Lego (dust and rocks).

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*Gladstone*



Class Gladstone have had an amazing start to the spring term. All children have worked hard during their lessons and have even amazed us when trying new foods, which is lovely to see 😊.

Some of the children have had opportunities to join our local community and take part in litter picks, making bird homes and reading to members of the dementia club. Staff are so pleased with how children represented Bluebell whilst doing this. Huge well done to you all!

KS2 children have really enjoyed their science lessons, having taken part in lots of exciting experiments, like making balloons self-inflate, making slime and making liquids explode.

Thank you for all your hard work this half term, enjoy your well-deserved break and we will see you after your week off. We can't wait to hear what you have all been up to!

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# Wade



Wade have settled back in well this half term and have learnt about their new topic - 'Modern Europe'.

In Science, the children have loved being scientists and completing experiments. They enjoyed trying to predict what would happen and then commenting on their observation.

We enjoyed taking part in National Story Telling week, we decorated our door as 'The real wonders of the world' and learnt fun facts about different areas of the world. We then took part in an offsite trip to the library and enjoyed some story books. This has nicely rounded up our half term in English, when learning about non-fiction texts.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you after the break. From Sophie, Claire, Sam and Jason.

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# Spode



Class Spode has had a fantastic start to the spring term! All pupils have worked extremely hard, and several of our students worked together as a team to win the inter school handball event!

For National Storytelling Week, we chose James and the Giant Peach and decorated our classroom door. We had a great time greeting the parents who came and participated in the activities we planned.

### Maths

In Maths, some have worked hard on division and multiplication of four-digit integers, while others have translated metric measures and discovered formal ways for multiplying integers.

### English

During English we have looked at presenters and what qualities are needed to be a presenter. Some of the children read their own news reports out loud to their peers.

To end this term, we participated in independence week, which focused on leadership. Well done, Spode, we are proud of your efforts and progress. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved week off.  
From Charlotte, Kayleigh, and Molly. 😊

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# Moorcroft



Moorcroft have had a great start to the Spring term! Everyone has worked so hard and some of us have demonstrated great resilience to complete two weeks of mock exams.

## Science

Across the Key Stages we have learnt about famous Scientists, Combustion and Atoms, Compounds, and States of Matter. Our KS4 students have also worked towards sitting their next functional skills exam.

## Maths

We have been finding the area of regular and irregular shapes, working with fractions to complete different problems, and learnt how to complete tables and frequency diagrams such as tally charts.

## English

In KS2 and KS4 we have been getting to grips with the themes in the novels 'The Butterfly Lion', and 'The Lord of the Flies'. KS3 have been studying how to write a news report, and KS4 have learnt all about debating and took part in their own mock debate. At the end of the unit all learners completed an extended write to consolidate their learning.

## Independence Week - Leadership

We ended the half-term with an independence week where we looked at leadership and displayed the relevant skills when delivering a lesson on our chosen subject. We are so proud of Moorcroft's progress, and hope you have a well-earned week off. From Chloe, Jake, Susanna, Lee, Zena, Lauren, Abby, Freddie, and Tracey. 😊

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# *Beswick*



Beswick have had a fantastic start to this half term, settling in well and showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

In Science, we have been exploring the Earth's orbit, investigating how our planet moves around the Sun and what this means for day, night, and the changing seasons. The children loved discussing fascinating space facts and asking thought-provoking questions about the world beyond our own.

In Maths, we have been using Numicon to deepen our understanding of number relationships, patterns, and problem-solving. This hands-on approach has helped the children visualize concepts in a fun and engaging way.

In English, we have been on a journey around the world, discovering different holiday destinations in preparation for creating our own exciting holiday posters. The children have enjoyed researching amazing locations, thinking about persuasive language, and designing eye-catching advertisements to entice future travellers.

It has been a brilliant half term filled with curiosity, creativity, and plenty of exciting learning opportunities. We can't wait to see what the next half term brings.

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# Churchill



During English, we've taken a journey around the world, researching different holiday destinations in preparation for creating our very own holiday posters. The children have had so much fun learning about new places, thinking about persuasive language, and designing eye-catching posters to inspire future travellers.

In Science, we've been diving into the fascinating topic of Earth's orbit, learning how our planet moves around the Sun and how that affects day, night, and the seasons. The children were buzzing with excitement, sharing cool space facts and asking some really interesting questions about the universe!

In Maths, we have been using Numicon to explore number patterns and problem-solving with a hands-on approach. Numicon is a fantastic resource that helps pupil's to visualize their maths and helps bring number concepts to life.

It's been a brilliant half term with lots of exciting learning. Have a fabulous break and we can't wait to see you next half term.

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# Class Burleigh



Class Burleigh have had another fantastic half term and have engaged really positively in their learning sessions and tasks. Pupils have had opportunities to visit our local community to work with the Dementia Club. This included planting bulbs in the surrounding area and litter picking in our local park after the recent storm. All pupils got fully involved and interacted with the elderly well.

The class have been to a local career's fayre at Bet365 stadium and spoke to different people about what they want to accomplish growing up and pathways to getting there. The pupils represented the school amazingly!

Throughout the term, we have celebrated a range of diversity events including, Safer internet day and LGBTQ awareness month, in which the pupils completed some amazing work and showed the utmost respect for the diverse nature of the world around us.

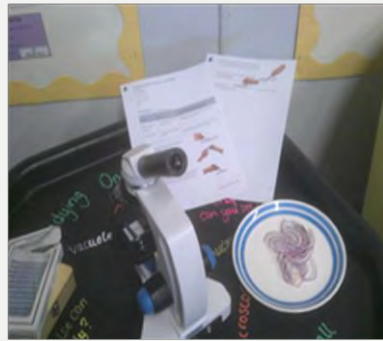
I hope you have a brilliant half term!

Abbey and the team 😊

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*Bluebell School*  
*Class Doulton*



The students have settled back into school after the Christmas holidays and have had a great start to the Spring term!

In science we have been looking at Health and Disease. This has included exploring the different kinds of communicable and non-communicable diseases. We looked at communicable diseases such as Coronavirus, flu and chicken pox.

During Maths we have covered a range of topics this term to consolidate the pupil's knowledge in preparation for their exams.

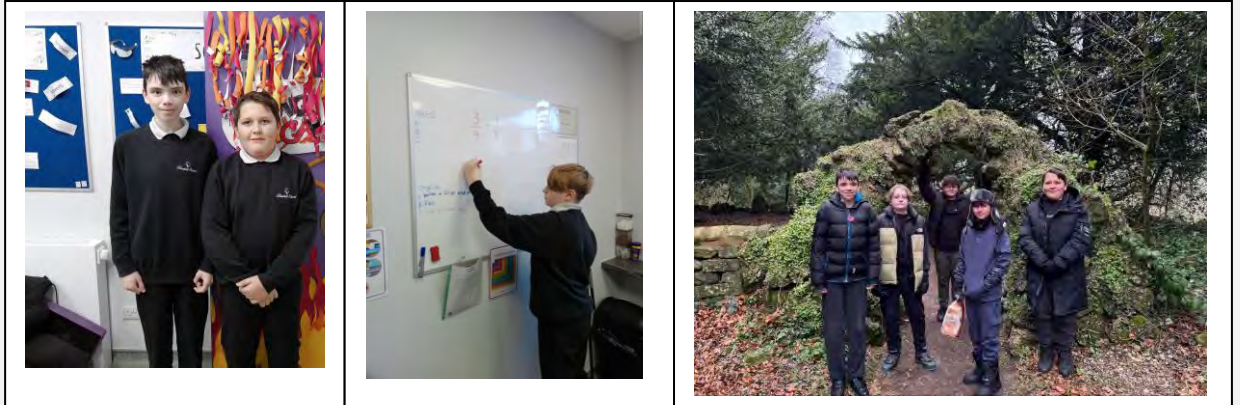
The pupils have focused on their individual BTEC programs and have already produced some fantastic work, from art pieces to baking and creating products out of wood.

During the last couple of weeks, we have been developing our love of reading and Doulton class, along with the rest of the school have taken part in lots of lovely activities, such as decorating our classroom doors, visits to the library and participating in shared class reads. All students enjoyed creating and sharing their stories.

We ended the half-term with independence week, where we looked at leadership and displayed the relevant skills when delivering a lesson on our chosen subject.

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# Galley 1



Galley 1 has had a lovely half term, all students have continued to work well individually and as a class. For National story telling week the students have worked together to decorate the classroom door in the theme of 'The Hunger games' which looked fantastic! The students continue to work together, sharing the responsibility of making their peers a drink at break time which has formed some lovely friendships.

During our English lessons we have been learning about news reporters and the language used within news reports. We have also been learning about the impact of bias within a news report, the use of images and how this can influence the viewer. We have also assessed the way in which a news reader will read the news and the impact this has on the audience.

We have been studying one-step and two-step equations during our maths lessons. Additionally, we have been practicing our prior maths skills and solving percentage problems. This allowed the pupils to utilise their knowledge of addition, subtraction, and times tables without the need for a calculator. Several students have been explaining their learning through the use of the class board sharing with the group individual methods. Well done, Galley 1!

In Science this half term we have looked at a couple of different topics. The first one was fuels and oxygen. Within this we looked at a few different fire extinguishers which included Water (Red Band), Dry Powder (Blue Band), Foam (Cream Band) and Carbon Dioxide (Black Band.) All these have special roles, for example students knew that a Water extinguisher wouldn't be suitable for an electrical fire. The second part of our half term was atoms and the periodic table where we explored why they were arranged in that particular order.

Our PE sessions have been focused on our swimming lessons. Each week we have built on our different swimming stroke and techniques. The students have gained such confidence during these sessions and have built on their strength and stamina. Whilst we have been visiting the leisure Centre all students have represented the school well. You should all be proud of yourselves!

The last week of the term has been a lovely opportunity for us to learn both individual leadership qualities and teamwork building during our forest school activities. We completed some craft activities and played games in the local woodlands, which the students seemed to really enjoy.

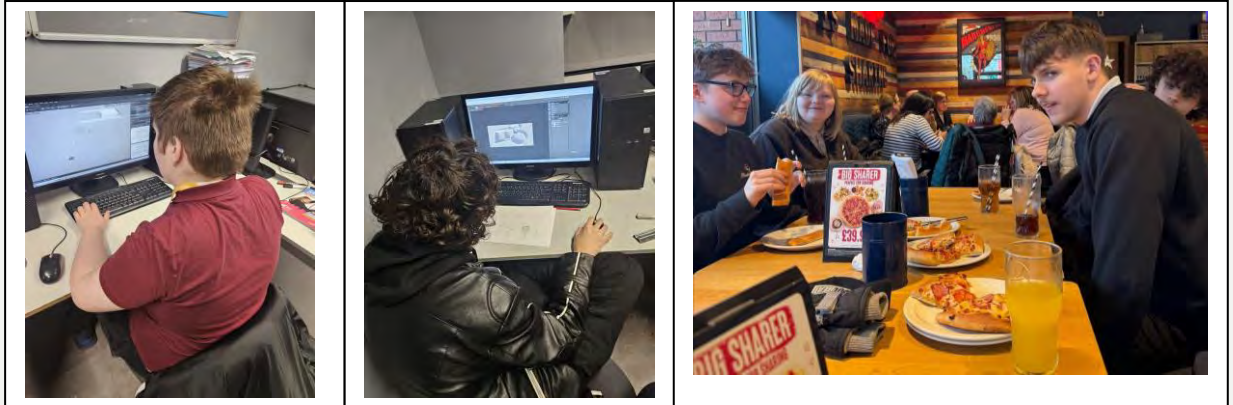
Have a great half -term from Laura, Chris, Jim and Sarah.

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# Galley 2

## Subject



Galley 2 have had a wonderful spring half term. Over the course of this half term, we have been sitting several mock exams which have included English, Maths and Science, as well as History (for some students). Both staff and students dealt with this well and adapted to change brilliantly. As a result, for their superb effort, the students were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut.

In our science lessons this half term we have looked at the three states of matter which are solid, liquid and gas. We have learnt the basics such as solid melting to a liquid and liquid boiling to create a gas. We have also learnt that when something goes straight from a Solid to a gas this is called sublimation and when a gas goes straight to a solid this is called deposition.

During English this term the GCSE students have started to learn about 'The Lord of the Flies'. We have been learning about the different characters within the story, the setting which has been used by William Golding and the impact of this setting. We have also been looking at the structure, language and format used within a range of texts and looking into spellings and how we can split words up in order to be able to spell difficult words correctly.

During Maths this half term, the G.C.S.E. pupils have begun learning the specific formulas for volume for various three-dimensional shapes. We have studied the concept of  $\pi$  and its application to specific formulas for determining volume and surface area, using our past understanding of addition, subtraction, and times tables. Other students have been learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of simple shapes, alongside practicing exam style questions.

For our PE sessions this half term we have mixed it up between the gym and some net and wall sports. Students have really enjoyed using the gym equipment and challenging themselves. In our net and wall activities we have enjoyed learning the rules of some familiar sports such as Badminton and Tennis. Within this we have learnt how to serve and began to understand the different shots to play back to our opponents.

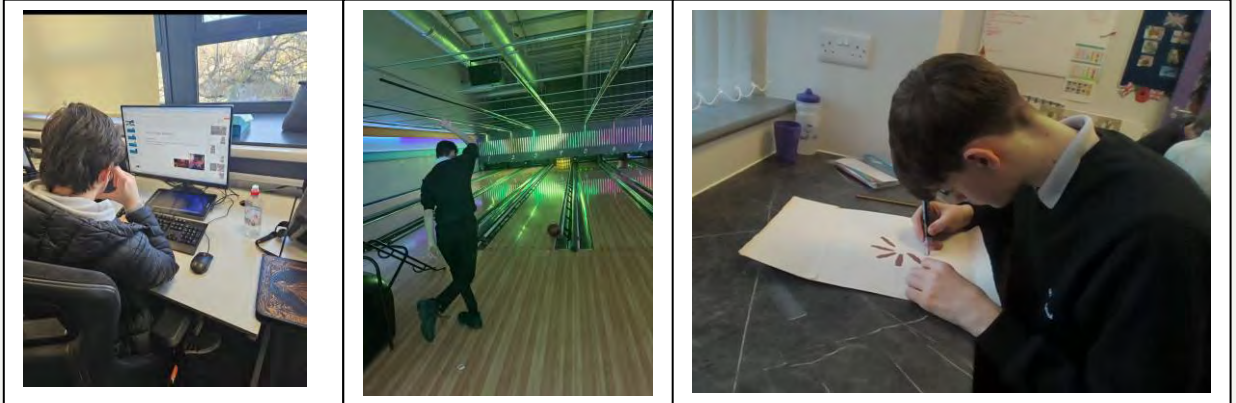
Finally, to end the half term we have completed another independent BTEC. The focus around this one was 'Leadership'. Within this we have planned an activity to deliver to some of the younger students. This varied from a sports session to an arts and crafts activity led by Galley 2 class.

Have a lovely half term from myself and the rest of the Galley 2 staff team.

Nathan, Laura, Robyn & Claire

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# Galley 3



Galley 3 have had a lovely half term. We began the term with some students completing their mock exams. All students worked fantastically during this time, working hard and sitting the mocks beautifully and managing the changes which were happening to allow the mocks to take place. Wonderful work from everyone, well done! The students enjoyed a reward at bowling as a well done for all their hard work!

During English this term, the GCSE students began work to learn about 'The Lord of the Flies'. We have been learning about the different characters within the story, the setting which has been used by William Golding and the impact of this setting. We have also been looking at the structure, language and format used within a range of texts and looking into spellings and how we can split words up in order to be able to spell difficult words accurately.

In Science this half term we have covered a couple of different topics. The first one being the three states which are solids, liquids and gases. We looked at the change of state and explored how melting would be from a solid to a liquid, whereas boiling would be from liquid to a gas. We also discovered two key words which were sublimation and deposition. We learnt that sublimation is where a solid changes straight to a gas, whereas deposition changes from a gas to a solid. The other topic we have looked at is respiration where our bodies complete gaseous exchange.

Throughout our maths lessons the G.C.S.E. students have focused on learning the formulas for volume for various three-dimensional shapes. We now understand the concept of  $\pi$  and how it is used with specific formulas that calculate volume. Other students have been learning how to transfer data from a table to graphs, answer graph-related questions, and calculating the area and perimeter of simple shapes.

We all worked together to decorate our door for National story telling week. We chose the book 'The Pirates of the Caribbean' and used the descriptions of the ships, within the book as our inspiration when creating our door! The class have worked hard to ensure our door looks the best!

We have enjoyed PE lessons this term at the Driving Range where Galley 3 have continued to practice their swing. We have also spent some time at the Gym using a range of the equipment and testing our strength and endurance.

During the last week of term, we took part in independence week, where we have been focusing on our leadership skills. We considered what this means to us and practiced these skills with other students.

Have a lovely half term from Lucy, Kia, Sarah and James!

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