

Newsletter

What a fantastic start we have had to this academic year! Our students have made us incredibly proud since returning in September and we have seen some excellent progress already. It has been lovely to welcome so many new starters to Bluebell; both staff and students and it feels like they have always been with us. I look forward to seeing them flourish as we advance further into the year. It has also been great getting to know our new parents and carers also. I have written to all parents and carers throughout this half term and I hope that you find the communication useful.

We have opened up two new classrooms since we returned; Class Gladstone and Class Burleigh. The class teams have worked extremely hard to transform the rooms into vibrant learning areas and the addition of students' work has been the icing on the cake. Each of our classes took part in 'Class Name Day'. This gave an important opportunity for our students to learn about the local area and find out information about the name of their class. Students had the opportunity to create pottery pieces inspired by their class name. We have all been very impressed with the creativity of our students! We have celebrated World Mental Health Day. Students and staff were invited to wear something yellow to mark the day and we were so pleased to see lots of yellow around the building to accompany all the purple! We are currently in the process of rearranging our Macmillan Coffee Morning, I would like to take the opportunity to thank lots of parents and carers for your kind donations. Once we have calculated the final figure, we will inform you all. Our new student council has been elected through a democratic process in each classroom, I am looking forward to working with a fantastic team. If your child has been elected, you will have received a letter to inform you.

The IEP meetings at the start of the year were a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to visit the school, see classrooms and students work. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school and meet with our staff. This opportunity will be available again in January for our new students and also for families and carers who were not able to attend.

I would like to take the opportunity to reshare our school improvement priorities with you all:

1. To further develop the broad database of well-matched, work/training experience opportunities, providing a range of work-based learning.
2. To continue to embed a love reading for all pupils.
3. Following the uncertainty caused by the Covid 19 pandemic, ensure that impact on behaviour is minimised.
4. Increase frequency of opportunities for pupils to enhance their cultural capital.
5. To continue to engage in school council ideas to improve the school and environment to enhance pupils' experience.

Our door is always open to welcome parents and carers in for a chat and a cup of tea. Should you wish to come and see us please contact the office to make an appointment or contact me on the school number 01782 987012 or at kbanks@bluebellschool.co.uk

I hope that you all have a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 31st October.

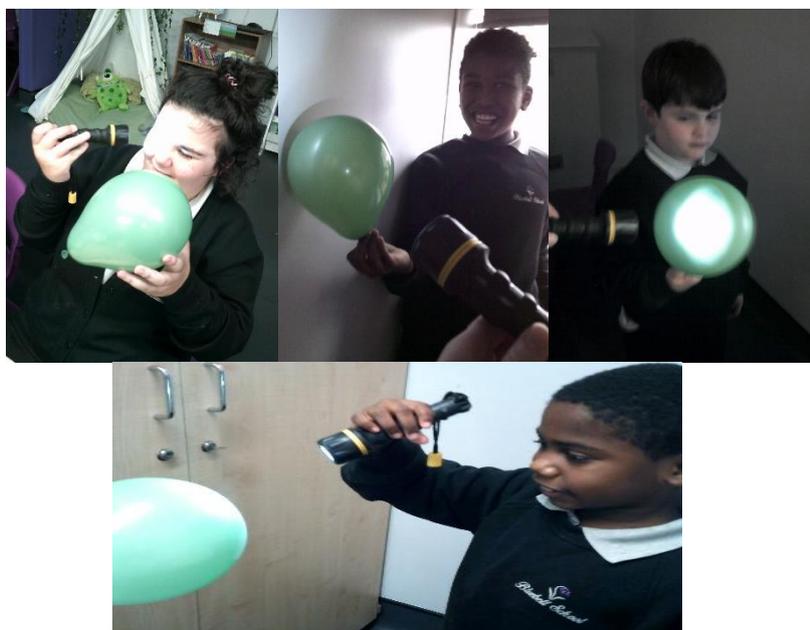
Best Wishes,

Kay

Minton

Class Minton have had a lovely start to the new school year and have settled into the school routine really well. We have taken part in lots of activities and had lots of fun whilst we learn!

In Science, we have been learning about space and planets. We have been learning about planet names, ordering planets and the solar system. We have enjoyed lots of practical activities to help secure our learning and even created a lovely display for our classroom (we turned ourselves into astronauts).



During English we have looked at a range of stories and have been able to explore different features and characters for each. We created some lovely character descriptions, worked on ordering events in a story, used role play activities and identified predictable phrase within text. We enjoyed using craft to reinforce our learning of the Rainbow Fish and participated in other sensory stories.



In Topic, we are learning about invaders and settlers. We have been looking closely at the Vikings and how they invaded Britain. We began the topic by being able to demonstrate a good understanding of past and present/ old and new. We participated in lots of sorting activities to distinguish between the two. We then moved on to look at some map work to explore the journey the Vikings took from Scandinavia to Britain. We engage in some role play activities about the Vikings and used this in our display where we created a longboat,



shields and wore a Viking helmet.

We have all welcomed some new guests into our classroom! We have our very own feed Fred display which helps to secure our phonics knowledge and build on our ability to read

and write. Throughout the day we are asked to feed Fred different sounds and words in order to build on prior knowledge and to extend our phonics knowledge further. We all really enjoy this activity.



We have enjoyed participating in our diversity and health and wellbeing work this term and have taken part in many activities in order to understand different areas of focus. We particularly enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl day where we created our own medicines (George's Marvelous Medicine) and loved making our own chocolate bars in Minton chocolate factory (Charlie and the chocolate factory).



We would like to wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school in the near future.

Gladstone

Class Gladstone have had an excellent start back to the new year following the summer holidays. We have been busy engaging in lots of new and interesting topics through sensory, creative and practical activities.



During our maths lessons, we have been focusing on number skills, specifically developing our knowledge of counting, mathematical language, adding and subtracting across the three key stages. The children were able to practise their new skills that they have acquired through practical activities and mathematical games.



Within the Autumn term in English, we have begun looking at a range of different texts. In KS1 and KS2, we have been exploring a range of stories and nursery rhymes, focusing on language, sequencing and comprehension. We have engaged in plenty of activities, including creating characters using play dough, retelling stories through role play and dancing and singing to songs. In KS3, some of us have started to look at our new Step-Up project called 'Writing for the Web'. This has included lots of work on various writing and language techniques, such as using adjectives and alliteration. Other children have also been focusing their skills on poetry and have spent their time reading the poem 'Yellow Butter', using sensory play to comprehend the poem.



Within our science lessons we have started to focus on different topics. Key Stage 1 are exploring different materials to discover how they can be used for a purpose. We have been identifying materials used for everyday purposes, but taking our learning further to the outdoors to explore natural materials. Key Stage 2 have been discovering what Space is like through the use of the sensory room and visual aids. Key stage 3 have been investigating different states of matter by completing various scientific experiments to explore solids, liquids and gases.



Well done class Gladstone for settling in and completing lots of wonderful work over the Autumn term!

We look forward to seeing you all after the half term in the run up to Christmas!

Dudson

Dudson have had an amazing autumn half term and everyone has had lots of fun engaging in different activities! We have completed lots of fun experiments in our science sessions and have also celebrated different diversity events, including Roald Dahl day!



During English, Dudson have been exploring website design and target audiences. The children have completed lots of comparing and contrasting different websites and have been able to identify each target audience, justifying their choices. Based on this learning, we then started to create our own websites and made them according to their target audience.



Throughout this term, we have had lots of opportunities to celebrate different diversity events, including mental health day and also took part in a class name day where we learnt lots of interesting facts about our own class name. The children also had the fantastic opportunity to visit an indoor beach, a focus from our French session where we have been comparing beaches.



During maths this term, the children have really enjoyed exploring tens, hundreds and thousands and how to write these different numbers in numerals and words. The children have used the unifix cubes and the numicon to create different numbers and have found different ways to display these to demonstrate their understanding.



In our science sessions, we have been focussing on solids, liquids and gases. Children have been exploring their different properties and then been classifying different objects and substances into their correct category. The children have also been taking part in lots of fun experiments; these include, mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to fill up a balloon, and also making liquid lava lamps. The children have all participated beautifully and got involved in all of the activities set.



During our topic sessions, the children have been exploring novelty gifts and gift shops. They have been researching different gifts that are sold and then researched different designs available to match their interests. The children were then asked to plan and design their own novelty gifts in the form of a pencil case and keyring. We then worked super hard to transfer the chosen designs over onto our pencil cases and keyrings and made some masterpieces!

Class Dudson have had an amazing term and have engaged with all of their learning! We can't wait to welcome them back in the second autumn term to hopefully have more fun! Have a fabulous autumn break!

Abbey ☺

Maths

In maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction, increasing their understanding on knowing pairs to different numbers. We completed place value and have used many resources to solve number problems. Pupils then moved on to shape, looking at sorting these via Venn diagrams. We were also able to name and describe their properties.

English

Spode have been learning about the jungle book this half term. We have been discovering all the different aspects of the language and the differences and similarities including the written texts and film adaptations. We have also studied a script and converted it into a dialogue, ensuring it was punctuated correctly. We have also worked on a range of punctuation to include in our writing this half term, including fronted adverbials, commas and adverbs.

Science

In Science, we have we have been learning about evolution and everything related to inheritance. We have researched about Carl Linnaeus and his studies about the important discoveries of Charles Darwin. We have learnt about inherited characteristics and how advantageous characteristics help in the process of evolution.

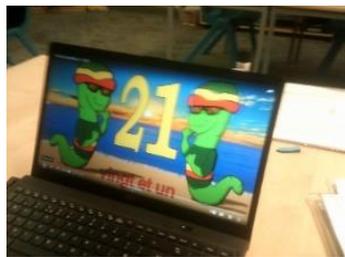
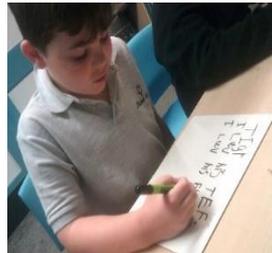


Here are a few pictures of what the children have been getting up to during this half term.

The children are enjoying our swimming sessions learning lots of new skills.

We visited the local parks finding habitats and build habitats, as well as visiting Blue Planet

In R.E, we have learnt about Buddhism and have been learning about ourselves and self-esteem in Social Skills.



Wade

What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had in Class Wade! We started the term by having a vote for our new School Council member!



In Maths children have been looking at addition and subtraction. They have been able to use Numicon to help them complete different additions and subtractions. Children moved on to apply this knowledge to number bonds and completed parts and whole models.



In English children have enjoyed reading a range of stories from different themes. They had lots of fun reading the rainbow fish and acting out the story.



In PSHE, we have been looking at the importance of healthy eating and the impact this can have on our health. Children were able to create their own healthy fruit kebabs.



In our Social skills lessons, we have been looking at the importance of being independent and we have worked on skills such as tying shoe laces and fastening our own buttons on clothing. Children are working really hard to develop these skills and staff are so pleased with all their hard work!



Staff would like to give a huge shout out to our class reading buddies. Both are really enjoying listening to and reading to their younger peers.



Thank you for all your hard work this term, staff hope you have a lovely break and will see you in the new term.

Middleton

Middleton have worked incredibly hard within their science lessons this term. Pupils have worked on identifying different states of matter and how we can identify solids, liquids and gases. Pupils have enjoyed classifying their states of matter. Pupils have also enjoyed taking part in experiments to look at reversible change by using ice, jelly and melting and solidifying chocolate.



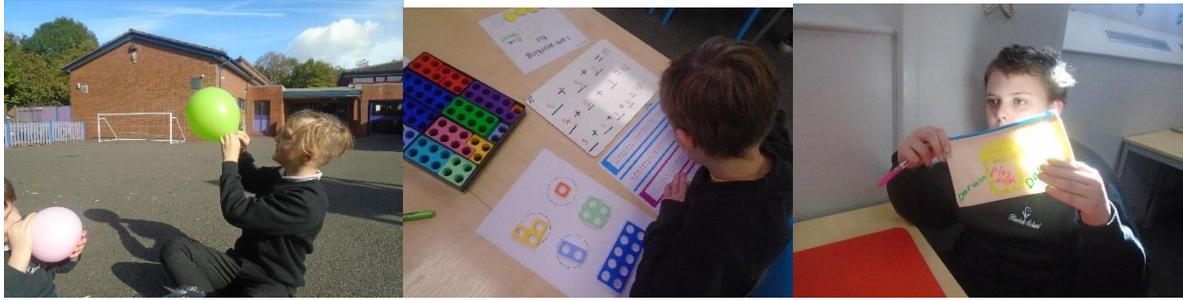


Class Middleton have loved their English lesson this half term and have enjoyed looking at webpages and writing for the web. Pupils have enjoyed looking at the functions, text and images of different sites. Pupils were encouraged to make their own webpages based on themselves and their own special interest.



Middleton have worked incredibly hard in their math lesson this term and have been looking at place value with a focus on the number 10. Pupils have looked at representing numbers in a multitude of ways using cubes, numicon and even chocolate to check their own answers.

In other subject's, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed looking at different types of beaches in France, making their own beach and then getting to visit the amazing indoor beach at castaways. Pupil have also engaged beautifully in their topic subject this half term which has been based all around souvenirs. Pupils have been able to create their own keyrings and pencil cases using different resources.



Class Middleton have had an incredible first half term and myself and staff are super proud of everyone's hard work. Have a fantastic autumn break and we look forward to seeing you when you get back!

Josie 😊

Moorcroft

Class Moorcroft have had a busy half term to start the school year after the summer holidays.

In maths the children have learnt a range of key skills to broaden their maths knowledge.

Some children have explored estimating using their knowledge to inform guesses. All children have explored addition and subtraction at a range of levels, some children have been using numicon to aid their learning where as others have been looking at complex 4-digit addition and subtraction. The children have also looked at doubling, halving and a range of different shapes.



In English the children have built upon their understanding to use more effective language and techniques to improve their writing. Key stage 2 have explored the jungle book and then looked at descriptive language. During the second half of the term, they have looked at recount texts and writing a great example of their own. Key stage 3 children began the term looking at different language devices and the impact they have in a text. During the end of the half term, they engaged in role play to replicate an interview.



In topic, the key stage 2 children have been working on their topic 'The Rainforest'. They have completed some great tasks and have even made their own identity head band, something which the tribal people did. The children have explored the climate in the rainforest and the different animals which live there. Key stage 3 have been engaged in history, DT and began our art topic this half term. The children have explored how products are made and how they have changed over time. The children have looked at how machinery have developed with time and how this has impacted the production of items. The children have also explored the Hundred-year war and have just begun looking at architectural designs.

During the half term the children have also engaged in a range of great diversity events and creative tasks which they have really enjoyed. The children have made great relationships with both staff and peers and have had a fabulous half term.

I hope the children have a fantastic half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back for the second Autumn term.

Charlotte and the staff team

Burleigh

Class Burleigh have settled back into life at Bluebell incredibly well. They have adapted well to a brand-new teacher and are already starting to show progress across the curriculum.

During our first week of the new term, we looked at the history and background of our class name 'Burleigh'. Students were able to make their own piece of pottery using the clay. We had a variety of bowls, cups and cutlery made during the day.



Within our English lessons, students have been looking at what feature writing is. The topic for this is 'My Life, My Choice'. Students have been able to look at a wide variety of different texts from online petitions to fact files based around Bob Marley. Students have built up as much knowledge on feature writing as possible that they have finished the half term by creating their own piece of text for an article.

During our maths lessons this half term we have been looking at the four operations which are Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Students were able to answer and complete both number and word-based problems.

In Science we have been looking at vertebrates and invertebrates before looking at what kind of endangered animals there are, not only here in the UK but all around the world. Students were able to classify these animals before looking at how they survive depending on the environment that they live in.

In Topic this half term, we have looked at the history of computers from when they were first invented back in 1822 to what they are now with wireless mouses and keyboards. Students were able to look at how much technology is used in everyday life. We studied a video from Lego to see how each brick is made and then transported by robots around the factory. In our other topic lessons we have looked at different architecture. Students were able to identify a number of different styles, for example gothic. Students were then tasked with building a strong structure out of Lego bricks that needed to be sturdy.





with the instructors.

Finally in our PE lessons this half term, we have been looking at invasion games such as Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby. Students have enjoyed the competitive nature of these types of sports and learnt some really valuable team work skills. In our other PE lesson, we have been travelling to the local leisure centre to take part in swimming. Students have loved going into the pool and practising the different swimming techniques

Finally, we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you in class Burleigh. I am proud of the way that you have welcomed new staff and students to Bluebell. Myself and the staff team are wishing you a well needed break over half term and I can't wait to see you all again soon.

Nathan and the team in class Burleigh

Churchill



Class Churchill have had a fantastic start to the academic year! Pupils have shown lots of interest in our topic of 'Vikings'. We have all worked together to create a longboat for the class display and we have written our names in Viking Runes and have made traditional Viking bread. We have also explored how the Vikings invaded and have created maps to show how they travelled.



In English, we have been completing tasks based on our favourite stories such as the Gruffalo and The Colour Monster. Pupils have created pieces of writing based on their feelings and also character descriptions.



In Maths, we have been practising our addition and subtraction skills, with the support of Numicon and other concrete resources.



Towards the end of this term, we visited a Mosque to support us with our learning in RE. In PSHE we have been learning about healthy choices and designed our own healthy kebabs.



We have also had an exciting new addition to class Churchill who all pupils are working together to care for – Winston the fish! He has settled in well and the children are enjoying learning about pet care and sharing the responsibility.



Beswick

Class Beswick have settled back into the school routine really well after the summer holidays. We have been very busy starting to explore our new and exciting topics with a sensory/hands on approach to our learning. Look at some of the fun we have had while participating in learning...

During our maths lessons, we have been focusing on number skills and specifically developing our knowledge of adding and subtracting. The children were able to practise their new skills that they have developed through lots of practical activities as well as going off site to develop adding and subtracting skills through the use of money. The children have also been developing their time skills by identifying different times of the day by using the day board to support.



Within the Autumn term in English, we have started to look at our new Step-Up project called 'Writing for the Web'. This has included lots of work on various writing and language techniques, such as using adjectives and alliteration within their writing. The pupils have completed lots of wonderful work in regards to this, such as focusing on what types of language they can use to describe various places on different webpages. Some of the children in Beswick have also been focusing their skills on poetry and have spent their time reading the poem 'Yellow Butter.'



Within our science lessons we have started to focus on a new topic called 'Grouping and classifying materials and their properties'. We became scientists for the half term by completing various hands on and sensory bases scientific investigations to look at solid, liquids and gases. The children have been able to explore saturation, dissolving and the change in various gases.



Well done class Beswick for settling in and completing lots of wonderful work over the autumn term!

We look forward to seeing you all after the half term for lots of Christmas fun!

Wedgwood

This academic year, class Wedgwood has welcomed lots of new children. The children have all settled beautifully and are enjoying their time in class Wedgwood. At the start of the term, we celebrated our class name and made pottery using our own designs!

English

During English lessons, the children have started off the term by recognising initial sounds in words and have used tuff trays to explore those sounds in sensory play. The children have had great fun fishing the sounds from the water play and building words using the letters! The children have explored traditional stories and nursery rhymes and have enjoyed listening to stories and sequencing the stories from start to finish. The children have created story sacks and worked in groups to act out the stories using props.

Maths

During Maths lessons, the children have used numicon to create number lines. The children have started to order the numicon according to their size and have used numicon to print in paint and playdough. The children have taken part in number hunts around the garden and counted how many numicon shapes that they can find. This term the children have started to recognise 2d shapes and have created their own 2d shapes using natural materials.

Science

During science lessons the children have focused on materials. They have found common materials around the classroom and used materials to create simple models. The children collected natural material and used them to create colourful pictures using autumn leaves. They have also been able to conduct simple experiments and made predictions and evaluations.





Topic.

During Topic, the children have made royal family puppets and recognised the life of Queen Elizabeth II. This week we have lots of Halloween craft activities!



Have a lovely half term and we are looking forward to carrying on with our learning when we return!

Doulton



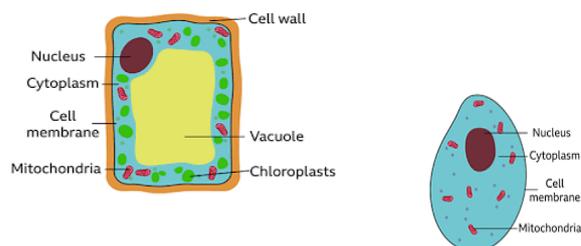
Doulton class have started the first half of the autumn term really well and have settled back into their



learning. In Math's, we have developed our understanding in several key areas of study including dividing integers, positive and negative numbers, decimal numbers translations and



During Science lessons, we been looking at the structure of plant cells and animal cells. We have developed our skills by explaining how some cells are adapted. We have also looked different communicable and non-communicable diseases.



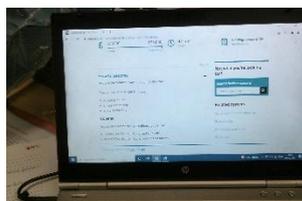
In English this half term, we have discussed and created a celebrity fact file for our chosen celebrity. In addition, we have continued working on our extended writing skills and spent time preparing extended writing. The GCSE group have continued their work on Macbeth by evaluating the scenes.



During BTEC sessions, everyone has enjoyed their chosen sessions where we have been learning about public services, hospitality, vocational studies and sport.



Within Physical Education this term, we have been to Tru Ninja where the children have absolutely enjoyed every minute of their time there.

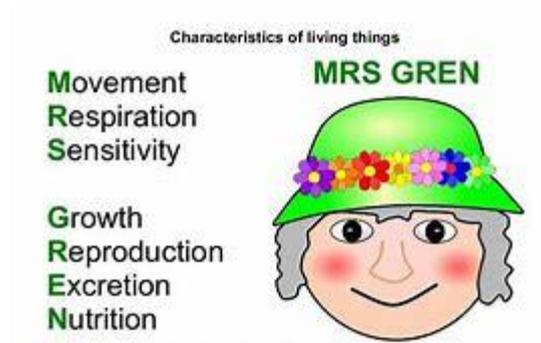


Well done for all your hard work class Doulton, enjoy your break, Dawn, Andrea, Chloe and Lee.

Twyford

Twyford class have had a brilliant start to the year. It has been great to build friendships with new classmates and work towards new targets.

In Science, Churchill class have explored 'Life Processes'. Once pupils had a secure knowledge of this, we moved on to explore vertebrate, invertebrates and endangered species. Pupils were able to classify these animals and consider how they are adapted to live in their environment.



During our English sessions, we have been working on the topic 'My Life, My Choice'. Pupils have been able to understand what a feature article is and how they can be used to express views. We enjoyed exploring a wide range of texts including petitions, letters and advice articles. Pupils finished the term by creating their own feature articles on an area of their own personal interest. These were extremely informative to read!

During our Topic sessions, Twyford class have covered History and Art. They began the term by exploring the Hundred Year War. We went on to consider weapons used in war and their purpose. Pupils were able to explore how Henry VII came to power and the tactics he used to remain King. They were shocked by the lengths he was willing to go to! Pupils were able to express their creativity during our art sessions. We thoroughly enjoyed exploring architecture and drawing using formal elements. They loved using the VR headsets in order to explore architecture from around the world.



In Maths, we have mastered place value, addition and subtraction. We have also spent time working on multiplication and division. We particularly enjoyed working on shape, identifying properties and creating our own polygons.

A highlight of this half term has been our swimming lessons. The class have loved using the local leisure center to develop their skills. We have some Olympic divers in the making!

Throughout this half term, Twyford class have impressed us with their ability to identify positive thoughts and share them with class members. We have also explored the importance of being a fair friend and ways to resolve conflict.

Well done for all your hard work Twyford class. Have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you after half term for lots more fun!

Lauren and the Twyford team 😊

Aynsley

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, the pupils in Aynsley have settled brilliantly into their new class and have made us very proud of their progress and ability to adapt to their new surroundings.

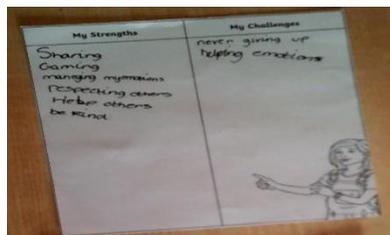
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In Topic this half term, we have covered both History and Art. In History, we have learned about the Hundred Year war and how Henry Tudor became King. We have also been learning about architectural buildings and their different designs. The pupils have designed their own buildings and have been very creative when considering the materials they would use. The pupils have made their own 3D buildings from nets.

To end this half term in PSHE, the pupils have thought of their strengths and areas of themselves they would like to improve. The pupils took their time and considered different ways they could use their strengths and develop their goals for the future.

We hope all the pupils have a lovely half term break and we look forward seeing you all next half term.

Kate and the Aynsley team



Coalport

What an amazing start to the school year for Coalport! There has been a new teaching team and all of the pupils have made them all feel very welcome!

PE

We have all enjoyed our adventurous pe sessions this term at Tru Ninja, we have represented the school beautifully and engaged well with staff and peers.



English - We have explored Macbeth this term and have created our own celebrity fact files. We have all engaged well in Our English lessons, well done!



BTECs

In the afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all pupils in Coalport are studying BTECs in an area of interest. These include hospitality, public services, sport and art.

