



Year Five News

Miss Eccles and Miss Mc Sorley

April, 2018



Year Five have got talent!



We celebrated the end of Integrated Education Month with a talent show. The theme of this year's integration month was, 'Everybody Outstanding' and our Year Five pupils certainly proved that they were indeed outstanding! We were treated to Irish dancing and violin playing from pupils in Miss Mc Sorley's class. Miss Eccles' pupils showed us their talents in beatboxing, rapping, dancing, singing and playing a range of musical instruments. A product of much planning, preparation and rehearsal, the talent show showcased our pupils, enabling them to shine like the stars we know they are. It takes a lot of bravery, courage and confidence to perform in front of an audience and we would like to congratulate all of our performers on a job very well done. Boys and girls, we are all so very, very proud of you. Next stop, Britain's Got Talent!

Fun facts about hearing

As part of our work in 'The World Around Us' this month, we will be learning about hearing. Here are some fun facts to keep you entertained!

- Your ears don't stop hearing when you sleep; your brain chooses to ignore sound.
- Snakes hear through their jawbone and fish hear through ridges on their body because neither have physical ears.
- The smallest bone in the entire human body is situated in the ear; the stapes bone (also known as the stirrup bone) measures just 2.8 mm long!
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.



Transport assistance

In preparation for our move to the new school, we sent a note home about eligibility for transport assistance to the new school building. If you did not receive this note, or want another copy of it, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If you have any queries regarding transport assistance, please contact the school. The Education Authority's transport department on 028 82 411411 is also available to offer advice and support.



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our Learning plan

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Literacy

In our writing activities, we will be learning about the use of the **apostrophe** for **possession**. We will also be revising the use of **end marks** – full stops, exclamation marks and question marks.

We will complete an exciting unit of work on **Fantasy Stories**. During this unit, we will read passages from stories which include strange characters living in the real world. We will find out how the author creates tension and explore the relationship between the character and the setting. We will analyse aspects of writing a fantasy story before we plan and write our very own fantasy story.

We'll continue to work on our phonics, where we'll explore different ways of writing sounds. We will be focussing on **sh / s** and **d**. We'll continue to work on our joined handwriting activities as well.

Website

www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk

is an excellent website to explore at home. The section on 'The brain and senses', which can be found in the learning activities / science section has great information to support this month's topic.



Numeracy

In our Numeracy activities this month, we will be:

- ✓ working really hard to practise **quick and accurate recall** of all multiplication and division facts for the **2 to 12 times tables**;
- ✓ completing our work on **mental strategies for subtraction** involving three-digit numbers;
- ✓ ensuring that we can recognise **odd and even numbers** up to 1000;
- ✓ learning about **multiples**; and
- ✓ learning about **negative numbers**.

Topic

We'll be completing our topic on '**Sound and hearing**'.

- We will be exploring three key areas:
 1. How is sound **created**?
 2. How do we **hear** sound?
 3. How is sound **measured**?
- There'll be an opportunity for us to find out about the **history of telephones** and to learn about **Alexander Graham-Bell**.

Question: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
Answer: She had such bright students.

