



Spring Half Term 1 (February 2025)

Hey with Zion V.C. Primary

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we can



Dear parents and carers,
It has been a productive half term, and the children have worked hard.

Homework Club we are nearing full capacity. Please may I remind you that you must sign up for the club giving notice of 4 weeks if you require a place for the following month. Big thanks to the staff and to Miss C.

Some children have had trips and others are planned. They enhance the learning at school and are great fun. Please help us keep trips a part of our school - we need your contributions as school funds are tight. If you can overpay a small amount to support other families - that would be really appreciated.

The School Council will hopefully meet with the Deputy Prime Minister - Angela Rayner and have met and interviewed our local MP Debbie Abrahams. Further details will be shared.

News from some of the classes

Reception have been very busy this half term. We have been to our local library, enjoyed National Story Telling Week where parents came in to read to the children and we've also loved our Forest School Sessions. This half term we have also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year where we explored lots of new foods.



Year 3

This term the children have enjoyed our science topic about rocks and soils. They have particularly enjoyed being able to handle the different rocks including obsidian, which they all were excited to look at. They also enjoyed looking at different fossils including what was left behind from shells and sharks' teeth!

The year 3 children have also enjoyed visits from Place2be about our mental health and Josh from Manchester City came in to speak to us about what it is like to be death. This included a game of lip reading which we all really enjoyed but found tricky!



Year 4 This half term the children have been studying Ancient Greece as our history topic. They designed and made Greek pottery out of clay as part of a cross- curricular Design and Technology project. During World Reading Week the children had a story read to them by a parent which they thoroughly enjoyed. Year 4 have been working hard on learning their times tables and improving rapid recall. Their hard work and determination really paid off during the Epworth TTRS competition paid off scoring the highest marks in the school and securing a good position within the Trust.



Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy and creative this half term. Over this half term, the children have created posters focusing on their mental health, writing letters about ending apartheid in South Africa and absolutely smashing their fractions work, with an average score of 13/20!

History/Art

In History, we have been learning about Anglo-Saxons and the impact they have had on modern day Britain. To consolidate this learning, the children created some Anglo-Saxon artwork, with the creation of their own Anglo-Saxon jewellery. We had a variety of different jewellery created ranging from rings, necklaces and even headbands. The children had a great time making these.





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Year 6

This half term has been a busy one for Year 6 at Hey with Zion. We were visited by our local MP Debbie Abrahams who discussed her role as a Member of Parliament. Children were then given the opportunity to ask questions, and they were really interested in finding out what inspired Debbie to become an MP.

On Friday 7th February, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum North as part of our history work on the World Wars. Children took part in a mission for the 'Ministry of Memories' where they had to find out about remembrance. The children really enjoyed exploring the exhibits and seeing lots of artifacts to develop their knowledge further.

On Monday 10th February, we were visited by 'Chemistry with Cabbage' who developed the children's understanding of acids and alkalis. Children investigated a range of household solutions to see which were acids, alkali or neutral.



Have a wonderful week
Mrs Machin

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 24 February** Term Begins
- **Tuesday 25 February** Year 5NP, Lees Library
- **Wednesday 26 February** Viking visitor - Year 5
- **Tuesday 04 March** Year 4, Lees Library
- **Thursday 6 March** World Book Day. Dress up as favourite book character. Costume alert!
- **Friday 7 March** Scholastic Book Fair arrives.
- **Tuesday 11 March** Year 3/4, Lees Library
- **Tuesday 18 March** Year 3, Lees Library
- **Tuesday 25 March** Year 2, Lees Library

Week beginning 31 March, Parents Evening

- **Tuesday 01 April** Year 1/2, Lees Library

Break up for half term Friday 04 April
Return to school on Tuesday 22 April

- **Tuesday 22 April** Term begins
- Reception/Year 1, Lees Library
- **Tuesday 29 April** Reception, Lees Library

Monday 05 May - May Bank Holiday

- **Tuesday 06 May** Nursery, Lees Library
- **Thursday 08 May** Reception class trip - Smithills Farm
- **Monday 12 May** **SATs Week**
- **Thursday 22 May** Class Photographs
- **Friday 23 May** Term finishes

Break up for half term Friday 23 May
Return to school on Monday 02 June

- **Monday 02 June** Term begins
- **Monday 16 June** Year 6 to Manchester Cathedral
- **Tuesday 17 June** Year 3/4 to Oldham 6th Form College
- **Wednesday 02 July** Year 5 to Jorvik Viking Centre
- **Friday 04 July** Nursery trip to Cockfields Farm