



Our theme this half term has been '**Social Justice**.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

Nursery and Reception (EYFS)

This half term our theme has been traditional tales and favourite stories. We started the half term with learning all about the season winter and then started our 'Tell me a Story' theme. The children began with some traditional tales and stories, including Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children and adults then chose their own favourite themes and stories leading up to the end of the half term. All the way through this half term, the children have taken part in different activities relating to each story as well as stories of their own choosing.



Year 1 and 2

This half term we have been learning about Mary Anning and the reasons why there is a statue of her. We have been learning about her being a fossil hunter, why she was called a fossil hunter, the problems she faced being a female fossil hunter at that time and what being a fossil hunter was like in her day compared to today. In our artwork, we have been learning the skills of painting and painted a picture of a winter scene.



Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. Our topic question this half term has been 'How did life change under the influence of the Anglo-Saxons?' At the start of our topic, we looked at how and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain. The children were excited to learn that they arrived after the Romans left, which links nicely to their last topic. We got hooked into our learning by making 'peasant' and 'royal' bread. We discussed whether it was fair that people had to eat differently depending on their social class and the children agreed that this was very unfair. Throughout the rest of our topic, the children have enjoyed looking at Anglo-Saxon places, kingdoms and settlements and were intrigued to learn that we still use Anglo-Saxon place names today. We have had a very exciting half term!



Year 5 and 6

In year 5 and 6, the children have been learning about the ancient Egyptians. Their topic question has been 'What was life like in ancient Egypt?' They began their topic by exploring and handling artefacts and learning all about hieroglyphics. They also generated their own enquiry questions to research independently. The children have completed historical source work, observing and discussing evidence like a real historian would! Learning about the River Nile, the children discovered how important the river was in many areas of ancient Egyptian daily life. They have also looked at jobs, how these fit into a triangle of hierarchy with the pharaoh at the top and made links to our theme of social justice. The children are really looking forward to continuing their learning about the ancient Egyptians after half term.

