



Our theme this half term has been 'Our World and Beyond.' 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 in nursery our topic has been our 'Wonderful World' and the children have taken part in activities and experiences to enhance their learning about the world around them. Children have learnt about their wider world including different places relating to the weather, differing environments and animals that live there. They have been exploring globes and maps, locating the different places they know and where the animals are from. The children have also learned new vocabulary based on the wider world using play activities/resources, stories, rhymes, videos and photos.

In Reception we learnt all about different places around the world. We explored hot and cold places and found out how these places are different to Heanor. We learnt about where different animals live and we also explored our oceans, finding out about some of the amazing animals who live there. We continued to develop an appreciation for our environment and learnt about how we can recycle and reuse plastic to stop it from ending up in the oceans.



Year 1 and 2

In years 1 and 2 we have been learning about different countries in Africa through our topic enquiry question 'How do countries in the continent of Africa compare to the United Kingdom?' We had so much fun learning about the Massai Tribe in Kenya, how they live and how they build their houses using mud, sticks and grass. We had a go at making our own using clay, sticks and grass from Hannah's Garden! We have also learnt about Morocco and Madagascar and compared those places to the UK. We have enjoyed finding out about African animals when we imagined they had escaped from the zoo!



Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have been learning all about the Bronze Age and Iron Age as part of our topic 'What was prehistoric Britain like?'. During this half term, we have enjoyed looking at why bronze was so significant and how it was made, how Iron Age hillforts were built and how prehistoric Britain came to an end. It was lovely to see the links being made to our previous topic 'The Romans' and the children didn't want their topic learning to come to an end. The children thoroughly enjoyed this whole topic and loved creating their own digital cave art pictures at the end.



Year 5 and 6

This half term we have been learning all about rivers. We have learnt about the different features of a river and how a river flows from the source to the mouth. We have also studied a local river – the River Derwent and followed its course across Derbyshire. We have put our geography skills to the test by looking at ordnance survey maps of the Derwent and using the scale to calculate the length of the river at a certain point. We have learnt about the dangers that rivers pose, including the risk of flooding, and what is being done to protect people, businesses and communities. We have finished this topic by carrying out some independent research into different aspects of rivers that we have found interesting, including wildlife, pollution and rivers around the world.

