



Summer 2 2023

Our theme this half term has been 'Our World and Beyond.' Throughout the school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. The children have also learnt some new vocabulary, which they can use in their writing.

### Nursery and Reception

This half term, the children's topic has been 'Wonderful World.' The children have taken part in activities and experiences to enhance their learning about the world around them. They have gained an understanding about their wider world including different places relating to the weather, different environments and animals that live there. The children have enjoyed exploring globes and maps, locating different places they know and places where different animals are from. They have learnt a lot of new vocabulary based on the wider world and have taken part in different play activities, explored photos and have listened to stories, rhymes and videos. The children have also discussed how we can travel to different places, which places are far away from us and which places are nearer to us.



### Year 1 and 2

This half term, the children have been learning about the geography of an inland town, comparing it to the coastal town of Skegness. Their topic question has been 'How does Heanor's human and physical features compare to those of a coastal town?' The children have explored the UK and learnt that it is made up of four countries. They also learnt that Heanor is in the county of Derbyshire. They then learnt about the human and physical features of Heanor and Skegness. The children really enjoyed making their own 'seaside in a bottle' and they sold them at our summer fair to raise money to buy more break time equipment. Finally, the children enjoyed discussing and exploring where in the world they would like to go on holiday through using maps, atlases and globes.



### Year 3 and 4

The children have had a brilliant half term learning all about Derbyshire. The topic has been 'What makes Derbyshire unique?' The children have enjoyed exploring the geography of Derbyshire by learning about human and physical features, including the Peak District, the River Derwent, tourism and the population of Derbyshire. They also enjoyed learning all about the history of Chatsworth House. The children then enjoyed going on a school trip to visit Chatsworth where they were able to explore the house and gardens and visit the farmyard. Inspired by Chatsworth, the children then made their own tapestry in their DT lessons. To complete the topic, the children found out about many of the people, items or companies that Derbyshire is known for.



### Year 5 and 6

The children in year 5 and 6 have had a busy term learning all about the Earth and Space. Their topic has been 'What is beyond our World?' The children have discovered how craters are made, how big (and far apart) the planets of our Solar System are and have also explored how it all began by looking at the Big Bang Theory. They then investigated how day, night and the seasons occur as well as undertaking fieldwork to find a suitable site to build an observatory. To complete their learning, the children have also made their own rockets ready for launching! This term really has been out of this world!

