

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

27th February 2023

We've had another busy half-term with lots of learning and hard work taking place across the school. We have also had lots of new pupils join us as well as some new members of staff. If you know of any new families moving to the area, please recommend Roseberry!

Best wishes,

Mrs Dunn



Achievers of the Half-Term

Year 1 Herons— William for his hard work and lovely manners.

Year 1/2 Doves— Lacie for her leadership skills and being a team player.

Year 2 Swifts— Jessica for always listening carefully and trying her best.

Year 3/4 Rooks— Georgia for her perseverance and determination.

Year 3/4 Wrens— Harry for his fantastic attitude to school life.

Year 5 Finches— Corey for his determination and positive attitude.

Year 5/6 Kingfishers— Cohen for his hard work and enthusiasm.

Important Spring term dates

Tuesday 28th February—school closed to all pupils

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

Friday 10th March—Spelling Bee final

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March—Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 29th March—Y3/4 performance

Friday 31st March—break up for Easter

Monday 17th April—return to school



Attendance information

Attendance will now be managed by a company called A Star Attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 96%, we will contact you by letter in the first instance and future attendance will be monitored.

Excellent attendance in school is vital for children to be able to make good progress. Remember to contact school **before 8.30am** if your child is going to be absent. We will contact you before 10am if you do not do this. Please be aware that if we are unable to contact you to ascertain your child's whereabouts, we may conduct a home visit or instruct the police to complete a welfare check if we have serious concerns.

Please try not to book holidays during term-time as these will not be authorised and may result in a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority.

Brighter Futures Curriculum

At Roseberry, we have created our own curriculum called **Brighter Futures** which we run in addition to the requirements of the National Curriculum. This is based around core foundations that we think our pupils need.



World Around Us: develop pupils' awareness of our local cultural heritage; understanding of the world beyond the local area; promoting acceptance and celebrating diversity.

Environmental Awareness: encouraging pupils to know how they can contribute to looking after their environment and wider world.

World of Work: developing aspirations and economic awareness

Safety Net: learning how to stay safe online and in the real world, knowing what to do in an emergency and having some basic First Aid knowledge.

Healthy Me: encouraging pupils to lead a healthy lifestyle and to look after their physical and mental health.

Making Memories: dedicated to ensuring that our pupils experience a childhood filled with fun, laughter and memorable experiences. These are based around making the most of our school grounds, exploring the local area and making links with nature as well as learning new skills.

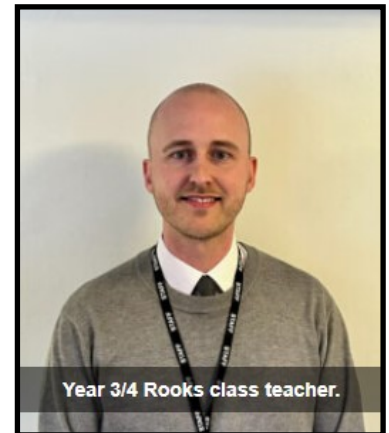
Staffing changes

We have welcomed two new members of staff this term. They have both settled in really quickly and are already integral members of our Roseberry team.

Mrs Phillips is our new School Business Manager.

Mr Avison is our new teacher in KS2.

Miss Fenny, one of our lunchtime supervisors, will sadly be leaving us this Friday. We have enjoyed working with Miss Fenny who is also a former pupil. We will be sad to see her go but wish her all the best for her future.



North Durham Academy

Year 5 enjoyed their Transition Day at **North Durham Academy**. The pupils participated in a business/enterprise taster session where they had to design a fast food meal and market it.

If you are considering NDA as a secondary school, please get in touch as they welcome visits where you can have a look around in further detail.

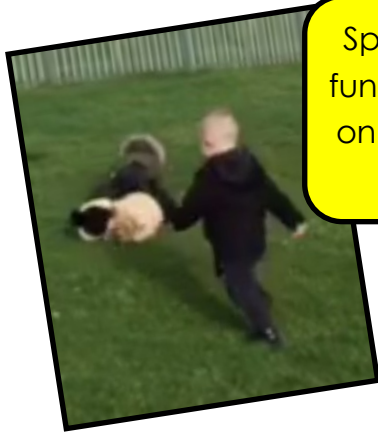
North Durham Academy now also provide a free bus service which would transport pupils from our catchment area to and from school.

Click on this [link](#) to view their website.



Making Memories

Our first Making Memories afternoon took place on the last day of half-term and all pupils had the opportunity to take part in a fun activity.



Sparrows Nursery had fun running and twirling on the field and rolling down a hill.



Reception had fun with the parachute.



KS1 played some parachute games and had a go at hula-hooping.



Year 3 and 4 had great fun blowing bubbles in the quad.



Year 5 went to the park.



Year 5/6 took part in an assault course on the field.

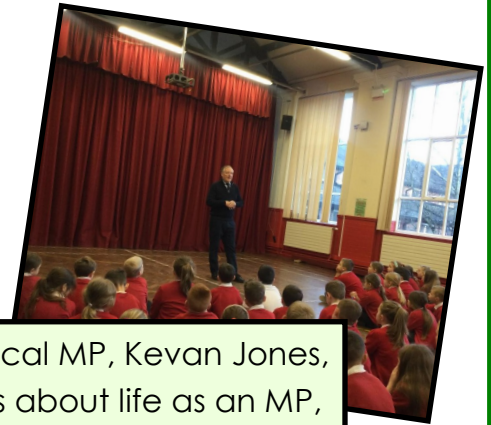
Photos from school over the last half-term



Year 1 and 2 visited the George Stephenson Museum to learn about his famous inventions.

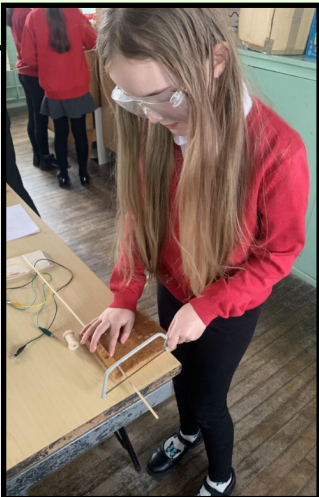


Damon from Y6 and his grandad showed KS1 their steam engine.



We had a visit from our local MP, Kevan Jones, who came in to talk to us about life as an MP, the government and the Houses of Parliament.

Y5/6 had a visit from Jonathan and Grant from Intersnack. They taught us all about their job role as Electrical Engineers and how they use Design and Technology within the factory setting. They then joined us for our afternoon lesson of D&T. They helped and advised us with the build of our rotating fairground rides.



Some of our after-school clubs



Reception have made dream catchers in **D&T Club**. We have worked SO hard over the last six weeks and we have learnt lots of new skills. We can all safely use a hot glue gun to join materials and we can also use a hole punch to cut out.

We can all identify the materials we needed to make our creations and we all tried hard to follow our design plan. We were all able evaluate our products by saying what we liked about them.

KS1 Art Club have been inspired by Pablo Picasso and made some self portraits using collage!



KS2 Litter Picking Club have been out in force helping to keep Newfield tidy.

Cookery at Roseberry

KS2 Cookery Club making stir-fry.



Year 5 making lamingtons.



Y1 and Y2 making Welsh cakes.

