



Since the start of the new year in January pupils at Baydon have been flying through history as time detectives, finding out about events in British History such as the Fire of London (Robins and Goldfinches) to the ancient Egyptians in our world history (Skylarks, Kites and Hawks). Read on to find out what else we have been up to in Terms Three and Four.

### Time Detectives Day

To start off our topic in an exciting and fun way, we held a whole school topic day where pupils joined together in their houses and travelled through the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s! Experiences included being part of a 1940s classroom, finding out about the sci-fi age on screen, fashions of the 1960s

and finally learning the steps to a well known song of the 70s! As always, it was a pleasure seeing how well our pupils work together, from four year olds to the eleven year olds at the top of the school.

### Fire of London recreated in Baydon playground

As part of Robins and Goldfinches work into the investigation of the events surrounding the Fire of London, pupils created their own models of houses from the 1600's and then they were set up in the playground for pupils to watch. How the fire quickly spread from house to house! Many thanks to Mr James who was on hand to help with the activity.

### Ashmolean Trip

Key Stage Two set off in January to visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to support their work in finding out more about the Ancient Egyptians. It was fascinating to find out about the Egyptians while observing artefacts from the time period.

## Easter Newsletter 2019



FINDING OUT ABOUT FASHION OF THE PAST



HOUSES BURNING ON THE PLAYGROUND!



**THE BABY TROUT IS AWAITING RELEASE!**

## A visit from the Fire Engine

While our younger pupils were looking at the Fire of London, the opportunity was taken to discuss fire safety and people who help us in our lives today. We were very fortunate to be offered a visit from Lambourn Fire Service and their fire engine. Pupils were so excited about the visit and learnt so much about how the fire service keep us safe today.

## The baby trout have swum the nest!

Skylarks have been carefully helping alevins hatch and grow in their classroom since January in partnership with Action for River Kennet. At the end of March Skylarks set off for a trip to Ramsbury Estates not only to learn about how our local area is used for farming but to spend part of the day releasing the fish into the River Kennet. Many thanks to Action for River Kennet and Ramsbury Estates.



**GOOD LUCK BABY TROUT!**

## Virtual Reality Session

In January Peartree Marketing visited our school and held sessions for all pupils on using 3d technology to support learning. At the lower end of the school pupils went on a journey under the sea while at the top of the school pupils are able to move around an Egyptian tomb!

## Dance Festival Success

A select group of pupils represented Baydon at the dance festival this year at St Johns in March by performing a most marvellous dance inspired by Strictly Come Dancing. The whole school was even treated to a performance the week after and we were all very impressed. Excellent work from all involved!

## Stay 'n' Play

Baydon Toddler group held more sessions at school during Terms Three and Four. We love opening up our school to welcome in this wonderful local group and it is fantastic to meet the young

families in our local area. Many thanks to Debbie and Jess for their work in leading these sessions.

## World Book Day

Lost of fabulous costumes filled the school to celebrate books on World Book Day this year! Children were thrilled to share the books they love and talk about them with their class. Thank you to our families for supporting this as always.

## Simon James

We were incredibly lucky and thrilled to receive a visit from children's author Simon James in Term Three. Through two talks with our pupils he encouraged and inspired pupils to write and draw whilst sharing his own work. After the workshop, many pupils wanted to write books just like him. Watch out for the sketches Simon created on the day appearing in a school library space near you soon.

## Invertebrates Session

Key Stage Two found out more about invertebrates thanks to Action for River Kennet who brought with them a selection of invertebrates from the River Kennet and helped the children identify the different species.



**OUR SUPER DANCE TROUPE!**

Congratulations to everyone for being one of the best primary schools in Wiltshire (school performance 2018)!



**SIMON JAMES ENTHRALLED THE CHILDREN WITH HIS STORY TELLING!**

## Tag Rugby Competitions

Super work from our Tag Rugby teams in two tournaments this term on the same day! Our team in the small schools tournament showed fantastic team skills and Mr Smith was very impressed at the resilience and determination shown throughout all matches whilst our two teams at the full cluster rugby tournament played exceptionally well with fantastic passing and teamwork skills. Well done to all involved!

## Robins classroom is back in use

After a flood in Robins classroom before Christmas, work began over the holidays and into January to renew the room ready for Robins to return to. We now have a classroom back in use with even the origami birds flying again! Well done to the pupils for coping with the temporary move so well.

## Education Sunday

It was great to see families attending the Education Sunday service held at the school in March. Classes produced work around the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and shared this with the congregation.

## Handball Tournament

In February, Year 3 participated in the small schools Handball tournament and showed fantastic team spirit. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.

## Internet Safety Talk Year 6

During February the Community Police Officer for our area visited the school to talk to our Year 6 pupils on keeping safe while on the internet, with lots of hints and tips for our pupils on what to do if they do not like something they see.

## Creating a bug hotel

Robins and Goldfinches had a wonderful afternoon in March working with Mrs Fournis creating bug hotels for our wonderful Rain Garden. The hotels are now open and ready for business!

## Jackdaws Opera workshop

Year 4 and 5 have been working hard over the past two terms in preparation for being part of an opera after Easter. In the last week of term the Opera team visited for a cast workshop, it sounds fantastic so far!

## Easter Service

Our classes retold the Easter story in a thought provoking way this year. As ever pupils sang beautifully and acted and danced their way through the service! Many thanks to the pupils who attended.

## Looking ahead

Our main topic for Terms Five and Six is Under the Sea. Lots of work finding out about the oceans of the world and the creatures that inhabit them will be taking place across the school. To support work in the lower end of school, a trip is being arranged for June (information will be out at the start of next term) which we hope will be very exciting,

The whole school will also be tackling a design and technology project during the summer terms which will involve creating an underwater vehicle.

As well as work relating to our school topic, the summer is a busy time for school events, including sports day, our school musical performances, Rockley residential for Year 6, Fire Safety talks for Year 2 and Year 6, and computing sessions for Years 4,5 & 6 at New College in Swindon! Keep an eye on those parent mails for more information.

## Finally...

These past two terms have flown by and have been packed full of fantastic learning experiences. Many thanks, as always, to our staff, Governors and parent helpers, without you none of this would be possible.

We wish everyone a happy Easter and a restful break!

Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and the team at Baydon



SINGING WELL!



THE BIRDS ARE FLYING IN ROBINS AGAIN IN OUR LOVELY NEWLY PAINTED CLASSROOM!



ONE OF OUR FABULOUS RUGBY TEAMS!



COLLECTING MATERIALS AND MAKING A HOTEL FOR BUGS!