

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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WORLD BOOK DAY

2023

It's been another great year for reading at Shakespeare and World Book Day 2023 was a huge part of this. It began with an exuberant assembly presented by Mrs Fox and the Y6 Reading Ambassadors. This year, children (and teachers) were asked to dress up as a word for a Vocabulary Parade. The Shakespeare book worms really pushed the boat out and imaginations ran riot. Prizes were given for the most ingenious.

Author, Steve Weatherill, visited Nursery and Reception and entertained them all day long. He read his book 'Baby Goz', modelled some of his amazing drawings and retold stories using exciting props and costumes. To celebrate reading, each year group in KS1 and 2 had a visit from the author of a book they study in English lessons. We hosted Kate Pankhurst, Emily Haworth-Bloom, Chris Mould, Maria Farrer, Polly Ho-Yen and the Right Honourable Stuart Lawrence dropped in on Year six!





MESSAGE FROM MR GORTON

As we come to the end of another very successful academic year, I am delighted to share with you the latest edition of our Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery Magazine. As ever, it is packed with memories from another superb year in the life of our school.

In a school full of delightful pupils, it is always a pleasure to spend time with your children. However, this makes it almost an impossible task to single out highlights from the last year. Rather, I would like to congratulate all the children on how they have made every effort to be the best they can be and how wholeheartedly they have studied our 'Curriculum of Excellence from the Heart of Leeds'. Whilst putting high standards in reading, writing and maths at its centre, our 'Curriculum of Excellence' ensures children have every opportunity to shine and display their talents in the Arts, Sciences, and Sport. Our 'Shakespeare 60' page provides many examples of how the children have done this.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all and offer you my continued appreciation for your support. Quite simply, this enables us to do the best for your children.

I must also take this opportunity to tell you how privileged I feel to be leading such a talented and dedicated team of staff here at Shakespeare Primary School. Your support and their 'above and beyond' approach is a magical combination that ensures your children can thrive and be successful.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer with your children and look forward to welcoming you and your children back in September. For our Year 6 children, who leave as scholars, sporting champions, singers, artists, problem solvers, and performers...you have been incredible! Only one full year in school out of the last four years has not be disrupted. You have achieved so much and I wish you every success and happiness.

Please turn the page and enjoy our seventh edition.

Julian Goton

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MALHAM 2023

In March, children in Year 4 continued a now well-established Shakespeare tradition, by going on a residential to Malham village in the heart of The Yorkshire Dales National Park. They braved the long walk from the village to the very top of Malham Cove before safely negotiating the limestone pavement and soaking up one of the most picturesque landscape views in the country. It was a truly inspiring sight so see our children developing their understanding of mountains and rivers in amongst the dales. There is simply no better classroom! We made a million memories, which we're sure many of our children will remember forever.

At the end of the day exploring in the countryside, we returned to the hostel where children developed their independence by spending a night away from home, making their own beds and maintaining the tidiest of rooms, earning great praise from members of staff at the hostel. Everyone behaved impeccably and we were told that Shakespeare was one of the best groups they had ever worked with. Well done, Year 4!







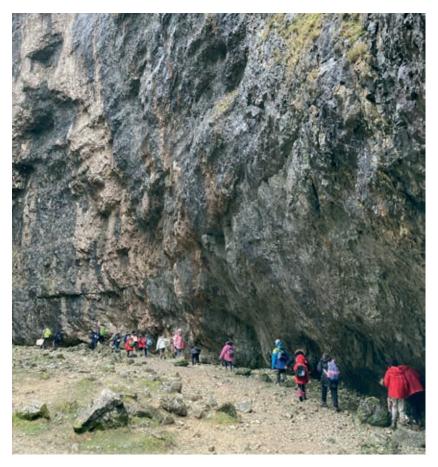






























NURSERY (2 - 3S)

Primary School and Nursery



NURSERY (3 - 45)



What a brilliant year we have had in Nursery! We kick-started the year with our 'Big World, Little Me' project where we learnt all about ourselves, our families and the places where we live. When we were settled and secure in our new classroom, we began learning all about the world around us during our 'Leaves and Snowflakes', 'Down on the Farm' and 'Nursery on the Map' projects. Our favourite part was seeing the animals during our farm visit where we got to brush the donkeys and stroke the goats! After that we ignited our passion for reading during our 'Once Upon a Time' project and finished off learning about minibeasts during our 'Flap, Wiggle, Crawl' project. We observed our caterpillars turning into butterflies and we even set up our own any colony. What an incredible year full of real-life experiences and exciting learning opportunities. Well done Nursery superstars!







Wow! What a great year we have had in RF. We have been exploring, investigating and making new friends. Our projects this year stemmed from the interests of our children and we support this through first-hand and memorable experiences.

We started the year learning all about ourselves, the city we live in and discussing cultures and celebrations. We then learnt more about the world around us through our learning projects. Our duckling 'hatching project' allowed the children to learn about lifecycles. The children cared for the ducklings and watched them grow into great swimmers. The children also had the opportunity to hold animals from all over the world, such as lizards and snakes. This was one of my favourite memories of the year.

We have had a brilliant year full of reallife experiences, challenging learning opportunities and most of all – lots of fun!





RG

What a fantastic year we have had! RG is a class full of kind, funny and enthusiastic characters and we have had lots of memorable experiences throughout the year.

We have been artists creating pointillism paintings of African animals, explorers hunting for mini beasts and authors telling stories. The children have all worked really hard this year in every project. We started off learning about ourselves and what makes us unique. Later in the year we learned all about life cycles, and finally we are ready for change, looking back at how we have grown.

Miss Grayson and Miss Cartwright are so proud of everything you have achieved this year, what a super time we have had together. You are now ready for year one!















What a wonderful year we have had in RH! The children have developed their abilities to work as a class team, supporting each other and celebrating their achievements.

We have learnt about our similarities and celebrated what makes us unique. The children have developed their creativity in our project, 'Tell Me a Story', where they created clay sculptures of story characters. One of our favourite moments was when we were visited by animals around the world. Some children were even able to hold a snake and a tarantula! The children have loved exploring the outdoors, searching for insects and other wildlife.

It has been a remarkable year full of challenge, achievement and delight. A super start to school life, RH! You are all incredible!





What a truly enjoyable year we have had in RJ! A year that's been full of fun, learning and growth.

We have learnt so many new things and explored lots of topics. Starting with ourselves in our 'Big World, Little Me' topic where we found out that we are all different and special, through to completing the year with our 'World Voyager' topic where we learnt about the whole world and how other countries are different to ours. There have been so many exciting moments. We have had visits from lots of animals; snakes, hedgehogs and ducklings to name a few! Some of us were even brave enough to hold a tarantula! Wow!

We are so proud of you all! Thank you for an amazing year at Shakespeare!



















What a wonderful year we have had in 1H, full of exciting learning projects with amazing visits and interesting visitors. Here are the highlights of our year...

We started the year by getting to know our very own city, Leeds and went on to discover amazing facts about London and Addis Ababa. We worked together as a team and built a working model of Tower Bridge. During our 'Great Fire of London' project we met Samuel Pepys and helped him to put the fire out! In our next learning project we became astronauts for the day and even tried 'space food' that a real astronaut would eat! During our 'Childhood' project we looked at very old toys from a museum and then our special grown-ups joined us to share their childhood games with us. It was wonderful to share games from different times and cultures! Finally, the children's favourite experience by far was our amazing trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park where we saw lions, tigers, polar bears and even went on the adventure playground.



What lovely memories we have shared this year! We began the year learning all about Leeds and our surrounding area and with each project, have enjoyed building upon our sense of locality. In our new topic "The Great Fire of London", 1W were fantastic at building Tudor houses, choosing materials carefully to replicate London streets in 1666. We delved further into the past when, in our project "Childhood" we learnt all about loved games and toys from the 1950's. It was a very special day when we got the chance to invite our own grown-up's in to share these playground games with us! A highlight of our year was the exciting visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park where we were amazed to finally meet all the 'big cats' we had learnt about in Science and Geography. What a wonderful year we have had!



What an amazing year we have had in 2B! We have made so many memories together and I have truly enjoyed every single moment with the class. Throughout the year we have travelled back in time to historic monarchies and significant movements, became a gardener when planting our own bulbs and even made our very own bug hotel.

The year began with our 'Wriggle and Crawl' project, where we were lucky enough to meet lots of different animals. The snake and tarantula were terrifying but that didn't stop us being brave and holding them. 'Magnificent Monarchs' project taught us all about Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. We felt sad when the Queen passed away but loved learning all about our new monarch and celebrating his coronation! We ended the year at Tropical World and felt what it was really like in a rainforest.

Every day has been a joy with this charismatic, determined and lovely class. It has been a pleasure to watch everyone work hard and succeed. What a wonderful year we have had!





and learning about lifecycles. They have also demonstrated a flair for art and have produced a range of masterpieces as they explored artists such as Pablo Picasso, Van Gogh and Eileen Downes. Another highlight of our year was when we read The Twits by Roald Dahl. The children absolutely loved this book and all the work we did around it. They especially enjoyed making 'wormy spaghetti' and then planning their own, disgusting recipe!

This is a class full of kind, hard working children and I have really enjoyed the year that I have spent with them.



It has been a year of fantastic experiences for 2L. We have worked so well together and created so many incredible memories! As the year has progressed we have discovered more about our wonderful world, historical figures and how to live healthy lives.

The year began with 'Wriggle and Crawl' where we met lots of weird and wonderful creatures which inspired us to learn more about nature. We then became historians in 'Movers and Shakers' and learned that we too have the power to change our world! In 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' we were lucky enough to get our hands dirty when making our own delicious pizzas and even... wormy spaghetti! Yuck!

Throughout this year, we have met each day with joy, enthusiasm and curiosity. I could not be prouder to have been a part of your Shakespeare journey. Year 3 will be lucky to have you!













What a wonderful year it has been. The students of 3S have worked so hard, shown enthusiasm, a thirst for learning and demonstrated their dazzling personalities throughout. They have enjoyed each and every project, ranging from Rocks, Relics and Rumbles all the way through to Grow and Flow where they have built upon existing learning, asked wonderful questions and gained new knowledge that they are proud to demonstrate in a range of ways. The students went on many exciting trips which allowed them to create links to learning in real life, which included visiting the Discovery Centre, Leeds City Museum, The Royal









4B...you have been absolute superstars this year! Thank YOU, for a fantastic year of learning. As a class, the progress you have made has been amazing and I am very proud of you all. We have laughed, grown and developed together whilst supporting and cheering each other on.

Our learning began when we discovered how Britain changed from the Stone Age to Iron Age. We then became Roman soldiers, uncovering the history of the Roman Invasion of Britain and to kick start 2023, we explored the effects of plastic pollution in the project, Blue Abyss. To end the year, let's not forget our trip to Malham, where we answered our project question 'Where does the River Aire come from?'. Miss Smith and I are extremely proud of each and every one of you. Go be brilliant in Year Five!







What a splendid year we've had in 4C this year! We've proved ourselves to be Historians as we've travelled through time from the Stone Age all the way to the Saxons and Vikings, via the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman Britain. We showcased our super Science skills in our Potions project when we learnt about solids, liquids and gases; even creating our own rocket explosions and slime! Our Geography knowledge took us all the way to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales, as we discovered where the River Aire comes from. All of this plus deep sea batiks, polar bears, drama performances and lots and lots of reading... Wow, it's been a lot of fun!



What an incredible year 2023 has been. 4R had many memorable moments, including swimming, a walk through the city centre, a VR experience, litter picking and road safety training. We also had visits from a dentist, a Stone Age historian, an acting coach and many more. At the beginning of the year we went back to the Stone Age and learnt about the Roman invasion. After that, we went deep into the oceans in our Blue Abyss topic and read our favourite novel, The Wreck of the Zanzibar. In our Misty Mountain, Winding River project





This past year has been a true success for 5AB in terms of knowledge gained and experiences had excellent attitude. With caveman Stig, we got off to a great start as we planted, cultivated, and farmed at a local allotment and in our classroom. In addition, we campaigned against climate change and even sent letters to Mr. Gorton! After that, with the assistance of lecturers from Leeds University, we travelled to the ancient Benin region and made functional, purposeful bags. Then, we gradually zoomed in from the farthest reaches of space and our galaxy to the Earth and our continent. Before, finally, we focused more intently on the British Isles, the counties and cities nearby, and ultimately the wonderful city of Leeds itself and the toweringbuildings that surround it.



















It has been the most incredible year in 5K! It all began with some enormous carrots, sun flowers bigger than the children and feeding some very friendly chickens at the allotment. Then we arrived at the Kingdom of Benin, where we were greeted by Obas and became professional podcast hosts! We became budding actors with Leeds Playhouse, showing everyone that we are out of this world. Zooming down from space, we landed right in the heart of Leeds. We explored the centre, mapped out our local area and became digital map experts! What a fantastic year!







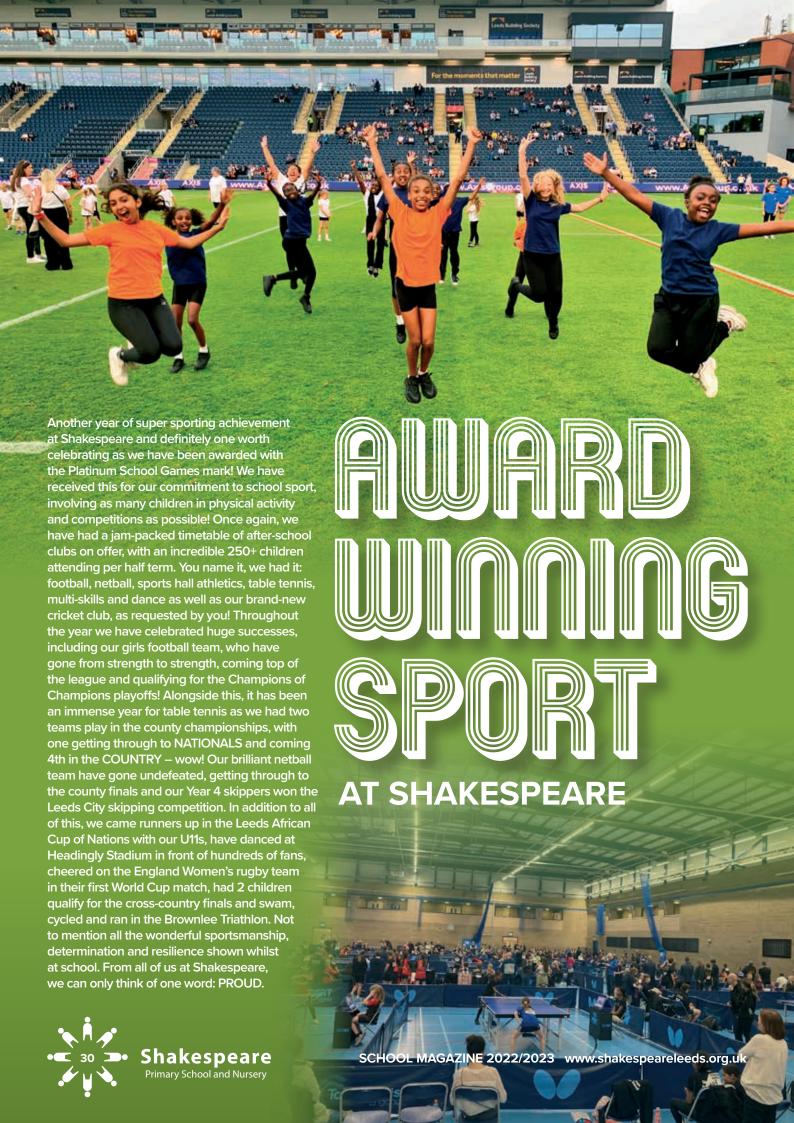


Class of 2023: passionate, hardworking and ambitious. You have faced every challenge determined to overcome it and achieve your best. This year may have sped by but it has been filled with so many magical memories. Together, we explored the wonders of Whitby, adventured to the Galapagos Islands with Charles Darwin and celebrated the Industrial Revolution. You have poured your infections energy, creativity and light into our classroom and made each day a pleasure to be here. Now it is time for you to continue your journey as the inspiring individuals that you have grown to be, unlock your potential and carry on making excellent choices!































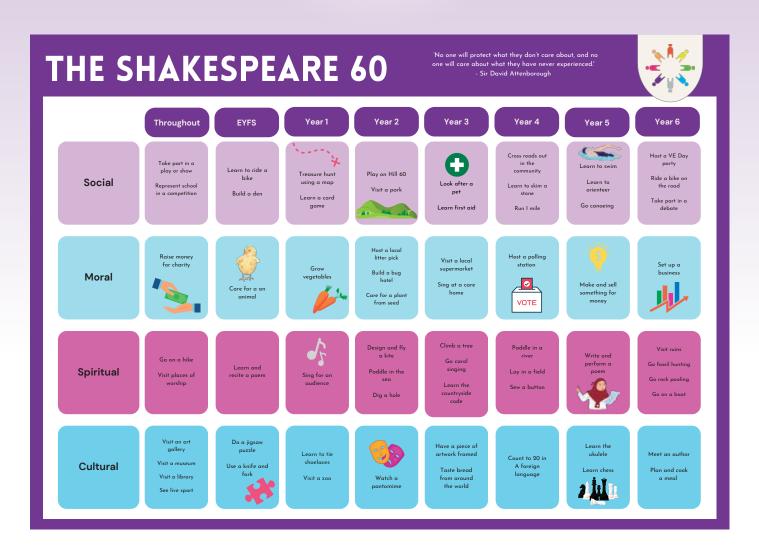








The Shakespeare Sixty are experiences and challenges for children to enjoy throughout their time at school supporting their learning and personal development.







ART& DESIGN

Here at Shakespeare, we are artists! We strive to engage, challenge and inspire our children through our Art and Design curriculum, providing a range of creative experiences for every child. The children take part in a variety of projects across the year, developing their skills in drawing, sculpture and painting. We begin with the artist as the inspiration for the project, learning about the techniques used and how the artist or time period has contributed to the history of art. The children explore a range of skills and then apply these when creating their final piece. We have had some fantastic pieces this year, from clay sculptures of story characters in reception, to a realistic heart created in the style of Chinese ink painting in Year 6!





























YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

Here at Shakespeare we enjoy giving the children the opportunity to consolidate their learning experiences in school with exciting excursions. To enhance the learning in Science and Geography, Year 1 had the amazing chance to visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park and all the 'wild' animals it houses. The children got the chance to meet lions, tigers, giraffes, polar bears and many more animals. They asked and answered countless questions and best of all they remembered which animals were carnivores and herbivores and where in the world they lived. At the end of the day the children got the chance to experience an adventure playground and worked well together to climb the wooden frames. The speedy zipwire proved to be their favourite and after all that excitement they all had a sleep on the way home!

















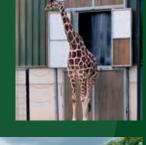
























CHRISTMAS 2022 2021







BOOKS, BAGS AND BOXES

Congratulations to all the children who have read regularly at home. A special mention to our Book in a Bag winners in KS1 who took home a book, book bag, teddy bear, hot chocolate and a tea bag to enjoy with their grown up at story time. Not forgetting our fabulous home reader winners in KS2 who took home a Book in a Box complete with book, bookmark, hot chocolate and a special treat to enjoy with their book.







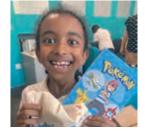






























WHITBY **2022**

Over the course of a week in October, 90 Shakespeare pupils descended on Whitby showing their enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork skills and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Dalby Forest is always our first stop on route to Whitby to conquer the tree top assault course that is Go-Ape. At over twenty feet in the air, the bravest children and adults alike got to grips with a variety of bridges and crossings before the final challenge of the zip wire.

On arrival at the Youth Hostel, children made up their beds and enjoyed a well-earned evening meal, before we headed out for a night walk around the town. Standing at the top of the cliffs, telling ghost stories and trying to count the immeasurable number of stars was a lovely moment that will live long in the memories of all who were there.

Day two included a fossil lesson, cliff top walk and a great morning on the beach playing. During the fossil hunt, we found some incredible ammonite fossils which were possibly the largest and most distinct that we've ever seen in all the years we've been visiting the same beach

Our final morning came around way too fast. After stripping the beds, we fit in another beach trip (this time to Robin Hood's Bay) where we investigated rock pools and played some very competitive games of beach football. We finished our trip with some delicious fish and chips overlooking the sea before we sang (and slept) all the way home.

What a great residential with a very respectful group of children and an equally great staff team. Bring on next year!







































INFORMATION AND SIGNPOSTING 2023

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

- > Breeze Leeds offer activities for children and teenagers and discounts for local attractions www.breezeleeds.org.uk
- > Harehills residents can visit The Thackery Medical Museum for free on Mondays. Please take proof of address when you visit.
- > Park Play sessions with organised games for families run every Saturday 10.30am at Shakespeare Primary School https://park-play.com/parks/ lincolngreen/
- The Refugee Forum offer a homework club for children to support them with their learning. Call for a place for your child 0113 2449600
- > ESOL classes, IT courses and help with CV writing are available at St. Vincent's Support Centre 0113 2482126 https://www.svp.org.uk/ stvincentsleeds
- > Women Arise offer ESOL classes, activities and support for Refugee women at The Refugee Forum, Cromwell St LS9 7SG. Drop in and speak with them on Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

- If your child you child has a minor illness or injury and you are unable to see a GP, you can attend without an appointment at Shakespeare Medical Centre walk-in clinic - Cromwell Mount LS9 7TA.
- Advice and treatment are also available in your local pharmacy for minor conditions.
- > For urgent dental treatment, if your child is not registered with a dentist, call 111 and they will direct you to an emergency dentist practice for treatment.
- The Children's Emergency Department for more serious conditions or emergencies is located in the Leeds General Infirmary on the ground floor of the Jubilee Wing.
- > If you are unsure which service is most appropriate, call 111 for advice.

FINANCIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT WITH BENEFITS

- > Money Buddies run a free drop in group for help with debt, energy bills and budgeting at the Compton Centre on Fridays 9am - 12pm.
- Citizen's Advice are also able to advise on benefits and debt. They can be contacted by telephone on 0800 2787878
- Christians Against Poverty (CAP) run courses to teach budgeting skills at Bridge Community Church, Rider St LS9 7BQ. They can also help you arrange payment plans and negotiate with creditors.
- For migrants with no recourse to public funds, support and advice is available at Project 17. Contact the organisation by telephone on 07963 509044.
- Compton Centre Community Hub offer advice and support with debt, benefits, jobs and skills - 0113 224404. Translators are available on request.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

- > Gypsy Roma Traveller advice drop in meeting is at Nowell Mount Children's Centre on Tuesdays 10am - 12pm, 0113 3785033.
- > Stronger Families provide support with health and wellbeing, employability and skills building and Financial Inclusion. Contact them on 0113 3869900
- Crockett and Co Solicitors offer free legal advice for families and specialise in family law
 260 Harehills Lane LS9 7BD, 0113 2260111
- Inner East Cluster offer services such as adult counselling, family support and therapeutic work for children. For more information on how to access this support please see Miss Smith or Miss Brookes in school.

FOOD AND SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPORT

- > Zarach run a Food Club and free school uniform exchange at Bridge Community
 Church on Tuesdays 12:30 2:30pm. Further information about membership can be found at info@zarach.org
- > St. Vincent's Support Centre, Berking Avenue LS9 9LF, can provide emergency food parcels and referrals to other agencies for support. Call 0113 2484126 before 11am Mon-Fri.





THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

In light of this momentous occasion in History, we celebrated in school with a Coronation Day! Parents and families were welcomed to school with music, tea and scones. The children were invited to wear red, white and blue. At the end of the day, all children were gifted a Coronation Bookmark. In addition to this, our gifted wildflower seeds have been used to create our own Coronation Meadow on the school site.



