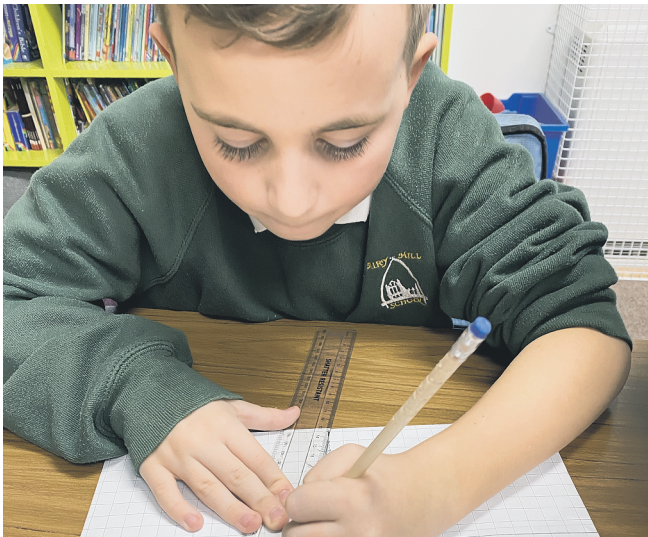


AIRY HILL SCHOOL MONTHLY REPORT



Pupils enjoy a trip to the theatre.



Year 5 have a go at geometric art.



Sports activities in the playground.



Very angelic! Christmas fun at Airy Hill.



Fire officers assist with putting out the flames in a mock-up of the Great Fire of London.

School theatre trip was a real moment to Treasure

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Youngsters at Airy Hill School visited the Stephen Joseph Theatre to watch *Treasure Island*, as part of the fun in the build-up to Christmas.

The festive season was a huge celebration at the Whitby primary school this year. This is its latest monthly report:

We took part in our annual carol concert, reception performed their nativity and choir visited local care homes to spread Christmas cheer. As a school, we visited the Stephen Joseph's Theatre in Scarborough and watched *Treasure Island*. We had a great time!

Year 6

Year 6 have made a great start to their new topic based on WW1 and WW2 and have created timelines to support their understanding of chronology.

They have started a new class text called *Once* and have been making predictions based on what they have read so far.

Excitingly, the children have an upcoming visit to Eden Camp to look forward to and have posed some interesting questions regarding war which they would like answering.

In art, the children have been investigating how art can inform us about the war and why it was used by the Government as a way to feedback to the public. In PE, the children have been working with their friends from around school to develop their skills and become sports leaders.

EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage were busy in December learn-



Christmas fun.

ing songs and the story of the first Christmas. They then confidently performed for a hall full of parents and relatives.

Year 2

Year 2 worked hard over the last half-term learning about the Great Fire of London.

In design and technology, we decided wood and hay would be the materials that houses were made from when the real fire was and we used cardboard boxes for our base. Lots of sticking, glue-ing, a splash of paint and voila! We've got the entire street.

The flames were even pushed along by the wind, just like it did back in 1666. Thank you to North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for safely lighting the fire and putting it out.

Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic run-up to Christmas, wrapping up warm and experiencing our Forest School area while it was still bright and crisp in the morning. They got to build fires and drink hot chocolates too.

Year 3

Year 3 have dived into their new topic on volcanoes and earthquakes for the spring term.

We have already explored why volcanoes erupt, closely following the Taal volcano in the Philippines.

We also had a fun taster session of Judo which we all loved. Last Wednesday, we began our forest schools weekly lesson on our top field. There will be more pictures to come from our time at forest schools in the next newspaper from Year 3.

Year 5

Year 5 really enjoyed a festive trip to see *Treasure Island* at the Stephen Joseph's Theatre in the Round.

It was very funny, a little bit naughty and a real treat. Some of us even had front row seats.

We are starting to look at geometric art in our computing lessons.

It's pretty tricky to do by hand and very time consuming – we are looking forward to seeing how quickly a computer can do the same task.

Year 4

Year 4 began their science-fiction topic by watching *The Iron Giant* and writing an adaptation of a key scene from the film.

In science, they have been learning about how sounds are made and using their understanding of solids, liquids and gases to discover how sound travels. In computing, the children have been using Audacity to analyse sound waves and will be using the software, along with keyboards, guitar effects pedals, microphones and other recording equipment to create science-fiction sound effects.

Building upon drawing skills, learnt last term, the class have been learning to draw facial expressions and will be working with a local artist to learn how to draw figures in various poses.

Choir

Our school choir had a busy time in the run-up to Christmas. After weeks of rehearsals, they sang beautifully at Fairways Court, Whitby Court and at the annual carol concert at St Hilda's Church.

Two of our teaching assistants learned to play guitar and bass to help accompany the child.