



Airy Hill youngsters all kitted up for an outdoor walk.

An action-packed start to autumn term at Airy Hill

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Youngsters at Whitby's Airy Hill Primary School have had an action-packed start to their autumn term, with snakes, chocolate and mental wellbeing among the subjects tackled.

YEAR 1

From sporting events to holding snakes, year 1 have had an action packed half-term.

Go Wild Animal Encounters visited us to support our science topic and they brought a range of exotic reptiles, amphibians and insects for us to learn about and even hold! We are also learning about our local area and the significant places that we have in our hometown - so we visited some.

YEAR 2

On a trip around Whitby, year 2 had a look at the Geography we are surrounded by every day.

We looked at human and physical features of our home town and found out answers to our questions like 'How long has that been there?' and 'Is this naturally occurring?'

We are then going to create a leaflet on why people should visit Whitby.

In forest schools we have been making dens and start-



Walking along the Cinder track.

ing small fires. We did this in groups which supported our communication and listening skills and helped us practice our teamwork abilities.

In Art, we have been looking at the artist Wassily Kandinsky and chosen to focus on his wonderfully colourful concentric circles while in RE, we have been looking at how different religions show others that we care.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous start to their new year group and have especially loved their science topic rocks and their history and reading topic The Stone Age. We are understanding more about timelines and how many things happened in the world before we came along.

In our Rocks topic we have explored Mary Anning's important contribution to understanding fossils and we have also explored three main types of rock - sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. All in all, an fun start to Year 3!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the Ancient Maya this half term. The children have found out about early number systems, how the Maya built their cities in relation to the stars, about Maya Gods and beliefs, and all about chocotl - the earliest form of chocolate!

To really understand the subject year 5 have been required to eat a lot of chocolate (research purposes) learn how to melt and temper chocolate and create



This puddle was too tempting to resist!

tasty treats which they sold to raise money for a trip to York's Chocolate Story.

YEAR 6

Years 6 have been busy this half term after visiting Peat Rigg for their class residential.

Here, the children were able to develop their resilience and ability to work as a team while problem solving and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. In writing, the children have been drafting leaflets based on their visit, writing

setting descriptions and producing an argument based on their geography river topic.

RECEPTION

We have really enjoyed our first half term at Airy Hill.

We have been busy making new friends, hunting for bears, playing in the mud kitchen and learning all about trains.

WELL-BEING DAY

Here at Airy Hill, we value all our pupil's and staff member's mental health.



Giggles galore with reptiles.



Snakes alive! Who's this sssslippery cussstomer?

This year, we celebrated Hello Yellow to raise the profile of mental health and help teach our children the importance of keeping our minds healthy.

The day was a huge success and we raised over £200 for the Young Minds Charity.

SPONSORED WALK

All of the pupils took part in our annual sponsored walk and had a fantastic time, setting out to reach further than they did last year.