



## REDGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY/YEOMAN PARK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



### News from the Executive Principal & Executive Vice Principal



Hello and welcome to the Redgate Primary Academy/Yeoman Park Academy spring term Newsletter. For those of you who haven't already met me, I'm Pauline Corfield, Executive Principal of both academies. You may already know that I was the Head at Redgate for the last 3 years. Having said a big thank you and fond farewell to Jane Cooper at the end of last term, I am really enjoying getting to know the pupils and students as well as staff a little more, at Yeoman Park. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions or just for a chat, my door is always open.

I have been at Yeoman Park for 13 years now (I have a lot more grey hair than when this photo was taken!). I have worked right across the school, starting as the Head of Post 16, having been acting deputy at Stubbin Wood Special School in Shirebrook for 10 years previously. I have always found it a privilege and great fun to work with the young people at Yeoman Park and I am getting to know the staff and students at Redgate too. I look forward to meeting you all across both academies.



**Its an exciting time for us all and we look forward to a positive future together!**

# YPA Class 1 have had lots of visits out so far this term:

Primary 1 enjoyed the performance from Bamboozle this term:  
**Down to Earth!**



We had breakfast and read stories for World book day.



And a special drumming session in the SensIT room.





# YPA News From Jen's Class



We loved our session with Judith from Beat Feet Drumming this term. Everyone listened and joined in the performance of drumming fast and slow. Our class engaged in every nursery rhyme song. Judith picked all our favourites! We took turns leading the different songs with all the exciting song props, including cuddly toy animals and spinning lights. All of us were excited when the session finished with our space song, 'Five little men in a flying saucer'. We can't wait until our next Beat Feet Drumming experience.





## **RPA-Caterpillar Class Newsletter Spring Term 2019**

Hello to all of our parents/Carers.

This half term we are busy learning about travelling and journeys as part of our whole academy theme: 'Transport and journeys'. We are finding out the answer to our big question 'how do we get there?'

Each week we have been enjoying getting on our magic flying carpet and simulating travelling to different countries such as Thailand, Mexico and China, we made it just in time to celebrate and experience Chinese New Year! We have enjoyed exploring and experiencing different cultures and traditions through food, music, materials and clothing associated with each country. We will continue on our virtual tours after half term where we will look forward to learning about more places around the world including Hungary, Spain, Australia and more.

Our cooking sessions this term are also linked to the weekly country we are learning about. We have enjoyed making traditional sweet deserts whilst learning about how different materials can be combined and changed e.g. through the process of melting and cooking.

We are learning about the different forms of transport that can be used to travel and are beginning to group them according to where we may see them e.g. on land, water, tracks and sky.

**In addition to our fortnightly visits to cafes and parks within the community, to enhance our learning about transport we are planning a real train ride experience to take place during the second half term!**

Note: We continue to enjoy having lots of messy play as well as getting outdoors to learn and play so please could you ensure your child has one or two sets of spare clothes in their bag. Also, if you happen to have any of our spare clothes please send them back into class.

Many thanks for your support, we look forward to seeing you soon!  
Lorraine and the Caterpillar Class Team.





## RPA—Bees class news!

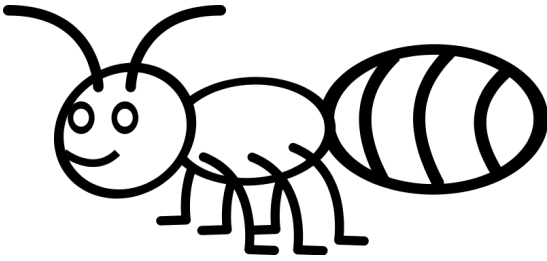


This term in Bee's class we have been on an adventure with Ant and Bee. During story we have visited different countries including India and Japan along with cooking delicious food that they may eaten in these countries.

Also this term Bee's class have been experimenting with sink or float objects, we have all thoroughly enjoyed this.

Forest schools has been a bit of a rainy one this term however bee's class have enjoyed ex-





## RPA—Ants Class Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Hello to all of our parents/Carers.

This half term we are concluding our transport topic. After looking at the development of the steam powered vehicle and Richard Trevithick's Christmas disaster, and following the development of railway travel we are now following the development of the automobile through the decades. This half term we also have our topic visit to the National Railway Museum. I am sure the children will be amazed at the size and complexity of these railway engines, including Mallard, The Flying Scotsman and the Bullet train.

Our second topic has had us learning about rivers and canals. We have visited the river Maun and the river Trent and are now focusing on canals. Hopefully we will get a visit to a canal before the Easter break.

Each week continue to work on our English and maths and our focus for these is to revisit the correct way to form our letters, to attempt independent writing, or develop our writing with clear sentences, and, in maths, to improve our skills in telling the time and using metric measure.

After helping our community with litter picking work we are now focusing on helping the birds with bird feeders and filling pine cone with fat and seed. This should help the birds over the last difficult part of the winter. We are also continuing our project to make a wild flower patch, which will help the bird throughout the year and bring a patch of colour to the school playground.

We are also looking forward to our new permanent member of Ants class. Declan has been slowly moving from another class into ours. By the end of this term he will be a permanent member of Ants class.

Our DoJo reward this term is to go bowling (10 pin, not crown green). The children's target is 65. If your child does something special (linked to behaviour and conduct) please let us know and we can give DoJos for their conduct outside of school. Please do not scatter them like confetti, but do give for their special efforts. Please remember to use the DoJo app for short two-way communication and the diaries for anything more important or lengthy. If you wish to speak to any of the team do not hesitate to telephone school.

Thank you for your support.  
Derek, Andrea, Izzy, Pip and Vicky.





## **RPA—Ladybirds Class Newsletter Spring Term 2019**

Hello to all of our parents/Carers.

I would like to start by saying how much I have enjoyed my first few months working with your children. Starting a new job is never easy but the welcome I have received from everyone in class, their enthusiasm to join in with all we have been doing and their willingness to try their best have made it such a positive experience for me.

This half term we are busy learning about travelling and journeys as part of our whole academy theme: 'Transport and journeys'. We are finding out the answer to our big question 'how do we get there?'

Each week we have been exploring 'Transport and journeys' through our science and geography work. We have had a lot of fun with ramps and cars. We have also enjoyed using Forest school for our work with maps and following directions. We have also enjoyed exploring movement through our music and art.

**To enhance our learning about transport we are planning a real train ride experience to take place during the second half term!**

Apart from our work on Transport we have had lots of other exciting events in school. There has been World book day, Splash and a definite highlight for Ladybirds was Rock school with some of the moves on show worthy of Strictly.

I have really enjoyed having the chance to meet with some of you and to talk about your child and I am hoping it will not be too long before I have met everyone in person.

Many thanks for your support, we look forward to seeing you soon!  
Paul and the Ladybird Class Team.



# RPA—Hello from Butterfly class!



This term.....

We are enjoying our Interactive story 'The Train Ride' and are planning a visit to Sherwood Railway for a steam train ride!



We have had weekly music sessions with INSPIRE Music where we have learned new songs and had the opportunity to play a range of instruments—all linked to the theme of Journeys.



We also had the opportunity to engage with an Arts Practitioner from Nottingham Play House who ran a two day workshop called SPLASH! This was lots of fun and all the children enjoyed playing and exploring the sensory based activities

In our Forest School activities we have been getting messy outside and working together to make mud pies and potions.





# YPA—Claire's Class

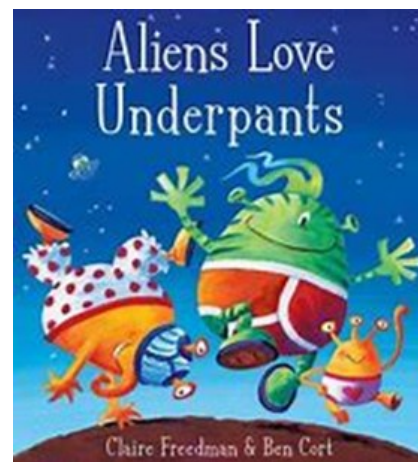
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Claire's class have been visiting space this term, we have done lots of different space related activities. We have enjoyed reading *Aliens Love Underpants*, creating art work to make our solar system and dancing with Lily and Dave'



## *YPA—Jess's Class News!*

“As they go zinging through the air,  
It really is pants-tastic.  
What fun the aliens can have,  
With pingy pants elastic.”



M4 Have enjoyed reading  
'Aliens Love Underpants' by  
Claire Freedman and Ben Cort.

“They wear pants on their feet and heads  
and other silly places.”

## YPA—News from Upper 2

### Upper School – Clothing Collection

We are planning to start clothing collections for our work experience project; it is still in the planning stages with students involved in everything from understanding what a clothing collection is, through to making posters, and organising collection points around school.

If you are having a clear out at home, please hang on to unwanted clothing as we will be contacting you soon to request donations. We look forward to your support with this.

## School Council

**This term, in the school council we have been thinking about how we can raise money for comic relief. We all wore something red and had a special assembly on Friday 15th March! We will let you know how much we raised as soon as the money has been counted!**

**Thank you for all your support!**

### PARENT/CARER WELLBEING

Yeoman Park Academy's Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group continue to meet every fortnight on a Wednesday from 10—12 in The Lodge on the school site. You are all welcome to come along and join them for a chat and a cuppa!

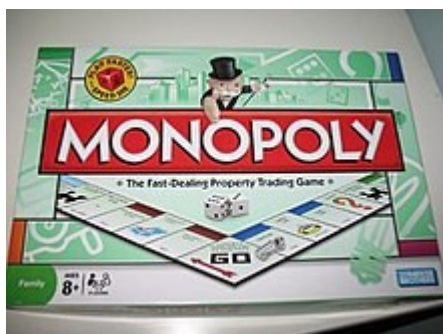
If you are a Redgate parent/carers and would like to have your own group, or would like to join Yeoman Park Academy's group, please telephone Jo Wass at Yeoman Park Academy on 01623 459540 for further information.



# YPA—M2 NEWS

M2 NEWS AND GOSSIP

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**E.P-** Watched Star Wars (Phantom Menace), and went to Vicar Water.

**M-** Had a relaxing time at home.

**J.L-** I played piano and youtube at home.

**A.S-** Played Monopoly and her Dad won!

**CW-** played in the garden and got a new watch.

**T-** Went on his xbox and ate lasagna.

**D.S-** Played xbox.

**J.M-** Watched Netflix.

**T-** Made a dinosaur park with his Mum.

**L.H-** Went out at the weekend.



# E-Safety

## Parents Information

The following websites are helpful for any parents / Carers wishing to keep their children safe online:



[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

KidSMART - learn about the internet and being a SMART surfer.



[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

One of the best known and accessed E-safety websites. It contains lots of information for both children and adults. It contains lots of top tips for parents.

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and supporting individuals and families.



Let's keep kids safe online

## NSPCC

## Where to go for extra support



### Keeping children safe online - online course

Online training to give you a clear understanding of how children use the internet and other digital technology. Newly updated for 2016. Cost: £30

### Meet the O2 Gurus

A phone you can't work is like a jar you can't open. That's why our O2 Gurus are here to give you free help and advice.



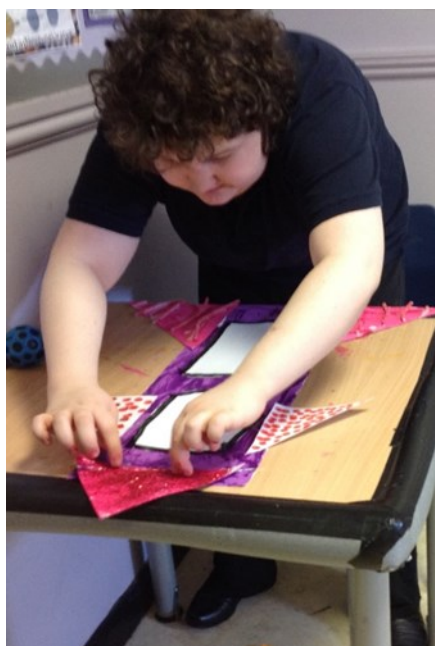
**The o2 Gurus will help on anything, from setting up parental controls to reporting online bullying, you can call our free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or visit an O2 Guru in one of our stores—you don't have to be an o2 customer or an expert on a computer yourself!**

**...And of course we are here to help in school if you need it.**





YPA—Lovely photos from  
The Base!





## YPA—Carol's Class News!!

This term we have been exploring Winter in Theatre of Possibilities and then Space. We have been doing art work around our Space theme and will be doing Easter crafts for our Easter boxes this half term. We have explored Mary Poppins and are listening to a space themed story this half term. Sam did art work at Portland College as part of the Pathfinders group. We have been exploring ingredients to make Indian food. We are now exploring Chinese food. We took part in a drumming workshop and games sessions. Jess joined the Pathfinders group at APTCOO when she did some planting and was helped to do some woodwork.



We have had a very busy half term getting to know our new teacher and learning lots of new things. We have learned the names of the planets in the Solar System using 'My Very Evil Monster Just Scares Us Nuts!' We have also worked on our money and counting skills, whilst learning the importance of brushing our teeth and washing our hands.

We have learned two new stories about a spider in a sandwich and Snow White and the seven couch potatoes! We have baked lots of interesting things, including Mac N Cheese and Pear Upside-Down Cake. In art lessons, we have made a papier Mache Solar System, and our very own classroom Sun.

We have been very busy on Pathfinders, going to Mansfield town centre, day services and Willow Tree Farm every week. We also went to The Archer pub which is run by Landmarks. We loved visiting and some of us even got to pull our very first pint!

We've been exploring Yoga and have had a lesson every week, which we really look forward to. We have learnt the Sun Salutation, in keeping with our school theme of Space.

To reward us for all our hard work and making our new teacher feel so welcome, we went to the National Space Centre in Leicester at the end of the half term. We learned some more amazing things about the different planets in our Solar System in the Planetarium, which felt like we were moving through space! We saw a Space Rocket and went in the lift right to the top of it. We presented the weather and tried our hand at the Baked Bean Challenge. We played with a Mars Rover and saw an astronaut too. We had such a great time and loved every minute of our trip.





Our topic this term is SPACE. So my class have been looking at all the planets in our solar system as well as making each planet through different art techniques: weaving, bubble wrap printing, collage, Paper Mache balloon, sun/dream catchers with glue, paint and glitter, three different techniques in mono printing, spray bottle printing and water colours/ wax crayons.

We have also been creating our own stories with 'The Dinosaur that pooped a planet' as inspiration and writing about what their alien characters look like.

We have also looked at different rockets, made our own rocket and what animals have gone to space.

They have made astronaut pudding, planet Jupiter pizza, space rock cakes and alien juice in Food Technology.

