



Robert Ferguson Primary School



Our video productions include the use of “green screen” which enables us to superimpose our stars onto different backgrounds. The aim is to introduce our pupils to this technique, with a view to giving them access to it for enhancing their own story-telling. Who knows? Perhaps one of our pupils may be a future professional film-maker!

We have had such a wonderful time producing our videos for you this term. Years 1 to 6 can [login](#) to see and show their videos, and our Early Years Nativity (longer version) was made available to parents on Tapestry, with a [shorter version](#) available on the school website. There’s a [podcast](#), too!



Autumn Term Art

The children have produced some skilled art work this term using a broad range of mediums and techniques, including painting, drawing, printing, collage and pastels.

They have taken inspiration from some great artists including Bruegel, Matisse, Seurat, Van Gogh and many others.

We are continually looking for new techniques and mediums to include. This term, Year 6 have tried their hand at leather craft, making their own key-rings.

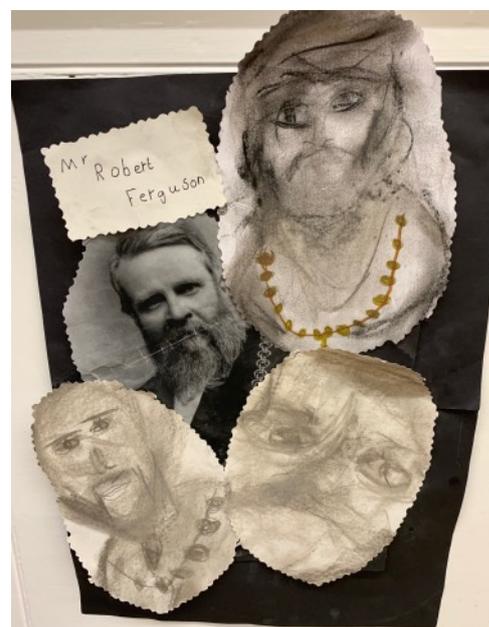
The Year 6 art club has been very popular this half term. The children made wooden Christmas ornaments, Cards and used watercolours, charcoal, textiles and sketching pencils to create some wonderful pieces of art.



Local Geography & History Week



The staff team organised an exciting week focusing on the fascinating history and local geography of Denton Holme. This included field studies, map work, a video link with experts at Tullie House, Orienteering, a walk along the river Caldw to identify natural and man made features, researching what Denton Holme was like during WW2, visiting Cumbria's Museum of Military Life, finding out about the history of our school and who Robert Ferguson was...



Outdoor Pursuits



We love the great outdoors! Year 1 were excited to find signs that The Gruffalo had been visiting the school grounds earlier in the term. They concluded their topic 'The Deep Dark Wood' with a trip to Whinlatter Forest, the home of the Gruffalo trail, explored some of the woods and found forest treasure, which they made into Christmas Crafts.

Early in the term Year 5 headed to Hawse End for ghyll-scrambling and canoe-rafting. Later, as part of their Rivers topic, they had a wonderful walk along the River Caldeu, explored the physical features of the river and learned about the flood defences built after the 2005 floods. They took a walk along the weir and spotted some salmon jumping!

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Talkin Tarn. The children learned how to canoe, worked well in their teams to explore the Tarn, and enjoyed orienteering, using their navigational and compass skills to find different points on a map.



Marvellous Maths



During my visits to lessons this term I have been continually delighted and impressed with the children's attitude, enjoyment and confidence with maths. Here are some of the things they have told us about maths.

Mr Frost

"I think maths is really fun. I love doing Times Table Rock Stars, especially because I can create my character and have fun!" - Brayden, Y4

"I like doing maths because the different ways you can add and subtract is amazing!" - Honor - Y4

"It can be a little bit hard, but part-part-whole is easy!" Morgan, Y1

"I'm learning from my mistakes!" - Jensen, Y3

"If you are stuck somewhere, tell the teacher!" - Daniel, Y3

"I love maths forever!" Arian, Y3

"I just like doing maths. I don't really know why!" - Scarlett, Y1

"Maths helps you with everything in life!" - Emily, Y3

"We've learned about division, halving and doubling. They are getting more challenging but I'm finding them easier - it keeps levelling up" - Isabella, Y6

"It's really fun!" - Ashanti, Y6

"I love it - it's the best subject in my opinion because it's fun, and my favourite part is square numbers!" - William, Y5

"I like maths because it is challenging and fun. My favourite part is cube numbers!" - Ben, Y5

"I love it! I get to learn new things!" - Jessica, Y2

Special Events



Our representatives at the Remembrance Service did a great job, met Councillor Pam Birks, Mayor of Carlisle, and invited her to pay us a visit at school. The Mayor took up the offer, visited and talked to the children about the history of Carlisle. She came with the mayor's



chains of office, mace and sword, amazing historical artefacts, all of which would have been held by Robert Ferguson, when he was Mayor of Carlisle in 1855 and 1858.

Also this term, RFPS was the location of choice for the DAB digital switch on of BBC Radio Cumbria and CFM with Year 3 and DJs Mike Zeller and Robbie Dee.



Sporting Achievements



The girls' football team competed in the U11 competition playing schools from around Carlisle. They won all their matches winning their group which means they are through to the county finals. All the girls have worked really hard on a Wednesday and have thoroughly enjoyed playing against the boys' team during practices.

Cross country running featured this term, including our strongest competitive medal tally in recent times, with Arielle coming 3rd, and Ryan 2nd.