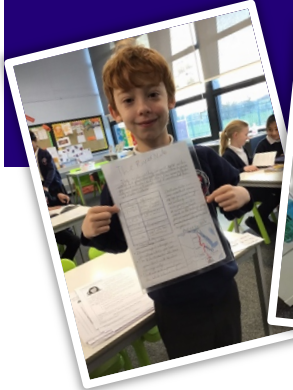




Barton Clough Primary School

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Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy half-term at Barton Clough: our fantastic new Reception classroom and outdoor provision have opened; we have celebrated World Book Day with some great reading cafes; lots of classes have been enjoying going out on trips; and we helped clean up Stretford during the Great British Spring Clean.

Our renovation works have continued with the finishing touches now going on the roof, and the new render being well underway. The school is looking and feeling much fresher, with the outside reflecting the amazing learning that is taking place in the school.

We have also been thrilled to welcome back Mrs Bennion from maternity leave towards the end of the half-term. She is very much looking forward to joining the Year 2 team in the Summer term.

We hope you all have a restful break over the holidays and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes, as always,

Mr Foster-Carr



Reception

Reception have been learning all about spring this half term. We were lucky enough to go on a trip to Smithills Open Farm in Bolton to explore how animals often have young in the springtime. We fed many baby animals ranging from calves to goats. We had donkey rides, held some very small, fluffy chicks and bunnies and observed the milking of the cows! We had our own private tour guide, Emma, who was super helpful and gave us lots of information about the animals. We even witnessed a cow give birth!



It was a fantastic experience that we will definitely cherish in years to come!
Happy Spring!

Miss Hulme and Mrs Cooney



Year 1

This term we have been learning about the Christian celebration of Easter! We learnt about the events that occurred during Holy week and how these might be celebrated. To end our topic, we went on a trip to our local church to see Reverend Luke. He talked to us about why Easter is an important time for Christians and what happens in church during this time. We spoke about how the cross is an important symbol in Christianity. We managed to spot 23 different crosses within the church!

Miss Ball and Miss Johnson

Year 2

In DT in year 2 we have been looking at food preparation and what makes a healthy plate. We have practiced our peeling, chopping and spreading. We can now help out at home in preparing our meals. Next half term we will be using our new found sandwich making skills to help us write a set of instructions.

Mrs Crouch, Mr Dickinson and Mrs El Qasem



Year 3

In forest school, we made volcanoes and created a volcanic eruption as part of our geography topic. We were so proud of our creations, and we were amazed at how realistic our volcanoes were.

We can't wait to get out into Forest School again next half-term!

Miss Downie



Acorn

In Science, we have been learning about plants. We talked about what plants need to survive. We even planted our own beans in a bag, hung them on the window to get some light and waited for them to germinate. We had lots of fun checking them every day, so it was very exciting when we finally saw the shoots! We have painted our own wildflower meadows and this week, we talked about the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees throughout the seasons of the year. We enjoyed fingerprint painting the different coloured leaves on the deciduous trees 🌲 🌳 🌸

Miss Law, Mrs Bessassi, Miss Kaur and Miss Scott

Oak

In DT this half-term, we have been designing our very own soft toys. We spent time researching what makes a great soft toy, learning the sewing skills we would need to create our final piece before designing our cuddly toy. We are so very proud of our finished creations; we spent many hours sewing the pieces of our soft toys together to make fun and eye-catching soft toys. We worked so hard to develop our sewing skills which is something we found to be quite tricky at first. If you need any buttons sewing on to your school shirts please let us know, Oak class are sewing pros now!

Miss Higgins, Miss Scott and Mrs Unsworth



Year 4

This half-term, Year 4 have become vocal superstars!

We were invited to participate in the Trafford Music Service singing festival and we performed six fabulous songs at the Waterside Arts Theatre, in front of other local schools and our wonderful family/friends. We thoroughly enjoyed it and hope to do something similar again in the future. 🎵🎤

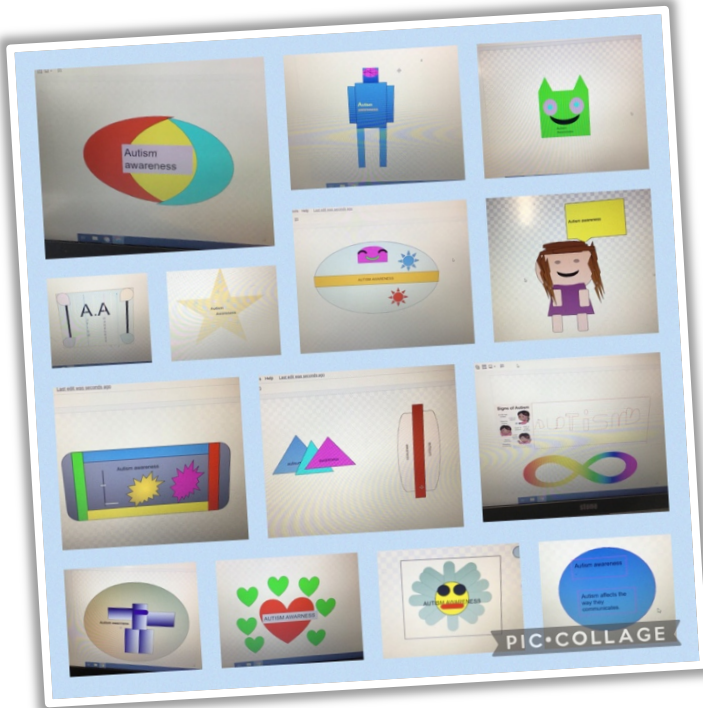
Miss Kennedy and Miss Banerjee



Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed Computing this half term and have shown they are really competent at using Google Drawings. They have learnt how to create vector drawings which is how most well-known logos are produced. We have explored many different features including how to insert and layer shapes, how to use the alignment tools and how to change colours and borders. Using our skills, we created our own logos to raise awareness and celebrate Autism Awareness week.

Miss Kucharski and Miss Wright



Year 6

This term we have thoroughly enjoyed putting our resilience and athletic skill to the test with Parkour. Deni, our professional coach, has been teaching us how to manage fear, how to build upon skills we have in small steps and most of all, how to believe that we can do it! We still have a few sessions left next half term and cannot wait to learn how to navigate the bigger obstacles.

We also absolutely loved taking part in the Great British Clean Up. As you can tell by the group shot, we collected a massive amount of rubbish and really felt the reward of supporting our community to become cleaner and tidier. We cannot wait for the next chance to visit our local area.

Miss Evans and Mr Stanley



