



Enrichment @ St. Mary's

2022-2023

Why do we offer in-school enrichment activities?

Visitors in schools have a valuable role to play and contribute to many parts of the whole curriculum.

They give pupils access to outside experience and expertise, and provide a link with the wider community. They also give pupils the opportunity to see the range of professionals they may meet outside the school.

We welcome this support from a number of outside agencies including the local council, religious communities, health support agencies, emergency services, artists, sports coaches, volunteers, and voluntary organisations.



Why do we take
the children on
out of school
trips?

Visits to external venues
gives our pupils the chance
to experience cultures,
respect differences, and
develop new friendships
with their peers and thus
broaden their horizons and
knowledge.



Nursery- 2 year old's



“Sometimes you have to talk with a 2 year old- just to understand life again.”

Within our 2 year old provision this year, we have experienced...

Many different opportunities to develop our PSED, C&L and PD through different activities and experiences. We are learning through our senses of touch and taste. Through Stay and Play's we have invited in our parents and carers to join in different activities, such as a Spooky Stay and Play with sensory activities such as slime with worms in!

Recently we had a visit from Emma's Exotic Animal Encounters where we got to hold different animals and learn all about them. We are currently looking at transport and different vehicles and are enjoying different crafts and messy play surrounding this.



Nursery- 3 year old's



“Children make your life important.”

Within our 3 year old provision this year, we have been...

Learning through play and creativity. We are working together to develop our turn taking and sharing with our friends and have been enjoying free flow, engaging in outdoor activities. We have been learning about Polar animals and where they live and explored ice-it was very cold! Some exciting animals visited us; there was a range of animals that we wouldn't normally see.

During Chinese New Year, we made Dragon masks as well as trying Chinese food. For World Book Day we all dressed as our favourite book character and our parents and carers came into read with us.

We are going to enjoy 'Beach School' in the summer term.



Reception



“The soul is healed by being with children.”

Within our Reception class this year...

We have attended Forest School with a specialist teacher who taught us how to make a fire safely and correctly as well as toast marshmallows.

We have had balance bike training as well as a regular P.E. slot where we have continued to develop our physical skills. In the classroom, we have used the continuous provision, developing our imagination and creativity.

As part of the curriculum we visited North East Land, Sea and Air Museum in Sunderland and we have a planned visit to The Sea Life Centre.

Our outdoor environment has been developed and we have enjoyed using the mud kitchen and role play shed. We have been learning different sounds in phonics and different ways to count in maths.



Year 1



“We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open.”

Within our Year 1 class this year...

We have written letters in English and Geography to Ross Hutchinson (ITV weatherman) to ask about his job. He then came into school to answer all of our questions.

As part of an extra curricular activity, one of the children in Year 1 won a competition to design a Shaun the Sheep to have in school and on the St. Oswald's trail.

We have visited many places, e.g. the park, local shops, a working farm and the Pantomime.



Year 2



“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

Within our Year 2 class this year, we have experienced...

We have visited a working farm and the Discovery museum. We are due to visit the Wetlands Centre soon.

We have studied Handa's African Adventure in Geography and learning all about Africa, but we can't go to Africa! The museum visit helped us to understand this area in a deeper way.

We entered a cricket competition with other schools and were very proud of ourselves.



Year 3R



Year 3J



“There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million...”

Within our Year 3 class this year...

We have recently started Swimming every Friday, where we are learning lots of life skills and learning to become more confident swimmers.

Recently we went Safety Works to learn about different emergency services from the Fire Brigade, the RNLI, Nexus and the Blue Cross.

We have been looking at Ancient Greeks in History and in Geography, Volcanoes and earthquakes as well as the Stone age. We visited South Shields Museum so that we could link our learning to real experiences.

We visited another primary school to meet a book author and she signed our books.



Year 4



“Children see magic because they look for it”

Within our Year 4 class this year, we have experienced...

We have been on a trip to Segedunum Roman Fort where we dressed up as Roman's. Recently we took part in More than Dance which we really enjoyed and have been to an Athletics competition.

On a Friday afternoon we take part in swimming as part of our PE lessons. Plus Forest School where we have learnt to build shelters using team building skills and enhance communication skills.

We went to The Word to take part in science projects and we visited another primary school to meet a book author and she signed our books.

We are going to Beach School in the summer.



Year 5



“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them”

Within our Year 5 class this year, we have been.....

Enjoying Forest School each week with a specialist teacher, where we built shelters using natural materials and making sure they were waterproof.

We have also enjoyed Commando Jo's using RESPECT to complete some of the activities together.

We stayed at the Youth Village for two nights on a retreat. We have also visited Jarrow Hall, The Great North Museum and the Viking Centre- we love getting out to link our learning.

Very soon we are going to learn to surf...



Year 6



“Every child is born a genius”

**Within our Year 6 class this year,
we are.....**

At the beginning of Year 6, we are given the responsibility of being a buddy to a Reception child. We support the children when they come over to school for their dinner and are a familiar face when on the yard.

In January we had a Scientist workshop from Newcastle University Outreach. We also visited The Discovery Museum and soon we will be attending Beach School.

We have had a week at Thurston outdoor activity centre where we took part in canoeing, exploring mines, sailing and raft building, mountain walks, rock climbing, orienteering and ghyll scrambling.



