

Earth Works' Summer Term

This has been such a busy half term! From tennis and rugby tournaments to Move Up Day, play rehearsals and our fantastic residential, the children have been involved in a very varied range of activities over the last few weeks. The best way to give a flavour of the things we have been up to is to let the pictures speak for themselves. Best wishes for a very happy summer, from all in Earth Works!

Roman Baking

Whilst most of the class were at a rugby festival, the remaining children learned about Roman food. We made bread and honey cakes from Roman recipes. The bread buns were more successful than the cakes: as they only had egg as a raising agent, they sadly sank like a soufflé when they came out of the oven!



Musical Roots, Alnwick Gardens

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the Samba drums. The children's coordination, concentration and rhythm have improved hugely during the year. They gave a fantastic performance at the Alnwick Gardens and we were all very proud of the way they represented the school. Pocket trumpets next year...!



Seeds in Science

Our unit on Plants has provided an insight into the structure, life cycle and importance of flowering plants. It was a proud moment when the children eagerly pointed out foxgloves, flag irises, oak, chestnut, beech and lime trees to me during our walk in Hulne Park.

Here we are making models to demonstrate the different ways in which plants disperse their seeds.



The Residential

And so to the main event, our residential visit to Alnwick. The weather was kind and we had a wonderful - if tiring - time. Mrs Lester calculated that we had put in over 20,000 steps on Thursday, so everyone slept very well that night! The children's behaviour at the hostel and out and about in Alnwick was a credit to the school, and we received several complements from members of the public. Well done Earth Works and a big thank you to all the staff for making it such a special time together! Here is a little of what we got up to...

Alnwick Gardens



Hulne Park



Gymnastics

Time to cool down!



Move Up Day!

The current Year 3s were joined by their friends from Space Base for a morning of group activities. We had fun with *People Bingo*, a *Desert Island Challenge* and creating materials for a display to brighten up our classroom in September. The Year 4s had a great morning in Time Zone and now feel much more confident about moving to their new class in the Autumn.



Cross Country

It was great to welcome other schools to Ellingham as we hosted the annual cross country event. We were impressed not just by the speed of our fastest Earth Works runners, but by the sportsmanship and the determination shown by everyone in completing the challenging course.



Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 3s (and Alicia!) who were the winning team at the tennis tournament last week.



Summer Learning

There will be no homework over the holidays, but we would encourage everyone to continue reading as often as they can. To give you some ideas and a little motivation, we will be sending home a Summer Reading Challenge booklet. There will be certificates and small prizes for all those who take part.

Summer is also a good time for brushing up on times tables, so do use *Times Tables Rock Stars* or any other online games (e.g. www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button), or practise books to help learn those tables.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming our new Earth Works class in September.

Happy Holidays!