

10th September 2021

Montrose School

Achieving, Caring, Aspiring



Class photographs on Wednesday 15th September

A warm welcome back to the start of the new school year. As we enter this new academic year and reflect on our previous one, we are all looking forward to returning to the activities that we missed last academic year. Our children have amazed us with their positive attitudes, their resilience and their ability to adapt to new routines. For all of our children, the start of a new year with a new classroom and teacher can sometimes make us a little nervous. For our new Reception and Nursery children, they have made a wonderful start and we are very proud of them all. Your support has been much appreciated during these first few weeks back.

This term we have appointed two members of staff as Assistant Head teachers; Mr Rhodes who will be overseeing teaching and learning in years 1 to 3 and Mrs O'Brien who will be overseeing teaching and learning in Years 4 –6. Please contact them via Class Dojo or at school if you have any questions for them. We also have new members of staff to welcome: Mr Warley - Year 2 Teacher, Mrs Bham - Year 6 Teacher, Mrs Aly - Teaching Assistant, Miss Watchorne - Teaching Assistant, Miss Smith - School Office and Mrs Maher - Premises Officer.

On Monday our school will be taken over by a whole host of mischief-making Big Friendly Giants, Oompa-Loompas and Matildas in honour of Roald Dahl's birthday. It's all part of The Dahlicious Dress Up Day, where children come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character for a wonderfully fun and creative way to raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The charity exists to make life better for seriously ill children and young people around the UK. We'd love your child to join in, and we have lots of marvellous educational activities planned for them around Roald Dahl books!

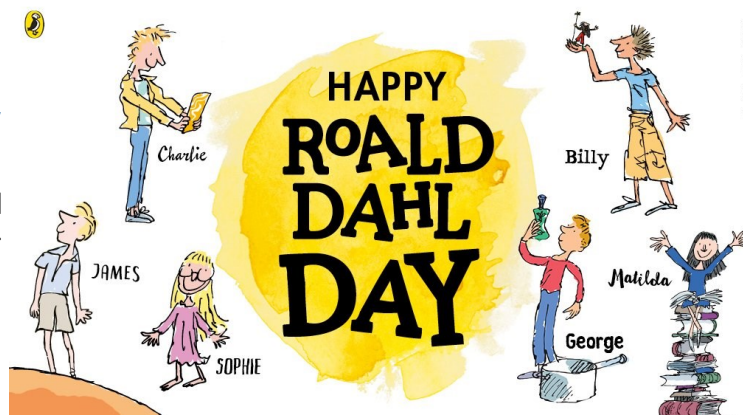
You can make a small donation to the charity at:

<https://www.roalddahlcharity.org/donate/>

Your child can dress up as any of Roald Dahl's fantastic characters, or simply wear his favourite colour – yummy yellow!

A. Owens

Mr Owens, Head teacher



**The school office is open between
8am - 4pm Monday to Friday.**

Any worries? Our Family Support Worker, Donna, is available to support with a range of issues on:
07378 285273.

Nursery



The Nursery children have been busy planting flowers to make our garden beautiful.



Reception

The reception children have settled in well at Montrose, they are enjoying exploring the garden and playing with lots of new friends! The children have loved all our new dressing up clothes and there has been lots of time spent in our role play areas. We are so proud of how the children have settled in.



Year 1

It has been a great first few weeks in year 1. We have enjoyed reading a variety of Julia Donaldson books and exploring lots of different activities. The children have all settled in so well and the fun has only just begun!



Year 2

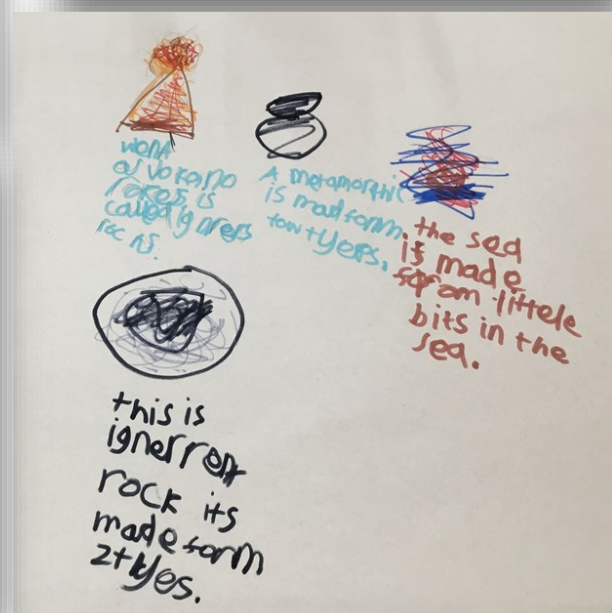
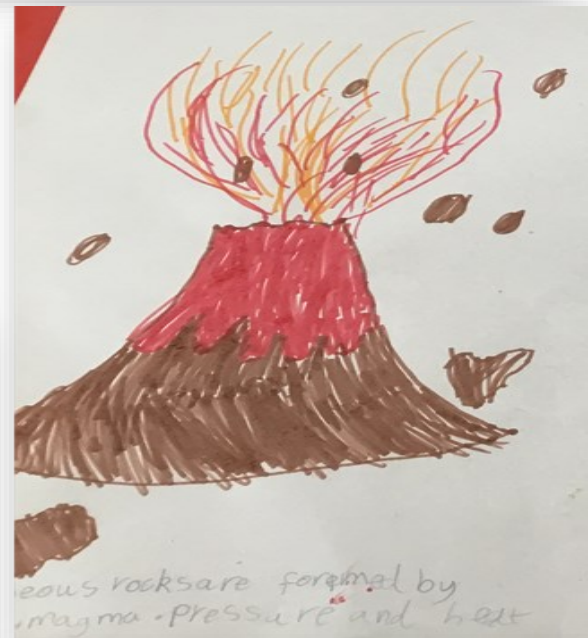
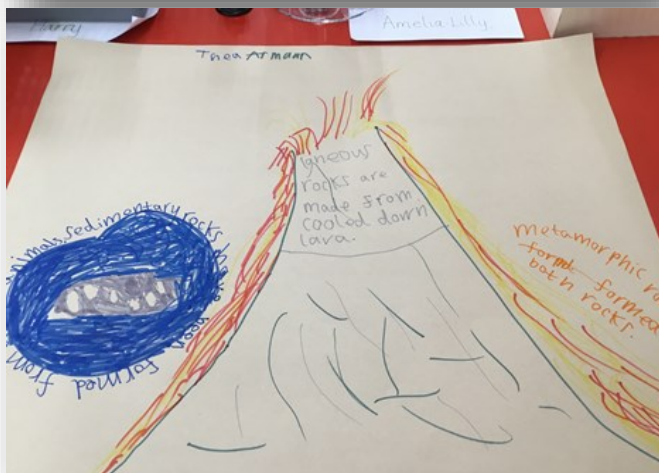
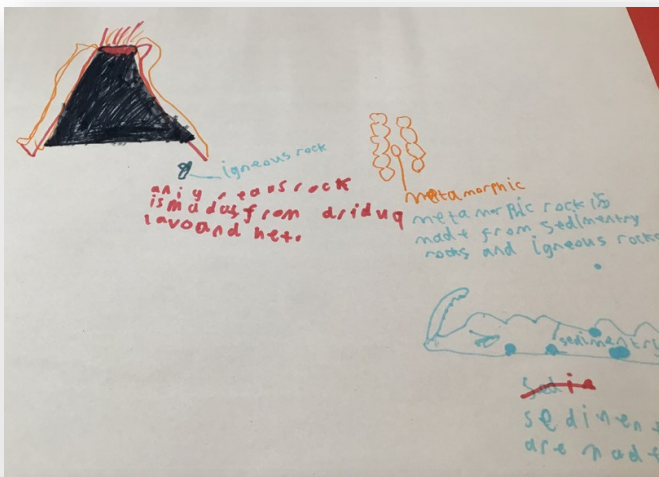
Year 2 have been learning about meerkats and enjoying a brilliant story "Meerkat Mail". We have been writing postcards home from the farm just like Sunny did, writing a description of a meerkat, learning where we live and where Sunny lives, and using shading and collage to make our own meerkat art!





Year 3

Year 3 are learning about rocks as part of their science topic. We created posters to show our understanding of the 3 different rock types and presented them to our class.



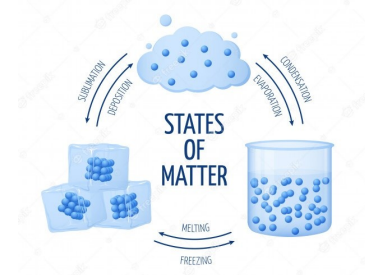


Year 3 have also been looking at colour in Art. They have learnt how to use primary colours to create secondary colours and took inspiration from artists such as Franz Marc and Paul Cezanne to create these amazing pieces!



Year 4

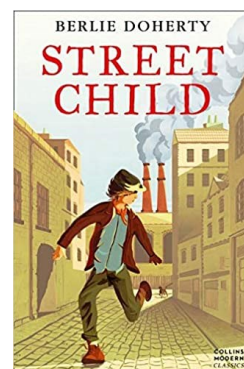
Year 4 have enjoyed starting a 'States of Matter' unit in Science this term. They learnt what the three states of matter were and acted out how the particles are arranged in these. They were very quick at arranging themselves when the state was shouted out so hopefully it has now stuck in their heads! They are now looking forward to the next few Science lessons with experiments based on these.



Year 5

Year 5 have settled in well and have already been enjoying the extracurricular activities on offer, such as skipping to music and cross-country running. 5G went on their first swimming trip this week and 5P will be following in their footsteps next week! They have also had the opportunity to take part in bikeability.

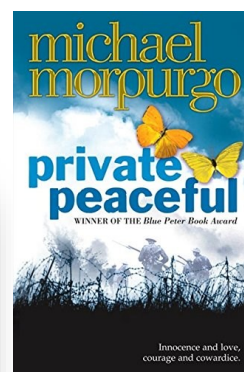
In English, the children have been performing their own poetry inspired by the poem, "Walking with my Iguana" and will soon be writing their own legendary fiction based upon the legendary tale of Beowulf. Their class reader is *Street Child*, a classic children's novel which follows an orphan, Jim, through his adventures in Victorian London.



Year 6

Year 6 have also had the opportunity to take part in bikeability. Level 2 aims to develop riders' skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows, and prepares riders for cycling on more complex, often busier or faster roads and junctions.

Year 6 have been reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. During their English lesson we used a drama strategy creating a conscience alley for the main character 'Tommo'. As you can see, the children were very much enjoying themselves.



Timetable of Clubs

Clubs in yellow are paid clubs

<u>Day</u>	<u>Lunch club 1</u>	<u>Lunch club 2</u>	<u>After school</u>
Monday	Year 5 + 6 Football Squad Boys 1pm start @ field	Year 5 + 6 Football Squad Girls 1pm start @ field	Fun+ Fitness Football Year 1 - 4 Sports hall or field
Tuesday	Year 1 - 3 Skipping to music Girls + Boys 12:15pm Sports Hall	Year 4 - 6 Skipping to music Girls + Boys 1pm Sports Hall	Netball Year 4 - 6 Sports hall or Play-ground
Wednesday	Year 1 - 3 Cross Country Girls + Boys 12:15pm Field	Year 4 - 6 Cross Country Girls + Boys 1pm Field	Fun+ Fitness Multi-sports Year 1 - 4 Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 1 - 3 Multi sports 12:15pm Tennis courts	Year 1 - 3 Dance 12:15pm Sports Hall	Football Training (girls + boys) Year 5 + 6 Field
Friday	Year 1 - 3 Basketball skills Girls + Boys 12:15pm Tennis Courts		Fun+ Fitness Dodgeball Year 1 - 3 Year 4 - 6 Sports hall + Dining Hall