



## Holley Park Academy Year 2 Mrs Whyte

*Nothing ever seems impossible in spring, you know.  
L.M. Montgomery*

### Jubilee Day



This year marks 70 years since Elizabeth became queen. To start the celebrations, we had a 'Jubilee Day'. We came to school wearing red/white and blue or dressed as royalty. We took part in lots of fun activities including decorating a crown and planting our own tree for the Queen's Green Canopy.

Our topic (based around Geography, English, History, Art and RE) has been about Great Explorers. We have found out about space exploration through Neil Armstrong and travelled the seven seas with James Cook who was born in the North East of England. We also enjoyed taking part in Science Week this term.



### Outdoor Learning



### Music

One of our weekly highlights this term has been recorder lessons with Mrs Taylor on a Friday morning.

When we first started, we were all very new to it and perhaps a little bit 'squeaky'. After lots of hard work, we are now able to follow, read and play simple tunes.

Thank you, Mrs Taylor.



Over the Spring term, we have used the outdoors to do some of our learning. As part of our 'Outdoor' Learning, we have also started to think about the environment and the part we can play in protecting it. We took part in a bird watch, spent some time working in the 'wildlife' area and hung our own fat balls around the gardens.

### Discovery Museum

As part of our Captain James Cook work, we spent a day at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle. As well as enjoying all the different exhibitions and hands on experiences in the museum we also took part in a 'boats' workshop. We found out that shipbuilding has always been important in the region and explored why. We explored the different jobs on a shipyard and looked at some of the ships displayed in the museum. We then worked in groups to test out materials to see which float and sink before using different materials to modify a ship to improve its buoyancy.

### World Book Day



In March, we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day. We came to school dressed as our favourite book characters and two of us even found a 'golden ticket' in our dessert from Mr Brown. We joined a live, online session with Axel Scheffler, the illustrator of The Gruffalo and listened to him share some new stories.

Happy Easter  
From  
All of Year 2

