

# ELLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Nursery.

## Northumberland Zoo



This year, we went on a school trip to Northumberland Zoo. We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in activities with the Zoo Keepers, seeing the snow leopards, seeing the birds of prey show, looking at all of the animals and playing in the soft play!

## Wheel-a-Thon

This year, we enjoyed completing a sponsored Wheel-a-Thon. We rode our bikes, trikes and scooters around the yard and muga completing a range of different obstacle courses. We raised an amazing amount of £958!





# Digital Enrichment



Our Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr Bailey this year. We have investigated a wide range of different robots and have started to develop our skills in creating algorithms. One of our favourite robots was the fantastic ‘Glow and Go Bot’.

## Visitors



We have had a number of different visitors in Nursery this year. One of our visitors was Danny, as we were learning all about the woods. Danny told us about his job and how he looks after the woodland including at Bolam Lake, Druridge Bay and Plessey Woods. He also brought some animal skulls in and we had to guess which animal it was!



# Reception

## Whitehouse Farm



During a school visit to Whitehouse Farm in Northumberland, we enjoy hands-on enrichment activities that deepen our understanding of animals and farm life. We loved petting the animals, learning interesting facts, and staying active as we explored the farm and took part in fun, educational experiences.

## Emergency Services

This year, we enjoyed a visit from the Police Dog Team and Northumberland Fire and Rescue, who explained the importance of their roles in keeping our communities safe. We learned how they work in emergencies and help protect people every day.





# Seven Stories



This year, we visited Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children's Books, where we explored the magic of storytelling through fun, interactive exhibits. We especially enjoyed a workshop based on our English writing about The Gingerbread Man, where we brought the story to life through creative activities.

## Hatching Chicks



The children in Reception were fascinated by the experience of hatching chicks. They observed the eggs closely each day, eagerly waiting for signs of movement. Watching the chicks break through their shells sparked curiosity and excitement, and the children enjoyed learning about the life cycle and how to care for the newly hatched chicks.



# Year 1

## Discovery Museum



Children in Year 1 visited the Discovery Museum to deepen their understanding of Toys from the Past as part of their History topic.

They explored a range of old-fashioned toys, compared them with modern ones, and learned how materials and designs have changed over time. The visit brought their classroom learning to life in an exciting and memorable way

## Easter Egg Walk around Ellington

We had a fantastic time going on a 2-mile walk around Ellington, enjoying the fresh air and staying active. Along the way, we took part in an exciting Easter egg hunt, spotting colourful eggs hidden in trees, bushes, and gardens





# Sunderland Winter Gardens



We had an incredible trip to the Sunderland Winter Gardens where we explored the lush, tropical environment and learned all about rainforests. Surrounded by exotic plants and trees, we discovered how rainforest ecosystems work and why they are so important to our planet. It was a fun and fascinating way to bring our Geography topic to life!

## Cresswell Beach

To celebrate the end of the school year we visited Cresswell Beach with Year 2. We had a brilliant day of digging, playing and splashing in the sea. We also had a nice ice cream to cool us down!





# Year 2

## Beamish Museum



This year we were lucky enough to visit Beamish Museum where we had a great time exploring what life was like throughout different periods of history. We then took part in a workshop to learn about what school was like in the Victorian era which linked to our history topic back in school. What a brilliant day of learning outside of our classroom!

## Gymnastics festival

We were kindly invited to a gymnastics festival via our membership with the School Sports Games Organisation which was held at Wansbeck Gymnastics Club. It was lovely to work with the coaches to learn some new skills and we even made some new friends from a different school along the way.





# Cresswell Beach



To celebrate the end of the school year we visited Cresswell Beach. The glorious weather made for a brilliant day of digging, playing and exploring the beach. We loved splashing in the sea and finding hundreds of hermit crabs. We then ended our day with a tasty ice cream before enjoying the walk back to school.

# Digital Enrichment



With Mr Bailey this year, we have had lots of fun exploring different types of technology and their uses through our digital enrichment sessions. We have particularly enjoyed learning about coding, Now Press Play and getting to use Mr Bailey's green screen!



# Year 3

## Segedunum Roman Fort



We had the opportunity to imagine life as Roman Soldiers during our trip to Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum in Wallsend. We acted as trainee soldiers who needed to learn shield formations and how to march effectively. We also explored the remains of the fort itself, putting ourselves in the shoes of the soldiers, generals and even horses who lived there.



## Prehistory Workshop

A visitor from the Durham University Museums helped us get to grips with life in the Stone Age to Iron Age time period. We used clay to make Stone Age style pottery and explored replica artefacts, discovering what tools people may have used.





# Great North Museum Visit



This year, we visited the Great North Museum to enhance our understanding of our history topic on the Ancient Egyptians. We explored the galleries and spotted lots of interesting artefacts, including some Egyptian mummies! We especially enjoyed a workshop where we handled artefacts that gave us clues about Ancient Egyptian occupations.

## Road Safety Workshop



This year, we were lucky enough to have a visit from members of a team of 'Pedestrian Trainers' who worked with us on the rules of the Green Cross Code and helped us to think carefully about road safety.





# Year 4

## Ford Castle



The children get to enjoy their first experience of a residential trip in the Spring Term of Year 4. The children had an amazing time at Ford Castle where they get to experience high ropes courses, archery, fencing, fire making and other amazing activities. It is an opportunity to see the children work together, solve problems and organise themselves. We even played laser tag at night!

## Sunderland Winter Gardens

To support our learning in our Rainforest unit, Year 4 visit Sunderland Winter Gardens in the Autumn Term. The Gardens provide the children with the opportunity to experience a real rainforest. They could see the different layers of the rainforest including the canopy. They get to see the types of plants including buttress roots and drip tip leaves and finally they completed a workshop to learn about rainforest animals.





# Great North Museum: Hancock



This year, we visited the Great North Museum to have the opportunity to complete an interactive history challenge 'The Time Odyssey'. The children visited exhibitions on the Ancient Romans, Greeks, Egyptians and Ice age to Iron Age. The children had to find clues to solve problems to help thier online characters get home. We also used the self-led time to learn about animals adaptations to support our science learning.

## World Book Day: Lilidorei

To celebrate World Book Day, Year 4 were invited to celebrate at Lilidorei. Here, we dressed as book characters, watched parades, listened to enchanting stories, completed a treasure hunt and got to play on the incredible equipment.





# Year 5

## Discovery Museum

As part of our curriculum enrichment, Year 5 visited the Discovery Museum to deepen their understanding of science, history, and technology. The children had the opportunity to engage with a range of interactive exhibits, helping to bring their classroom learning to life. The trip sparked curiosity, encouraged questions, and provided valuable real-world context to support their learning back in school.



## World Book Day: Lilidorei

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Year 5 visited Lilidorei to inspire a love of reading and storytelling. Surrounded by the magical setting, the children took part in activities that encouraged creativity, imagination, and a deeper appreciation of books. The visit brought stories and characters to life and sparked excitement for reading both in and out of the classroom.





# Water Sports: Druridge Bay Country Park



Year 5 took part in a fantastic paddle boarding and kayaking experience. This activity helped develop their confidence, resilience, and teamwork skills, while also promoting physical health and well-being. The children showed great determination and enthusiasm, and it was a wonderful opportunity to apply key learning values outside the classroom in a fun and challenging environment. They also thrived on the opportunity to throw Miss Brooks into the water!

## Tree Planting: Hawthorn



As part of our curriculum enrichment, Year 5 took part in a tree planting session at Hawthorn. This hands-on experience helped the children understand the importance of caring for the environment and the positive impact trees have on our planet. The children worked together brilliantly, showing teamwork, responsibility, and pride in helping to create a greener future for their local community.



# Year 6

## Cragside Visit



A school visit to Cragside House and Gardens enriched our English, science and history curriculum. We got a glimpse as to what life could have been like as a Victorian and could deepen our understanding of the origins of electricity as well as classify the variety of plants available throughout the site.

## Lockerbie Manor



Our residential visit to Lockerbie Manor in Scotland allowed us to develop our independence and resilience. We tried activities - such as abseiling - that encouraged us to take risks as well as try new things. We developed teamwork so that we could support each other through challenges that we may have faced whilst there.



# Street Dance



The children enjoyed watching some Street Dancing - including some freestyle football. This was highly engaging for our pupils, who love to be active, and introduced them to skills with which they may not have been familiar otherwise.



# Digital Enrichment



This year, we have enjoyed several digital enrichment lessons taught by Mr Bailey to enhance our learning in a creative way.

We have enjoyed some “Now Press Play” sessions linked to Secondary Transition as well as Online Safety. We have also enjoyed using green screen technology to develop our end of year performance as well as using Minecraft as a way to recreate Mayan Temples.



# Sport

At Ellington Primary School, we offer a wide range of sporting enrichment opportunities to ensure all children can get active, learn new skills, and enjoy physical activity.

## New Ages Kurling



## Teambuilding



## Athletics



## Orienteering



## Sport Leader Training

## Bowling



# Gymnastics Workshop

## Swimming



## Sports Clubs



## Dance Workshops

## Whole Day Sports Day.

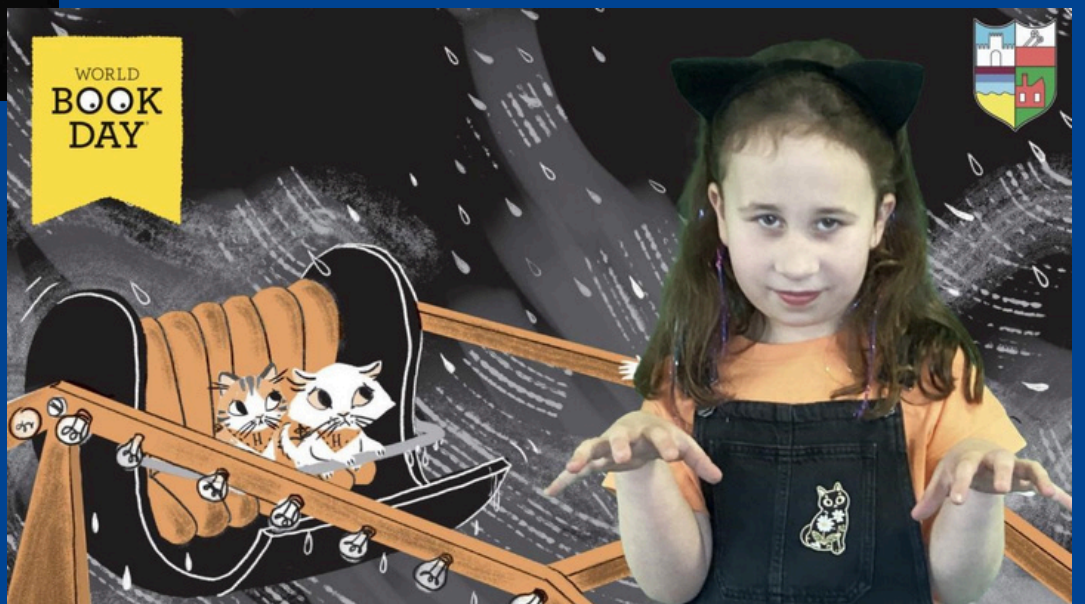


## Making Active Memories Alnwick Gardens and Castle





# Digital Enrichment



In our digital enrichment lessons this year we have developed our skills in using technology creatively and safely. These sessions helped us build confidence in coding, digital storytelling, and computational thinking.



At Ellington Primary School, children have access to a range of digital enrichment opportunities. This area is led by Mr Bailey, who supports pupils in developing practical and creative digital skills. Activities include coding, multimedia projects, and the use of technology across the curriculum.



# Pupil Voice

## School Council



Our School Council represent the children of Ellington. Each class from Years 1 to Year 6 have two representatives who help shape our school. This year they have helped with a number of events but the highlight has to be the trip to The House of Parliament!

## Eco-Council

We also have a fantastic Eco-Council at Ellington who have helped us gain the Green Flag Award with distinction. We have planted lots of trees this year and helped improve and maintain the flowers around school. They have also helped litter pick around the local area.







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