

ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

It has been great to be able to reintroduce some of the activities that we used to offer pre-Covid.

This term all of our children have participated in a sports 'wow' day, 'The road to Tokyo', where they were introduced to a range of different sports, including archery and New Age Kurling. The sports weren't easy to master, but what resilience the children have all shown!

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a trip to Eden Camp, the first visit they have been on for over 18 months. It was a real privilege to be able to join them on this day and be part of the excitement of being out of school, on a bus and leaving the county. How we have all missed being able to travel, have days out and enjoy experiences with friends. The day at Eden Camp was certainly one to remember for many reasons. Not only was it an informative day for everyone, but a special one for our Year 6 children after what has been a difficult year for them.

Not all year groups have ventured out of Welton yet but that has not stopped them from enjoying a range of different experiences closer to home.

Foundation Stage wrote letters to 'Astronaut Rob' who then visited the children dressed in his astronaut suit. The children were blown away by their visit, the photo Rob brought of his rocket and the piece of moon rock he left for them!

Years 1 and 2 both gained more knowledge about space when the mobile planetarium dome was set up in our school hall. This linked their science and history learning, developing their understanding of the space race.

All the children have enjoyed a workshop on water safety led by the Canal and River Trust and every year group has had time learning outdoors with Whisby education team in our outdoor classroom.

It is these experiences that our children have missed over the past year: bringing learning to life and away from technology.

The return to school has been a real success and while we are still limited by what we are able to do, we have gradually (and safely) been able to bring some of the important and exciting experiences back. What a joy it has been this term to see the children happy, excited and loving their learning.

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