

Chimp Management

We have been really fortunate this half term to have welcomed Tim Buckle from the Chimp Management company. Chimp Management was set up by Professor Steve Peters to help people understand the Chimp Model, which is an incredibly powerful mind management model that helps people to be more happy, confident, healthier and more successful. Incredibly, Prof Steve Peters books are in the top 4 of the amazon bestsellers!! I would really recommend his books for adults. His latest book *My Hidden Chimp* is an educational book for children to work through with an adult or themselves. Tim worked with the Key Stage 2 children and delivered staff training. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and Tim commented on what amazing children we had at Tockwith. I would like to thank Kimberley Blakey for helping to facilitate this event which is going to ignite a lot more whole school work.

In the session we had with Tim, from Chimp management, we learnt how to control our emotions and actions and this how he explained it to us: you have two parts of the brain one part is the human part the other is your chimp's part in order to control this chimp you must get to know him/her.

We had lots of fun finding out about our chimps and we now know how to control them, we also know that they are not an excuse for being nasty ,naughty ,cheeky ,greedy or over-excited. We are in charge of containing those emotions and actions before they happen but also when they come out and we need to bring them back into our brains stopping them from harming anyone or anyone else, this helps to keep friendships alive and to have good connections with classmates.

By Tara Pearce, Year 5

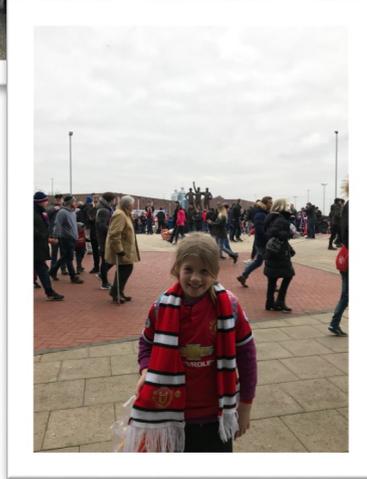
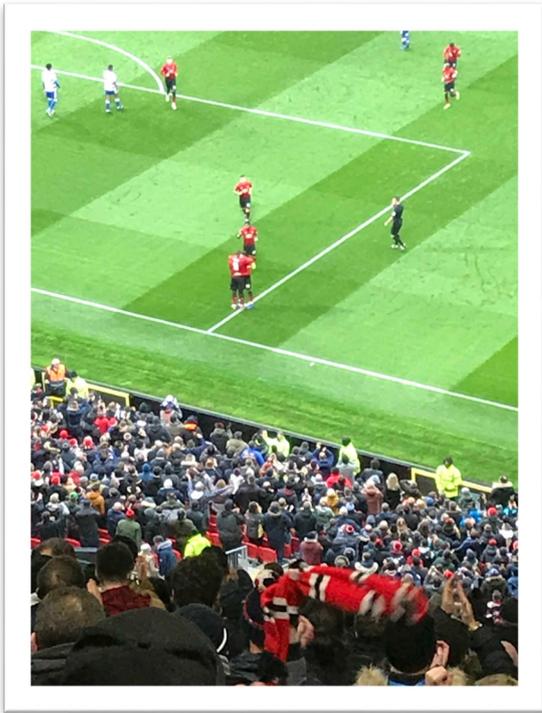




Fire Service Visit

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 were lucky enough to spend the morning with local firefighters who came into our school to share their knowledge and advice. They gave us a tour of the fire engine, let us try on their safety equipment and even have a go at spraying one of the hoses. We learnt about how to keep our homes as safe as possible and what to do in an emergency. Thank you for the opportunity. We really enjoyed it. Miss Murphy.





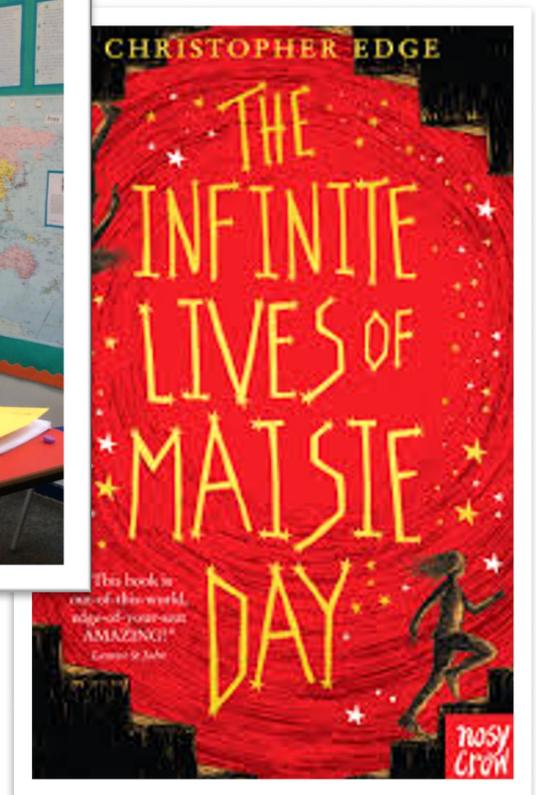
Visit to Manchester United

At the end of the Christmas holidays Mr Skidmore, Mr Goodacre and I took a large group of children to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United play Reading in the FA Cup third round. We are obviously a good luck charm for them as they are still in the competition. The children saw VAR in action and Manchester United score 2 goals. As a football fan, it was a joy to see our children experience a 'big stadium' experience. The children were impeccably behaved and a pleasure to take away. Thank you to Mr Goodacre and Mr Skidmore for giving up their Saturday's at a ground where they would rather not be!! If you follow twitter please look back to the school account @tockwithcofe on 5/1/2019 at Mr Skidmore's reaction—it is priceless!



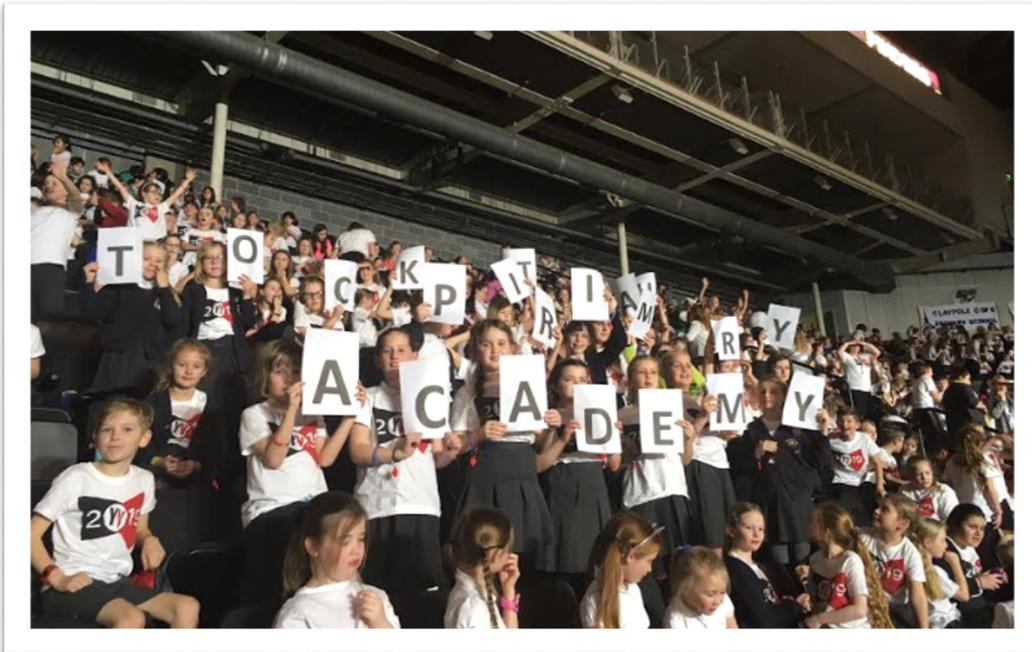
Year 6

In year 6, guided reading has been amazing, especially the book we are reading called *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day* which is all about a girl's life which is in infinite universes. Guided reading in this class has helped loads of people because we read the book together and we answer questions which makes us really think about the book in a different way. It also really really helps when you have things like fluency where children go out with Mrs Starr and read a text in one minute. In guided reading there are four sessions and four groups: Rowling, Morpurgo, Dahl and Wilson. The sessions include: working with Mrs Perry, working with Mrs Starr, reading in the reading area and inference investigators on the book *Infinite Lives of Maisie Day*. We are really lucky in this class for the extraordinary selection of books in our reading area.
by Harrison Gallagher



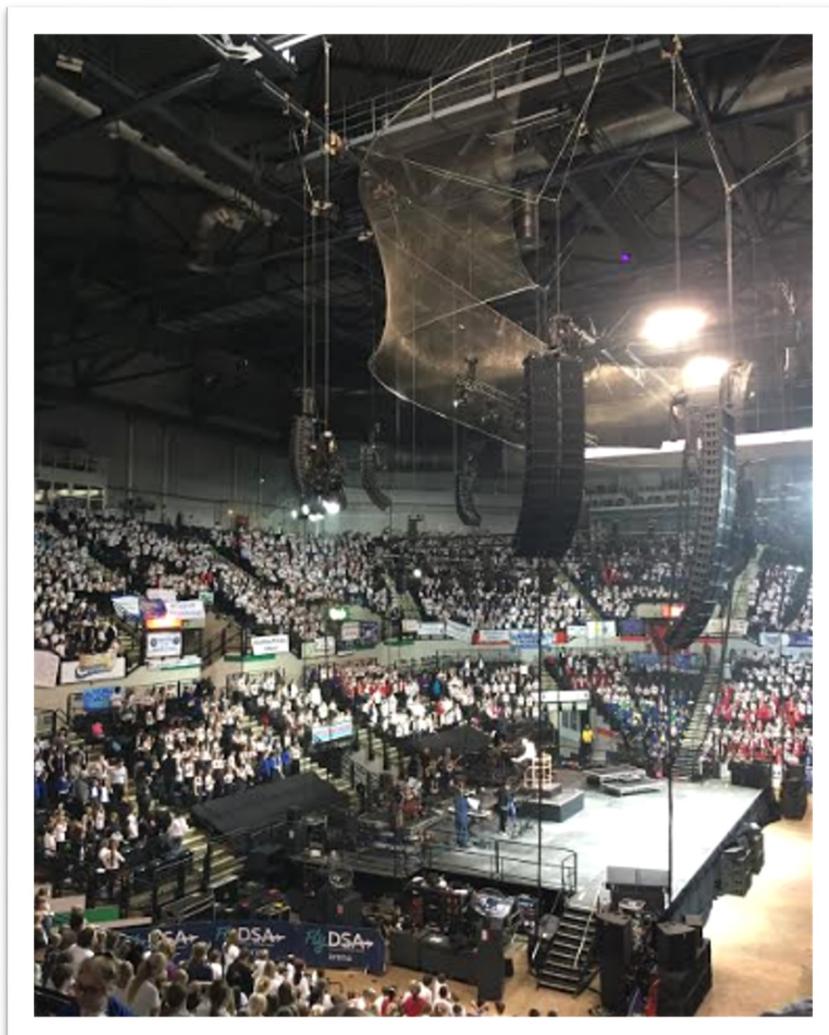
Our topic in Year 6 has been astounding this half term. It is fascinating to learn about the animals and how they have adapted to their surroundings and how surviving in the wild is crucial. We learned about Sir David Attenborough; this man knows how to captivate his audience. Some of the big writes we've done here in year 6 have been: a locust life cycle which was very interesting to learn about, a narrative of a clip of the rainforest and creating a descriptive atmosphere about a snow scene. To conclude, all the things year 6 learned has had a big impact on our education.

by Benjamin James.



Young Voices

This half term 36 members of KS2 travelled all the way to Sheffield Motorpoint Arena for the annual Young Voices concert. This has been the largest choir we have ever taken to perform in Sheffield and WOW were they amazing! Every child sang their hearts out to a variety of songs ending with a *Greatest Showman* finale. An incredible sound with 4,500 children performing! Special thanks go to Miss Reynolds, Mrs Cook, Mrs Corbett and Mrs Hackforth for their help on the trip. Miss Hargreaves



Wear Red Day

On the 1st of February, School council organised a non uniform day to raise money for a charity. They launched the day with an assembly. We all wore red to raise awareness for children's open heart surgery. There was a voluntary donation of £1 which went towards specialist equipment for people who need it during their stay at hospital. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all involved, we raised an amazing £170.30. School Council



Year 3 and 4 Visit to Magna

In January, Year 3 & 4 visited Magna Science park as part of their topic of Light and Sound. They got a chance to explore the 4 areas: Air, Water, Earth and Wind. It was a hands on experience which involved driving a digger, seeing a fireball created and feeling the strength of a wind tunnel. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we have used the experience to enhance our teaching of science. Mr Goodacre



Tag Rugby

Tockwith entered a Tag Rugby tournament held at Riverside School, Tadcaster. We entered an A and a B team. Both teams were fantastic during the afternoon and ended up finishing 2nd and 3rd out of 12 teams. They played with courage, determination and most of all enjoyment. Particular mention for Harrison and Ava (Year 6) and Louis and Charlie (Year 5) who all played fantastic. York Knights have also been delivering Rugby League to our Year 5 and 6 class. This has been popular and has really helped the children train for the competition. Mr Goodacre



Message from the Chair of Governors

I was at the Ebor Chair's Forum recently where we were sharing information and talking about our Governing bodies. Amongst the reports from other schools of desperately needed Governors, trying to recruit and inexperience to carry out the role I had time to reflect on our fantastic, dedicated, skilled and hard-working Local Governing Body. I was proud to report that we have maintained our full complement of twelve Governors despite being advised to cut this down to eight as recruitment was so hard. I talked about the balance of people we had, the different skills we all bring to the table, the way we work together like a well-oiled machine. I talked about our meeting schedules and the things we get involved with in school, our relationships with all the staff and children and our supportive parents. As a result of all this we are soon to link with another emerging Governing Body to mentor and share great practice. It's no wonder I love my role so much and look forward to every second I spend in school.

Mrs Corbett

Pirate Day

Our children in Year 1 and 2 spent the day as pirates to round off a fantastic topic! They made their way through the pirate assault course with the tunnel of doom, Captain Jake's cannon ball run, the leap of terror and swung the ropes across the valley of snakes to the treasure island. They went out into the wilderness of the treasure island, followed their treasure maps to discover the hidden pirate treasure - across the green desert, through the concrete mountains and into Blackbeard's lair to steal his treasure!

Once they recovered the treasure, they baked pirate biscuits to feast on and made pirate top trumps to see who is the Captain of Tockwith! A great end to a great topic.

