



ABBEY HILL
Academy Sixth Form



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Abbey Hill Academy Sixth Form's newsletter.

We have had another very busy term at the Sixth Form. Students in year 13 have been working tremendously hard to complete their coursework in preparation for their final assessments. Our dedicated GCSE group 7 have been working hard with their catch up studies during tutor time and the Wednesday self-study session. We expect all students to keep up their fantastic efforts, ensuring they get the best grades possible.

Students leaving this summer are also currently in the process of visiting colleges, completing application forms and attending taster sessions at their next provision. This term, we have had another successful careers event where students were able to speak to colleagues from SRC, Middlesbrough College, Askham Bryan, Project Choice, the job centre and social care. If you require further support for your son or daughter in preparation for their next steps, please contact Deb Wyke (Opportunities - Telephone 01642 677600) or our own CEIAG Coordinators - Steve Cropper and Nicola Bingham.

This term, students have participated in numerous exciting and challenging activities. A number of option groups have been 'out and about'. They have been exploring the local area as part of the 'Adventure' option and learning the new skill of rock climbing. Group 2 have been busy preparing the polytunnel in preparation for planting crops after the Easter break and group 1 have continued to support the local wildlife with their bird feeders and boxes.

Students have also thoroughly enjoyed looking after and engaging with the therapeutic animals at the Sixth Form. The students continue to work with Bella, the pet therapy dog and Burt, the rabbit has also spent some time over at the Sixth Form, for students undertaking the pet care topics this term. This term has also seen a new cohort of students embarking on work placements at North Tees hospital, Billingham Family Hub, Pottery Loft, Yappy Days and McDonalds.

Message from the Principal

Finally, we have had some fantastic whole Sixth Form events running over the past few weeks. World book day being one, where we had some fantastic efforts from both staff and students dressing up in Harry Potter theme characters, and the opening of our own 'Thrift shop'.

After the Easter break, our current Science teacher Maria Lynch will be leaving to take up a senior leader post at a local secondary Academy. Maria has worked at the Sixth Form for nearly 7 years and we are very appreciative of her dedication and hard work with the students over those years. I know you will all join me in wishing Maria well and good luck in her new post. Jo Morton will be taking over as group 6 tutor and science teacher. Jo comes to us with a wealth of experience, having worked for over 21 years in teaching, the past several years being a lead SENCO. We look forward to welcoming Jo on our return on Monday 15th April.

I hope that you enjoy reading our Spring Newsletter and that you have a very relaxing Easter Break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kathryn Thompson

Principal, Abbey Hill Academy Sixth Form



The Sheraton Clothes Rail

This year we have introduced the Sheraton Clothes Rail to the Sixth Form.

Parents and carers were invited in to browse the endless rails of goodies we had to offer.

Thank you to everyone that came and made a purchase.



Sheraton Youth Club

The Sheraton Youth Club runs every Monday night in the Sixth Form.

Students who attend get the opportunity to take part in games nights, cooking, baking, movie nights. They are looking forward to heading into the woodland area when the weather improves to participate in some bushcraft type activities, such as toasting marshmallows and team building exercises.



Adventure

Students on the Friday 'Adventure' option visited Teesside University climbing wall.

A fun time was had by all!



Rebound

Group 1 participated in Rebound therapy on the trampolines. I think you can see from their faces they loved it! (Staff too!)



New Dates Available for
2024

NHS
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust



CAMHS Training Programme for Parents & Carers

The workshops are delivered live via Microsoft teams and free of charge for all parents and carers in Teesside (child does not need to be open to CAMHS)

Available sessions include:

- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding Emotional Wellbeing
- Understanding Self-harm
- Understanding ASD
- Understanding ADHD



Visit our webpage

www.TE WV.nhs.uk/services/camhs-training-tees
for dates and details of all training we provide

To access the CAMHS parents and carers workshops, please contact:
TE WV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net And provide the following information:

- Which workshop(s) and date you would like to access
- Which locality you live
- Your name
- Email address
- The school(s) your child(ren) attend
- Age(s) of your child(ren)

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Free Meals

Here are a list of places offering free or discounted meals over the Easter holidays:

Subway

When an adult buys a Footlong Sub, they can get a free Kids Meal. This includes a 4-inch sandwich, a snack, and a drink. This offer is available at participating Subway outlets from Monday, March 25 to Sunday, April 14.

Morrisons

Get one free kids' meal with any adult meal £4.50 or over. All day, every day including the Easter holidays. Available at all stores with a café.

Asda

Asda Cafes are offering a great deal for kids under 16. They can get a hot meal and a piece of fruit for just £1, with no need for adults to spend a certain amount. The meals include tasty options like pasta with meatballs, fish fingers, and even breakfast foods.

Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's Cafes also have a £1 meal offer for children. Hot options include fish fingers, sausages, chicken nuggets, and cheese and tomato pizza. To qualify one £1 kids' meal is available with every adult main meal purchased, starting from £5.20. Available at Sainsbury's Cafes nationwide.

Colour by Numbers


Flowers Mindfulness Colouring



Colours:

1.  Purple

2.  Yellow

3.  Green

4.  Orange

5.  Blue

6.  Pink

7.  Dark Blue

Support

For information on the benefits, advice and support available to you to help you through the cost of living crisis please access the following website:

[Www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help-hub](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/here-to-help-hub)

Fuel, energy and housing

[Community Spaces](#)
[Energy saving schemes and advice](#)
[Household Support Fund \(HSF\)](#)
[Energy advice helplines](#)
[Better Housing Better Health](#)
[The Home Improvement Agency \(HIA\)](#)
[National Energy Action](#)
[Thirteen Group services for all](#)
[Support for Thirteen tenants](#)
[North Star advice and support](#)
[Ask Bill water and energy social tariff advice](#)
[Priority Services Register](#)

Money and debt

[Help for households](#)
[Check your benefits and financial support](#)
[Turn2Us benefits calculator](#)
[Get help with the cost of living from Citizens Advice](#)
[Ofcom phone and broadband social tariff advice](#)
[MoneyHelper Cost of Living Support](#)
[BBC mortgage calculator](#)
[Benefits help and advice](#)
[Welfare assistance schemes](#)
[Universal Credit](#)

Food insecurity and poverty

[Food banks and services](#)
[The Bread and Butter Thing](#)
[Money Saving Expert food and drink deals](#)
[NHS Healthy Start Scheme](#)
[Clothing banks](#)
[Help feed your pets with Stockton Happy Paws](#)
[Apply for free school meals](#)
[Stockton-on-Tees Food Power Network](#)
[Support with school uniform costs](#)
[Too Good To Go app](#)

Health and wellbeing

[Sexual abuse support services - SID](#)
[NHS Healthier Together support](#)
[Get health advice and information](#)
[Support for people with mental health needs](#)
[Support for people with disabilities or long term health conditions](#)
[Living well and living longer](#)
[Holidays Are Fun \(HAF\) Programme](#)

Emergency and out of hours support

[The Emergency Duty Service](#)
[Worried about a child?](#)
[Safeguarding adults](#)
[Homelessness](#)

Norton Library

What's on at Norton Library?

Easter Collage

Wednesday 5 April, 10am to 11am

Decorate some eggs for our Easter window then make something for yourself.

Family Storytime and Digi Toy Fun

Thursday 6 April, 10am to 11am

Enjoy some awesome stories and have some fun with our digi toys. Suitable for children aged two to eight.

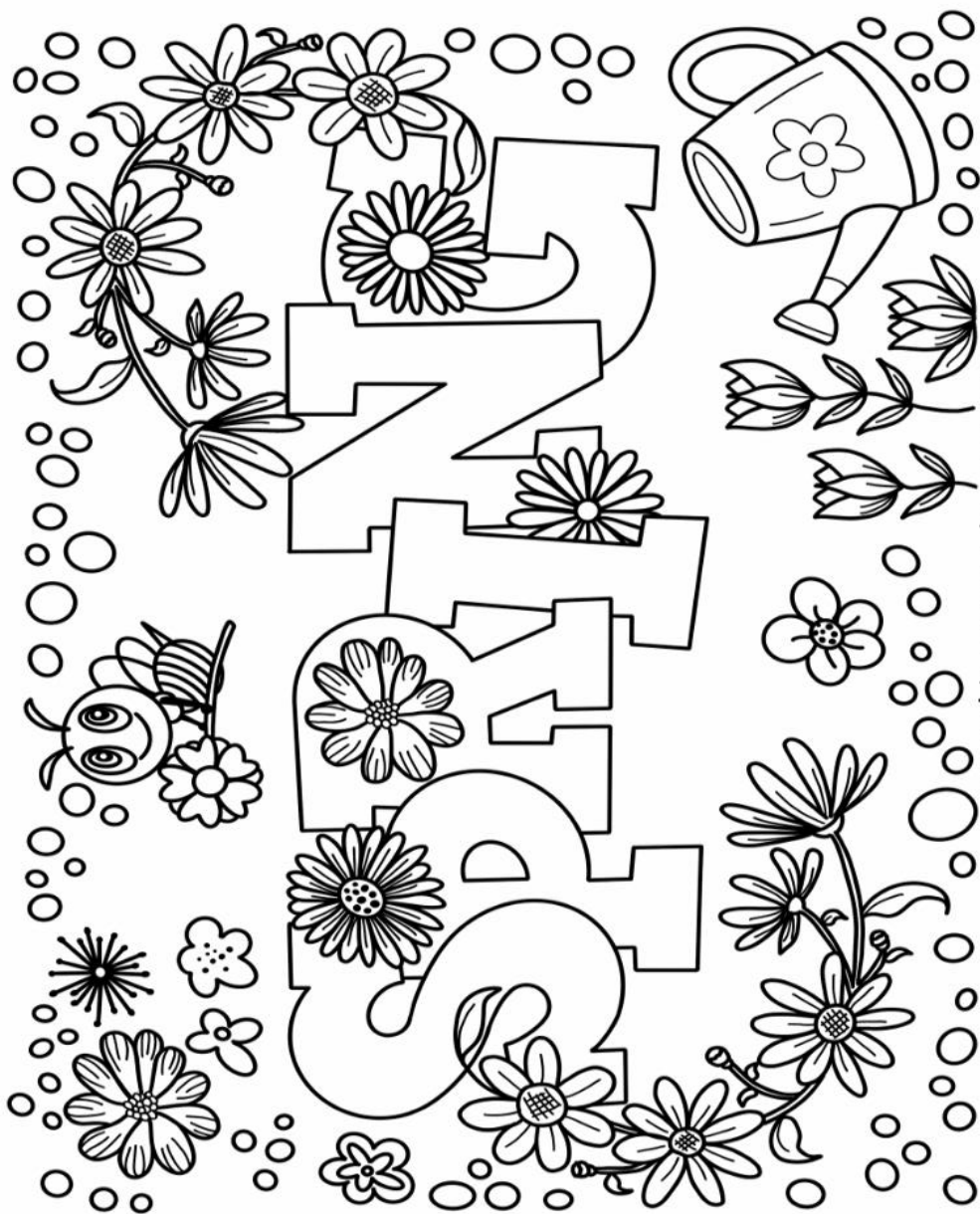
Easter Fun

Wednesday 12 April, 10am to 11am

Make an Easter mobile and join the Easter hunt.

To book contact 01642 528019 or email norton.library@stockton.gov.uk

Mindfulness Colouring



Mothers' Day

Students in the Enterprise group worked hard crafting for their Mothers' Day raffle. They very much appreciated the local community donating the lovely prizes to be used in the raffle.

A percentage of the profits went towards The Guide Dogs for the Blind, and the rest towards a treat for the students.



Stockton Central Library

What's on at Stockton Central Library?

Custom Jewellery Making

Monday 3 April, 10am to 11.30am and 2pm to 3.30pm

Create your own laser cut necklace using coloured acrylic.

Suitable for ages 11+.

Bookmark Buddy's

Tuesday 4 April, 2.30pm to 4pm

Design your own novelty bookmark buddy.

Decorative Bookends

Thursday 6 April, 2.30pm to 4pm

Make decorative bookends and create a book with a secret!

Draw along with Liz Million

Wednesday 12 April, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Create your own cool characters using shapes like potatoes and baked beans! Suitable for ages five to eleven years.

Earth Day Crafts

Tuesday 11 April, 2.30pm to 4pm

Make a Tic-tac-toe game using recycled materials in time for Earth Day.

Thursday 13 April, 2.30pm to 4pm

Design a dreamcatcher and make a bird feeder from recycled materials in time for Earth Day.

**To book contact 01642 526522 or email
stockton.library@stockton.gov.uk**

Pool Time

The Sixth Form pool table was repaired so students could get back to challenging each other during social times.

Thank you to O Kay Automatics Ltd from Marske by the Sea, Redcar.

They repaired the table at a discounted rate and also donated nine pool cues, spare tips and chalk to the students.

A really friendly and professional service.



Thornaby Central Library

What's on at Thornaby Central Library?

Easter Crafts

Monday 3 April, 2pm to 3pm

Create an Easter basket from coloured paper to keep your eggs in, make a bunny mask, chirpy chick or bouncy bunny bookmark.

3D Pens: Wall Decals

Tuesday 4 April, 10.30am to 11.30am

Become a masterful artist and create your very own piece of 3D wall art. Suitable for children aged eight to twelve. Adults must accompany and supervise children.

To book contact 01642 528117 or email thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk.

Comic Relief

Group 1b celebrated big
for Red Nose Day!

How fab do they look?



World Book Day

Staff and students had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day this year.

We had a Harry Potter theme at Abbey Hill. Some amazing costumes and ideas!



Norton Library

What's on at Roseworth Library?

Roseworth Library

Eggcellent Easter Eggs

Tuesday 4 April, 11am to 12pm

Create some truly egg-cellent crafts, make your own bunny or chick Easter egg basket and take home a tasty treat.

Woodland Crafts

Thursday 13 April, 11am to 12pm

Celebrate our wonderful wildlife and create a range of animal crafts.

To book contact 01642 528098 or email roseworth.library@stockton.gov.uk

If you would like to visit at a quieter time during Easter, a relaxed storytelling session will take place on Thursday 6 April, 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and a relaxed craft session on Tuesday 11 April, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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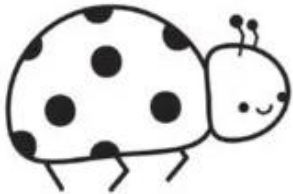
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WORD SEARCH



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BLOSSOM
BUGS
FLOWERS
RAIN
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EGGS
NEST
CHICK
WORMS
GRASS



Preston Park Museum and Grounds

What's on at Preston Park Museum and Grounds?

Preston Park Museum and Grounds

An egg-citing day out for all the family is waiting for you this Easter including:

Follow our Easter egg trail around the museum and Victorian Street (daily)

Be inspired by our beautiful pysanky Ukrainian Easter eggs and adventure through our giant eggs display (daily)

Join in with our Easter and spring themed crafts (Monday 3, Wednesday 5, Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 April)

Enjoy egg-citing tales from our expert storytellers, Captain Raggy Beard (Tuesday 4 and Monday 10 April) and Elizabeth Baker Storytelling (Thursday 6 and 13 April)

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World Book Day

More photos from World Book Day 2024.



Captain Cook's Monument

The Adventure option had a lovely walk to Captain Cook's Monument in Great Ayton. The weather wasn't on our side, but the views made up for it!



Yarm Library

What's on at Yarm Library?

Easter Bunnies and Chicks

Wednesday 5 April, 10.30am to 11.30am

**Have some fun making your own bunny basket
and a cracking Easter egg.**

Mini Beasts

Wednesday 12 April, 10.30am to 11.30am

**Make a butterfly sun catcher and a minibeast
headband.**

**To book contact 01642 528152 or email
yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk.**

Word Search



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BEE	BUTTERFLY	GRASS	LILY	SEEDS
BLOSSOM	CHICK	KITE	NEST	SPROUT
BUD	EGGS	LADYBUG	PUDDLE	TULIP
BUNNY	FLOWER	LAMB	RAIN	WORM



Fairfield Library

What's on at Fairfield Library?

Easter Collage

Wednesday 5 April, 1pm to 2pm

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Family Storytime and Digi Toy Fun

Thursday 6 April, 1pm to 2pm

Enjoy some awesome stories and have some fun with our digi toys. Suitable for children aged two to eight.

Easter Fun

Wednesday 12 April, 1pm to 2pm

Make an Easter mobile and join the Easter hunt.

To book contact 01642 527962 or email fairfield.library@stockton.gov.uk

Work Experience

Students continued to go on their work experience placements this term.

Here we have Aaron enjoying his placement at McDonalds.

Aaron has completed his Food Hygiene certificate and gained experience making both hot and cold drinks, preparing food and supporting with the click and collect service.



Billingham Library

What's on at Billingham Library?

Stella to Earth!

Monday 3 April, 10am to 11am

Imagine you're exploring the Galaxy with Stella, by making chicken spaceships and space bugs.

3D Pens: Wall Decals

Monday 3 April, 2pm to 3pm

Become a masterful artist and create your very own piece of 3D wall art. Suitable for children aged eight to twelve. Adults must accompany and supervise children.

Pet Parade

Wednesday 12 April, 10am-11am

Make some delightful pet masks of pets of all kinds!

To book contact 01642 528084 or email billingham.library@stockton.gov.uk

Support



Support



for parents/carers with children with disabilities

Parents and carers of children with disabilities can stay up to date with the support available to them thanks to the Council's new Children and Young People's Disability Register.

People on the register will be able to access information about a range of services, local activities and events, as well as help to influence and shape future services.

To sign up to the register, each child must:

- Have a learning difficulty, mental health, medical condition or a physical disability
- Be 0 to 25 years old
- Live in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees

All you need to do to register is complete the form at

www.stockton.gov.uk/localoffer or

www.stockton.gov.uk/child-young-person-disability-register

The new and improved register replaces the former Disability Register. If you were previously signed up to the old register, you will need to register again. Users will receive an email to inform them of the change.



Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mock Interviews

Students in E3 and L1 Employability have been preparing for, and took part in mock interviews with staff from the DWP, working on their Employability skills for the future. They gained some excellent feedback—well done.



Ingleby Barwick Library

What's on at Ingleby Barwick Library?

Easter Crafts

Thursday 6 April, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

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Mini Beasts

Thursday 13 April, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Make a butterfly sun catcher and a minibeast headband.

To book contact 01642 528528 or email inglebybarwick.library@stockton.gov.uk

Angel of the North

A wet and windy walk/run to the Angel of the North for the adventure group. A quick photo and straight back on the bus due to the great British weather!



Roseworth Library

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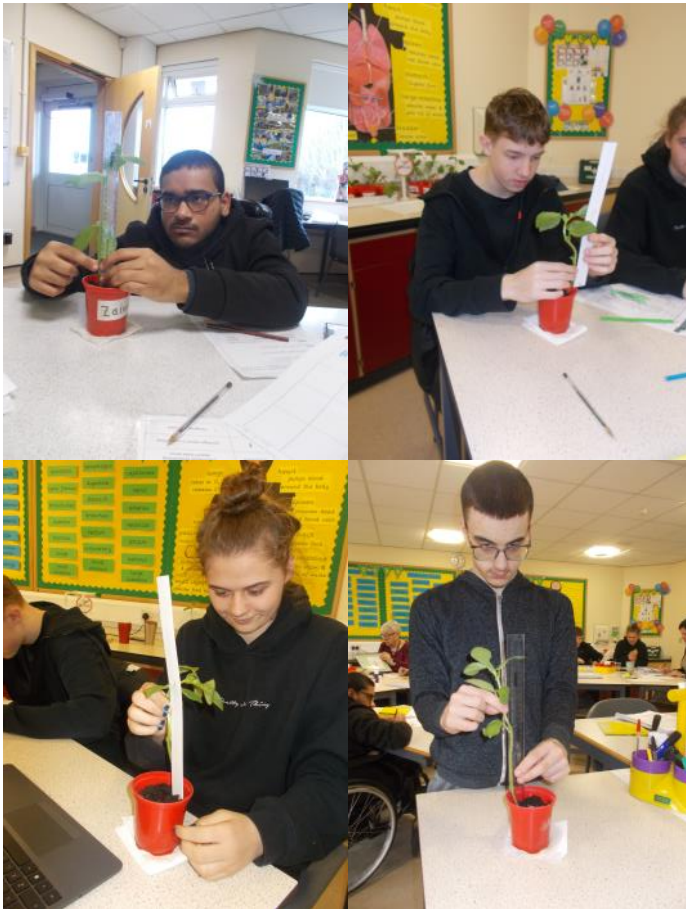
Yappy Days

Jade has been attending Yappy Days one afternoon a week for the last half term, supporting at 'Doggy day care' for her work experience. She has gained some great experience and made some lovely furry friends.



Bean Diaries

As part of the students' course on the plant world and how to care for plants, Group 4 have been investigating the growth of a bean plant. They kept a diary recording any growth and the number of leaves as part of discovering what plants need to grow.



Spring Planting

Group 2 have been busy preparing the polytunnel this term in preparation for planting out after the Easter holidays. The Group 2 team have worked fantastically together and have so far planted beetroot, lettuce, cucumbers, spring onions and beans! Group 2 will be recognised for their achievements through the ASDAN Towards Independence qualification.



Animal Care

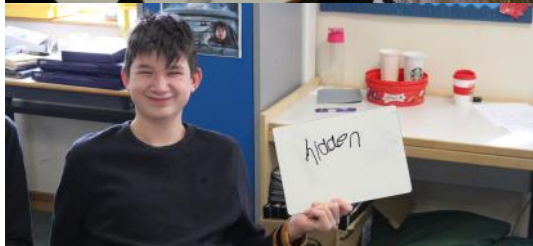
In Group 1B, we have been looking at caring for animals. Bert the rabbit has been visiting the group, and we have been learning about how to behave around animals, what rabbits eat, where they live and what toys rabbits like to play with. Bert is described by one member of the group as 'cute-able'!



Little Wandle Phonics

Our new phonics reading scheme is up and running in the Sixth Form.

Students are loving it and their reading and writing are coming along brilliantly.



Animal Care

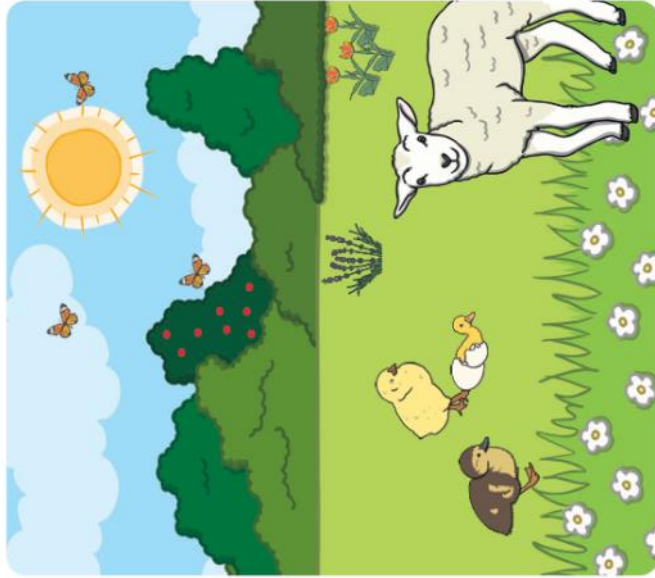
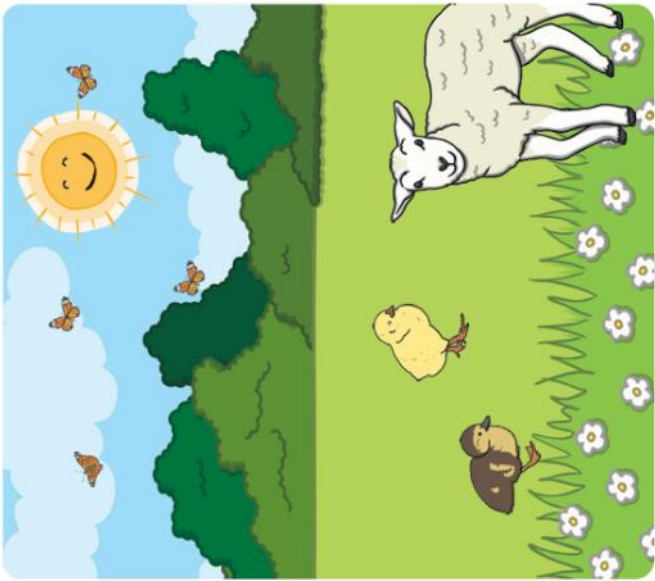
This term, Group 2 have spent several weeks participating in a routine to care for an animal or pet. We were very fortunate that Bella, the pet therapy dog volunteered her services! Bella joined the class every Thursday morning where the students learnt how to walk her correctly, groom her, and teach her some commands.



Spot the Difference

Spot The Difference

There are 6 differences in the pictures below. Can you find them?



Pottery Loft

Students attended a work placement at the Pottery Loft where they gathered colours, designed patterns and painted clay models.



Easter Afternoon Tea



KIDS EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

With a visit from

WILLY WONKA

AT THE KEYS YARM

Date: Tuesday 26th March & Tuesday 2nd April 2024 **Time:** 1pm - 3pm

Each Child will receive an Easter Egg

Adults will receive Sandwiches, tea or coffee

Max 1 adult per Child and Maximum 2 adults with 2 or more Children

For tickets visit: theteessidefamily.com/willy-wonka

Bird food tasting

As part of the learning around birds, we have looked at what birds eat. We tasted some of the foods they eat such as berries, seeds and 'worms'. We then rated the foods, using the red/amber/green rating. Some of the group didn't like the sour 'worms,' describing them as "disgusting", but they didn't mind the green pasta caterpillars!



North Tees Hospital

Several students have attended work placements at North Tees Hospital over the last half term, working in a range of areas including Portering, Post Room and the Medical Library.



Bird Feeders

Group 1b have been learning about birds and taking part in bird watching. This half term we have made apple bird feeders. Using hand drills, we pushed sunflower seeds into the holes made, and added a stick for the birds to sit on. We hope to see some more birds in the outdoor area of college.





**Have a great Spring break from all at
Abbey Hill Academy Sixth Form!**



We look forward to welcoming students back on:

Monday 15th April

If you would like any further information or would like to contact a member of staff the contact details can be found below:

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