

## Occold School Spring Update

After the Christmas and New Year break the 64 children returned to school very keen and eager to be getting on with more learning. The main topics for the first half term have been 'Space' for Class One, 'India' for Class Two and 'The Ancient Greeks' for Class Three.

Class One have made some fantastic landscapes, or should that be 'planetscapes'? They have also made many and various models of rockets and other space craft as well as enjoying using the play corner which has been transformed into a rocket. Class Two haven't been able to travel to India to support their topic but they had a fabulous afternoon with Mr. Hayward who brought along lots of spices, sweets and photos of his visit to India. The smells emanating from the classroom were intriguing to say the least. Thank you for giving up your afternoon Darren. Likewise Class Three haven't managed to get away to Greece but they had a great trip to the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge. As well as the Greek exhibits four of the Year Six children had been handed the task of talking about some pieces of artwork on display in the gallery. They did such a good job that other visitors stood and listened and the actual guides could add nothing to what they had presented to the rest of the class.

The Year Six children have been working with DanceEast this term on a piece of interpretive dance, also based on Ancient Greeks, alongside children from St. Botolph's and Hartismere which will be presented to their parents at the end of March. Also on the dance theme we entered three teams into a Wake and Shake competition held at Debenham Community Centre just before the half term break and one of our teams was judged to be the best. Well done to that team but also the others as the effort put into each piece was significant. It has been a successful half term on the art front as well with two children's work being selected for display by Young Art East Anglia in the Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh in aid of Cancer research. Well done to Maria and Tao!

Coming up in the second half term are lots of soccer matches, a week long residential in France and lots more learning across the curriculum. Please pop in for the Community Coffee mornings if you are passing and don't forget to drop Tesco vouchers in to school if you have no other home for them! We hope to have lots of vegetables growing on our allotments this summer and also to plant a small orchard where the Pre-school old play area is. Any help gratefully received-or plants when you are sorting out your gardens this spring as we hope to include perennial plants around the garden.

Thanks for all your support for our school.