

## Outdoor Learning Autumn 2nd Half Term

Learning Outside the classroom is a really important part of life at St George's. All children, from our 2yr olds to Year 6 take part in planned adventures on the local hilltops, woods, beaches and lakes.

The children have fun exploring the great outdoors but we know that these high quality educational experiences offer more than just fun!

Regular contact with nature is part of a balanced diet of childhood experiences. Every child should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development.

The benefits seem endless!

- It builds confidence.
- It promotes creativity and imagination □ It teaches responsibility.
- It provides different stimulation.
- It gets kids moving.
- It makes them think.
- It develops gross motor skills-which in turn helps children to control their fine motor skills
- It helps children develop their speech and language-which in turn makes for improved writing skills

Take a look at what we have been up to this half term.

# Nursery and Little Dragons

This term the children in Nursery and Little Dragons have been able to go out on their adventures every fortnight. They have had a fantastic time visiting the woods, the beaches and the local parks. So much fun with lots of learning taking place.



# Reception Class take a windy walk at Earnse Bay and then visit The Dock Museum.



The children started the day with a very windy walk at Earnse Bay. Hold onto your hats weather!! They then enjoyed a tour of the Dock Museum and saw all sorts of interesting things. They were then given some free time in the play area in the museum. They had the opportunity to dress up, solve puzzles, watch clips about Barrow shipyard and much more.

# Year 1 take to Roanhead

Year 1 had been reading *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies, so at the beach they were asked to work in teams to make a whale sand sculpture.

There were some fabulous sculptures and great team work. The children then had a challenging walk along the sand dunes.



# Year 2 go to Dunnerholme Beach

Dunnerholme is a hidden gem on the edge of the Duddon estuary. We set off on an adventure that was both dangerous and difficult, just like Anna and Crocodile in the story, "How to Find Gold."

Amongst other beach treasures, the children discovered gold in a cave in the rocks!



# Y3 visit the Manjushri Temple, Ulverston

Y3 have been learning all about Buddhism in their RE lessons this term and so the visit brought to life, a lot of what they had found out. The children got the chance to reflect quietly and also to look at the beautiful artefacts in the temple.



# Y4 get Geocaching in Kirkby!

**Geocaching** is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a mobile device or other navigational technique to hide and seek containers, called "**geocaches**" or "**caches**", at specific locations.

It was a glorious day for a walk with the added excitement of finding the caches!



# Year 5 start their Paddlesport sessions at Water Park

First things first! Learning about the kayak...which is the front, which is the back, how to carry the kayak, how to hold the paddle etc Then, onto and into the water!! We were blessed with calm, serene waters and a magnificent wildlife show.





# Year 6 walk by the falls at Mary Glen and then around the stunning Tarn Hows

It was a challenging climb for some but with a bit of team work and encouragement all made it to the top of the falls to be rewarded with such rewarding sight. Tarn Hows.





What a stunning sight for a picnic spot!



WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR SPRING TIME ADVENTURES

