



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

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Mummies are a success at Calow School!

The Egyptian Day was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils at Calow Primary when they were visited by actors from 'Real History Alive!' In character as Cleopatra and Howard Carter Junior, the performers helped children learn about Ancient Egypt through a number of workshops such as mummification, art and craft, hieroglyphics and Egyptian dance. The children were fascinated by mummies and enjoyed their taste of Egyptian adventure! Pictured is Class Three with the Egyptian Day performers.



Battle of Chesterfield 750th Anniversary

The Battle of Chesterfield was a skirmish in the latter stages of the Second Barons' War. It was part of the "mopping up" of Baronial opposition that resisted Henry III following the Battle of Evesham. The fighting took place in and around Chesterfield on 15th May 1266. The leaders of the Barons were Robert Ferrers, Earl of Derby and Baldwin Wake, Lord of Chesterfield. The Royalist forces were led by Henry of Almain, nephew to King Henry III. Chesterfield Borough Council, along with Chesterfield 750 and the Swords of Mercia will be commemorating the Battle this May. Several groups will be taking part, who have signed up as Guilds. Our School will be the Guild of Kalehal (the name for Calow at the time of the Domesday Book in 1086). We will be learning about the Battle and getting involved in this exciting event. For further information visit Chesterfield750blogspot.co.uk

Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare's Legacy during March 2016.

William Shakespeare was a sixteenth century English poet, playwright and actor. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's most famous dramatist. This year is the 400th anniversary of his death in April 1616. Calow Primary has signed up to a commemoration in conjunction with the Shakespeare Trust. The Trust will be issuing 'The Passport to Shakespeare' to our pupils, a booklet encouraging children to continue their relationship with Shakespeare beyond the classroom. The Passport is designed by Walker Books, beautifully brought to life with illustrations by Marcia Williams and packed with guest challenges from a range of exciting collaborators. Key Stage Two children will be treated to a production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' on 10th March by Manchester Actors' Company.

Further Developing Mathematics

We are constantly seeking ways to develop Mathematics. You will be aware that we implemented 'Fast Maths' learning, which has been a success leading to improved knowledge of multiplication tables. During February we are being visited by Dr. Kirkwood, a Mathematics Researcher, who is coming to observe over two days how we teach Mathematics in school. A Maths consultant is also visiting to lead staff training on mental arithmetic fluency and how to enhance classrooms to promote mathematical vocabulary. Mrs. McDonald will attend a training session on helping children towards mastery of Mathematics. For our newly developed calculations policy, please see our School website.

National Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2016 will take place on 9th February with the theme '**Play your part for a better Internet!**' All classes in School will be revisiting rules about safe use of the internet. Parents will be aware that Calow Primary has its own e-safety group whose composition includes staff, governors and pupils. The group carries out a number of functions, including the monitoring of the use of all technology to ensure our children are protected.

Chesterfield Dance Festival

Once again, Year Two pupils from Calow Primary will be participating in the Chesterfield Dance Festival taking place at the Winding Wheel on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th March. It's always a wonderful occasion and the children represent our School with pride. Tickets for this event will be available for sale from the School Office.

Reminder: School closes at home time on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February.