

Upper Key Stage 2: Spring 2023

Y5 Duck Factory

Duck Factory was run by Primary Enterprise Education, a business based in the North East that has been set up to improve life skills in children. Year 5 children were given the real-life context of working in a business that makes origami ducks. In small teams, each pupil took on a specific role such as: accountant, team leader, sales executive, buyer or quality control. Each team were given specific orders on their origami ducks and had to work hard to provide a quality 'duck' product. The session provided pupils with an insight into careers in the business industry, helped pupils identify employability 'soft' skills, developed the knowledge of business and finance literacy as well as supporting elements of moral, social and cultural development. Year 5 really enjoyed the experience and fully immersed themselves in their role within their team.

Jack-James

I enjoyed negotiating and helping people.

Riley

I liked collecting the money and working together.

Kony

It was a good feeling being paid for the work.

Flynn

I enjoyed selling the ducks and making my team money.

Zoe

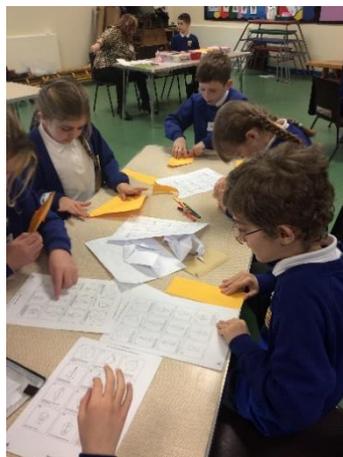
I will remember the skill of negotiation as I think it might be useful when I am older.

Dylan

I learned that as the manager, you have to make sure everyone takes part.

Pany

I liked that we all managed to decide our roles fairly.





Times Tables Rockstars

All children complete sessions on TTRS each week. Weekly tournaments are set between Class 10 and Class 11 and Class 12 and Class 13 compete against each other.

This term's class totals for the weekly tournaments are:

Class 10: 30,503

Class 11: 28,896

Class 12: 10,178

Class 13: 6,811

NSPCC Rocks

All of UKS2 participated in TTRS' annual NSPCC Rocks competition.

The top 5 scorers in UKS2 were: Ben (4,025); Amelia M (1,129); Max (904), Isaac (904) and Joe O (821).

Jacob

I love TTRS because it helps me with maths in general.

Isabella

It's fun and I can join games.

Will

I like how you collect coins as it encourages you to try harder.

Joseph

I like how TTRS really helps secure your times table knowledge. My transformation from Y3 to Y6 is unbelievable!

Leon

I like challenging my friends!

Freddie D

It is fun to go up levels and to make your heatmap all green.

Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme was Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing.

Each UKS2 class made paper chains to help them feel connected to the people and things they care about. We also discussed how to connect to others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

Lilly

I thought it was important because it strengthened people's friendships.

Eva

We learned about what makes us happy and who makes us happy.

Loryn

I learnt that it is always better to talk to somebody.

Alix

It's important to have Mental Health Week so you know how you can feel better.

Oliver D

It showed us how to create happiness.

Matthew M

We connected as a class to make our chain.

Digital Leaders

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils have been attending our Digital Leaders Club on a Friday after school. This term we have all been working on our 'Coding Champion' badge, completing projects and challenges using Scratch and other coding platforms. We have also been working on our 'Digital Caretaker' badge and responsibility in school to keep devices charged and accessible for learning.

Lexi

I enjoyed experimenting and having resilience when coding at home and at school. I used Scratch for the first time and really enjoyed it!

Harry A

I like going on Scratch and creating a game.

Jake

I enjoy coding and making games in Digital Leaders.

Hope

We can show resilience when making and improving our games.

Alycia

I have enjoyed learning new things.

Amelia M

I have learnt so much and can design different things on Canva and Adobe Express.

Let Girls Play

UKS2 girls enjoyed taking part in #LetGirlsPlay, the “Biggest Ever Football Session” with Cramlington United’s “Wildcats on Tour”.



LEGO League

All of Year 5 were invited to complete in the challenge division of LEGO league at the Village Hotel, kindly hosted and funded by the Sage. Our four teams of experts presented an energy problem and solution to a panel of adults, presented their innovative robots, competed at the games table with their coded robots and behaved impeccably, constantly demonstrating the LEGO core values.

Isaac

It was fun competing against other schools!

James E

I liked doing the missions in front of everyone.

Joseph

I liked building.

Ashleigh

I really liked how we all worked together as part of a team.

Harry R

I loved it and wish we could do it again!

Olly G

I enjoyed being an innovator for my group by creating PowerPoints.



Anti-bullying ambassadors

Our school ambassadors meet each week to support our work in school around anti-bullying. This term they have chosen to focus their ideas around 'wellbeing'; we have just completed a range of tasks incorporating assemblies, questions and answers, poster making, seven-day challenge, and a smile day. The children create posters, resources, make books, displays and support children to feel happy and valued around school. We have submitted our well-being tasks to the Diana Award in the hope to achieve our well-being badge for Northburn. Watch this space! Over the next half term, we will focus our work around 'respect'. The ambassadors have begun gathering information to support their peers in school and are looking at exciting ways to get everyone involved.

We have certainly noticed we have some great role models in school.



Mason

I am the public speaker and speak in assemblies and at other events.

Beatrice

I am the secretary. I organise our meetings as well as supporting the work about bullying.

Tia

My job is the event planner and I really enjoy it.

Joshua

I am the technology lead. I make all the PowerPoints for our assemblies.

Joe G

I am Diversity Lead. We have recently been working on our 'Respect' badge.

What we have enjoyed this term:

Freddie R

I have enjoyed playing on the school football team. Even when we were 3-0 down, we were all resilient and the match finished 3-1 to the other team. We have won and lost a lot and I like playing with my friends.

Poppy

I enjoy my keyboard lessons.

Ollie

I enjoy representing school when playing football.

Reece

Lego was really good because I liked the coding.

Joe

I have enjoyed doing the investigations in science.

Oliver B

I like racing against other people on TTRS.

Thomas

I have enjoyed learning about the work of M.C. Escher.

Rosie

I have enjoyed learning to play the violin.

Isabel

I have enjoyed learning to play the recorder and glockenspiel.

School values

At Northburn, we promote a school culture where we can all learn and achieve. We are ambitious, inquisitive, resilient and respectful.

Connor

I have been ambitious by playing basketball every break-time to help me improve.

Olly P

We are resilient when we play football. If we are losing, we keep trying and don't give up.

Sophia

I am ambitious in my learning-I want to learn new things!