

It is wonderful to see signs of spring in the air. Our Nursery pupils have enjoyed taking part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch and have learned a lot about the birds in our local area. Our pupils in Reception class have produced some detailed observational drawings of daffodils highlighting their colour and simplicity.

In Year One, the children visited Hartlepool Naval Museum to complement their learning on seafarers and how ships have changed over time. Our oldest infant class have enjoyed celebrating their learning about the Victorians this half term. Their class assembly revolved around the positive impact the Victorian era had on our lives today (including the individual impact made by Queen Victoria, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Dr. John Snow, Dr. Barnardo, Lord Shaftsbury and Emmeline Pankhurst) and they developed their understanding by undertaking workshops at Beamish Museum, which we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep.

Year Three loved their visit to Sunderland Winter Garden earlier in the month and were complemented on their behaviour and the standard of our knowledge; they also enjoyed leaving school to take part in a basketball competition. Year Four have recently returned from a two-night stay at the Youth Village. They stayed in a chalet and enjoyed lots of activities related to spirituality and character formation.

Year Five are currently planning for their residential trip to Northumberland where they will explore our local area and learn more about their heritage. Each year, the pupils love this time away with their friends and we all know the sea-air does everyone good! Our Year Six have recently finished a project designing their own robots. They began by researching useful robots currently available in the UK. Next, they came up with ideas for problems that robots could possibly solve. Then they designed their robots by sketching and considering materials and electrical circuits. They used an electrical kit to create circuits that could be used in their robots. Finally, they used Tinkercad to create online 3D designs of their robots. There's always so much learning taking place...and we wouldn't have it any other way!