

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Vikings



Viking Workshop with Adam Bushnell

On Tuesday 11th February, we were very lucky to have author and poet Adam Bushnell come in to teach us about the Vikings. He arrived with a bag brimming with Viking objects. Firstly, we looked at some Viking clothing, such as tunics, chainmail and a nasal helm, which we all got to wear (take a look at the photos). Next, we examined some Viking weaponry, including swords, daggers and goose feather arrows. It was great fun to explore and handle all of these replica objects.

Then, we used our knowledge of Viking clothing and weaponry to design our own Viking! After drawing our Viking, we labelled the clothes that they were wearing. Then, we learned about kennings and how Vikings would have called their weapons and armory strange names, using a noun then a verb, and came up with our own! Some kennings included 'arm-smasher', 'leg-chopper' and 'head-protector'.

Adam taught us that Vikings were renowned boasters to intimidate their enemies and prove that they were the strongest warriors. We then came up with our own boasts about fantastic feats that our Viking had achieved, such as 'I swam through lava,' 'I held the entire Earth in my hand,' and 'I scared a bear out of its skin!'

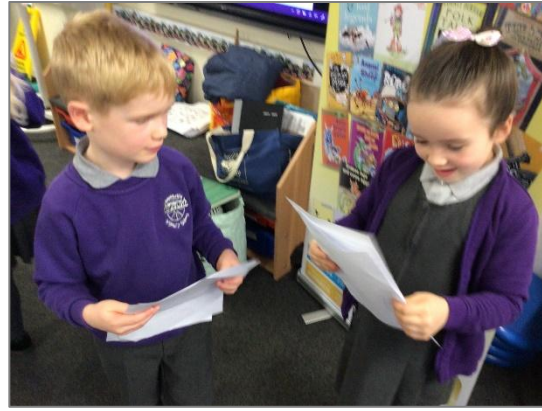
To end our session, we drew our own frost giants and serpent monsters. We had lots of ideas for these creatures, for example, only having one eye or having blue scales all over. Then, Adam took our ideas and brought them to life using ChatGPT to create the image of what our monster might look like! We found this really interesting and enjoyed seeing our creations.

We are looking forward to doing some further writing about our Vikings!

Mr Robinson, Miss Rochester and Mrs Hamilton



Friday 21st February '25



ANTARCTICA

Trouble in Antarctica!

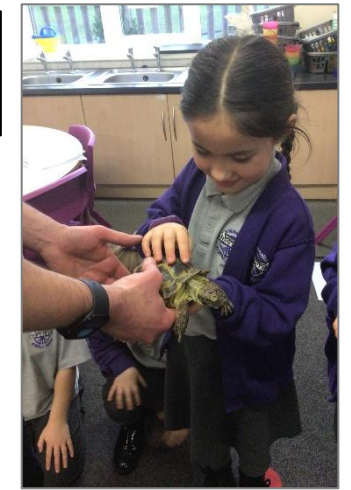
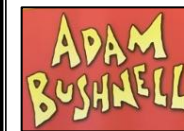
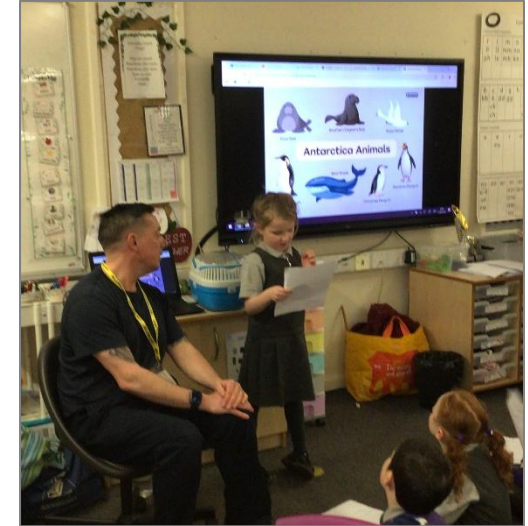
Last week Adam Bushnell came in to work with Scotland and England Classes. We played guess who using the animals of Antarctica then decided to write a story about them.

We used AI technology to help us create some witch ideas. Then we talked about the nasty things the witches might do to the animals. We then talked about who might come to the rescue and came up with some funny ideas for saving the day.

Adam had brought his tortoise, Jet, in to meet us. We gave him lots of strokes to warm him up after all of the talk about the coldness of Antarctica.

We had a great time! Thank you Adam.

Miss Lamb and Miss Pearson



- S** If something **seems to good to be true.**
- C** If someone **contacts you, when you weren't expecting it, like in a message or email.**
- A** If someone or something **asks for your personal information.**
- M** If someone asks for **money or to trade with you.**



1) Dont press on pop up.
 2) If someone gets your personal information change it
 3) Never give out personal information

1) Tell a trusted adult about it
 2) look for grammar and punctuation mistakes.
 3) make your password unthinkable

1) good to good to be true.
 2) code you don't know about.
 3) no Tell a trusted adult.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day, so we spent some time in school learning how to be safe online. This year's theme was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' In Key Stage 1, we learned all about what a scam is and how they can get into our devices. We learned about how we can use the letters of the word scam to help us identify them, as well as what to do if we suspected something was a scam, which is to tell a trusted adult. One way that scams can get us is through pop-ups, so we made some pop-up Art with some helpful tips to stop us from getting scammed!

In Key Stage 2, many of us took part in a live lesson, where we learned how to spot a scam and what we can do to make sure we do not fall for them. We also learned about a different kind of scam called 'phishing', where scammers try to get personal information, such as email addresses and phone numbers. Then, we put our knowledge to the test with a quiz, finishing with our 3 top tips for staying safe online!

Mr Robinson



Parents Meetings

This term's meetings will be taking place face to face.

Monday 10th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y5/6 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y5/6 Parents' Evening

Monday 17th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y3/4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y3/4 Parents' Evening

Monday 24th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y1/2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Y1/2 Parents' Evening

Thursday 27th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Nursery Parents' Evening

Monday 31st March 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Reception Parents' Evening

Tuesday 1st April 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Reception Parents' Evening

**Don't forget
parents'
evening!**

Reports

We are currently in the process of migrating to Arbor, which is a new MIS platform. The children's end of year reports will therefore be in a different format and will be emailed to parents/carers via Arbor. At the next Parents' Evening, you will receive a report card. The card will include attendance, behaviour and data for reading, writing and maths. However, in future autumn and spring report cards will be emailed to families via Arbor.

Friends of Emmaville

It is so lovely that so many parents have brought the friends of Emmaville back to life; and what a splendid job they are doing. In a short space of time, they have organised a movie night for Key Stage 2 pupils, a Christmas disco for children in Key Stage 1, and two Valentine extravaganzas for the children within school.

All of the events have been carefully organised with a great deal of thought going into the preparation. They have been well attended, providing the children with something to look forward to, a chance to socialise with their school community friends, and most importantly, an opportunity to have fun and enjoyment.

From a school perspective, we want to say a huge thank you. Not only have the friends given our children lovely experiences, but they have raised funds for the school that will go towards purchasing equipment or resources that will benefit our children.

A very big thank you to the amazing Friends of Emmaville

Have a wonderful half-term holiday and we shall see you all on Monday 3rd March.

Avril Armstrong

School Attendance - Week Ending 14.02.25

Year 6: North America	98.8%	South America	98.7%
Year 5: Antarctica	96.5%	Oceania	97.1%
Year 4: Africa	99.3%	Asia	98.5%
Year 3: Northern Europe	98.1%	Southern Europe	98.7%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	98.5%	Wales	96.2%
Year 1: England	100%	Scotland	94.3%
EYFS: Gateshead	96.8%	Newcastle	91.4%
Crawcrook	99.4%		

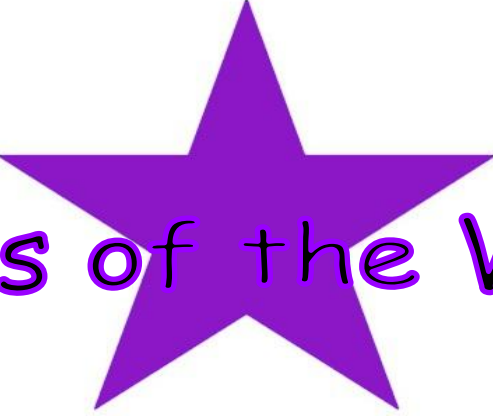
Jolly well done to England for 100% attendance last week.

**Whole school
attendance
97.9%**

After School Club

We are very fortunate as a school to be able to provide wraparound care. Please note, After School Club was set up for working families or family emergencies only.

Thank you for your continued support.



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Kai and Mack (Scotland)
For recognising multiples of 5. Well done boys.

North America - Spencer
For showing great resilience.

South America - Molly
For her amazing and speedy French skills!

Antarctica - Amelia
For being a caring friend.

Oceania - Finley
For always trying his best especially with home learning.

Africa - Dan
For throwing himself into our Year 4 class assembly.

Asia - The whole class
For their dedication and wonderful performance in their Year 4 assembly.

Northern Europe - Bobby
For fantastic independent English work!

Southern Europe - Miley
For being an excellent role model for all children in Year 3

Northern Ireland - Arthur
For his great progression with his reading and phonics.

Wales - Indie
For such brilliant understanding of division in maths all week.

England - Rose F
For being an amazing member of our class who we will miss!

Scotland - Freya
For her great ideas and imagination.

Newcastle - Otilie
For trying so hard in phonics.

Gateshead - Lewis
For trying really hard in maths and adopting an "I can" attitude!

Crawcrook Nursery - Vivienne
For settling into nursery life so well and making some amazing creations!

School Cook - Hannah (Africa)
For beautiful manners at lunchtime.