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Junior, Infant and Nursery School

# EYE OF THE TIGER!

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With so much focus upon testing in English and Mathematics, it is sometimes possible to underplay the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum. During the first few days of term, just by dropping into classrooms, I have observed such variety of subjects and activities to support the core learning.

Food and farming has been the emphasis for Early Years pupils, including the science of growing plants. It was lovely to see such a hands-on approach to learning.



Year 1 pupils combined geography and art with their study of Egypt, travelling from capital cities to the African plains. Their watercolour acacia trees are proving quite a hit in the classroom gallery. Year 2 pupils responded to a whole series of curriculum questions as part of their PE lesson. The mixture of energy, teamwork and memory recall had everybody fully engaged



Year 3 pupils have enjoyed listening to brass instruments, before making observational drawings and researching further information for their encyclopaedic pages. They have quite a comprehensive orchestral selection! Year 4 pupils have been concentrating on India and what makes the country special. Their persuasive reports will be full of tempting propositions.



Year 5 pupils have launched their Viking learning by enacting a range of scenarios, including family life, household chores, beliefs and looking after the village. Their presentation of information revealed the depth of their learning. Large scale Viking ships are also beginning to appear, as the DT related PAL project takes shape. Year 6 pupils have gone data crazy by running a series of challenges, in order to generate some measurements for mathematical analysis. Their interest and enthusiasm in undertaking such learning was a model for all pupils.



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