

- **What will I learn when I am at Riccall School?**

We try to make learning interesting and enjoyable. If you love learning we think you will learn more. When we plan activities we think about **how** you learn as well as **what** you learn. Children tell us that they enjoy learning by 'doing', by being active and they love learning outside. We are very lucky that we have beautiful school grounds and we try to use them for learning as much as possible.

Children spend time thinking, discussing, questioning, analysing, problem solving and working as part of a team as well as reading, writing, calculating, painting, drawing, role playing, dancing and doing gymnastics, swimming, playing sports, making music and learning about the world we live in; the people, the places, the past and the way things work. Children often learn about these things together in a 'topic' or 'theme'.

This makes it all make much more sense.

We ask the children what they would like to find out too.



Children making sandwiches as part of their instructions writing activity

Some skills we have to teach separately. Children have mathematics lessons every day; they learn their multiplication tables, learn how to calculate with numbers and learn how to measure. They also learn about shapes and data handling. They find out how to solve problems and they practise these skills in their topics too. Some literacy skills children need to practise every day too. Children learn how to read and how to write for different purposes and they learn how to spell and they practise these skills in their topics too. We organise exciting events to inspire children to read more. We often have authors coming into school; travelling book fairs and we have had a Monster Month of Reading.

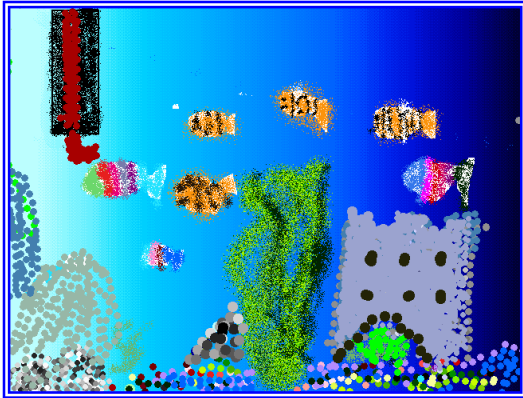


Playing with toys at the Castle Museum in York

Investigating 'forces'. We do lots of practical activities to help us understand science.



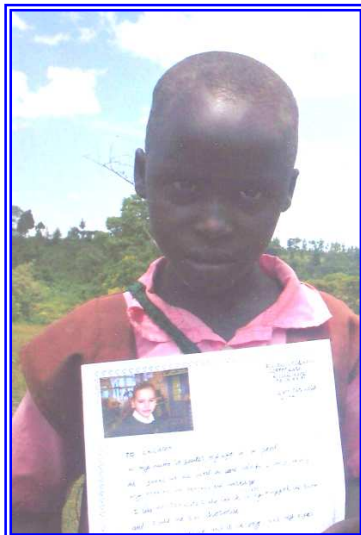
Dressing up in pyjamas for a story telling day



ICT skills are taught in the Computer Suite and then we use these skills in all our other activities. Sometimes we do experiments and science simulations and compare the results. We all have our own folder and password so that we can store our work on the network. We use the internet too but we have to follow the safety codes. We can use sensing equipment to measure temperature and light, and the digital microscopes make the pond creatures look amazing. We can take digital photographs and use them in Powerpoint presentations and make digital films too. Using ICT is very exciting!



Children enjoy a visit to the Railway Museum in York as part of a KS1 project on Transport.



We do all kinds of artwork. These were inspired by an exhibition of art from different cultures all around the world. We enjoy learning about other parts of the world. We have made links with a school in Kenya and we are sending letters and pictures to each other



- Are there any clubs after school?

We offer lots of activities, they vary every term:

These take place within school time:-

- * Recorder Tuition
- * Girls' Football
- * Peripatetic Music Lessons:-
 - Brass
 - Keyboard
 - Violin
 - Woodwind
 - Guitar
- * School Council



There are other activities at the end of the school day :-

- * Netball
- * Football
- * Rugby
- * Cricket
- * Rounders
- * Environmental Science Club
- * Art Club
- * ICT Club
- * Drama
- * Short Mat Bowls
- * Badminton
- * Cycling Awareness



- Will I ever go on school trips?

Yes, we try to take each class on a trip two or three times per year, depending on the topics covered. We also organise visits into school by theatre companies, authors, artists, sports coaches, visitors from other countries and people who bring animals into school to let us hold them and teach us all about them.

Over the last few years, the children have been to:-

- Ripon Museum Trust
- The Ark, York (picture right)
- Skylab Planetarium
- Eureka
- Eden Camp as part of World War II project
- National Mining Museum
- Hindu Temple and Bombay Stores, Bradford
- Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve
- Barley Hall, York (picture below right)
- Grand Opera House to see *Midsummer Nights Dream*
- Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal - Tudor Theatre project (picture below)
- The Deep, Hull (picture bottom right)
- Crucial Crew, Drax (picture bottom left)





What a fantastic range of visits. I think we need to book our places for the next trip! Not sure I want to meet a snake!



Residential Trips

Year 3 and Year 4 children camped overnight, as a taster session before a weekend away in Year 6 to an outward bound centre.



