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Hello and welcome to our **Enrichment & Physical Theatre** Curriculum Newsletter. We are delighted to be able to share some information with you about how we have sought to bring learning to life and enrich your child's learning experiences, both within and beyond the classroom walls. Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions, do feel free to get in touch.

Mr Weatherup & Miss Hall

## Enriching Experiences at Raddlebarn

At Raddlebarn, we passionately believe that learning outside the classroom is as essential to a student's development as their learning within it. Consequently, as a staff team, we aspire to provide every child with opportunities to augment their formal learning through a variety of additional events and opportunities. Beyond a vibrant and stimulating curriculum, we seek to offer other opportunities for students to develop their learning wherever possible: special events; visitors; off-curriculum days; educational visits; residential experiences, clubs and family events all contribute to our aim to enrich their lives. By developing links within our local, national and global communities, we seek to challenge our students to aspire to be people who leave a positive mark on their world.

At Raddlebarn we are convinced that enrichment experiences enhance interest, enthusiasm and boost achievement for all children; these are planned to be closely linked to our topic-themed curriculum. Additionally, the school promotes and actively encourages participation in a variety of extra-curricular activities in sports, music and the arts, to support our pupils in developing new interests and to foster their skills and confidence in existing ones.

## Enrichment Events

Examples of our enrichment activities are:

- Bikeability training (Year 6)
- charity fundraising days
- Commando Joe's (character education / teambuilding)
- drama workshops through links with local theatres (Birmingham Rep. and Birmingham Hippodrome)
- 'living history' days
- Orchestral concerts
- participation in activities of the local School Games network
- peripatetic music tuition
- School Games Day
- themed lunches
- visiting professional sports coaches & involvement with local sports clubs
- visits from/to local secondary schools
- Y5 residential trip
- Swimming (Years 4 & 6)

Opportunities such as these also help us to present our children with positive role models from the local community and wider locality, and the benefits these experiences bring.

## Enrichment opportunities

What are your fondest memories from your primary school days? For many, I am sure they will be of trips, visitors or those experiences which were 'something special' and not part of the standard weekly learning menu. 'Enrichment' encompasses these special events, crossing curriculum subject boundaries, designed to enhance learning and bring it to life, helping us to make links to the wider world and, ultimately, to make us better citizens of our shared world.

We are delighted that we can once again offer a range of clubs to our pupils, covering both sports and the arts. You can find details of our current offer here:

<https://www.raddlebarn.co.uk/home/parents-area/clubs/>

And if you are looking for a sports club out-of-school, we have recommendations from our pupils for these too:

<https://www.raddlebarn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/external-club-links-updated-Spr.-21-1.pdf>

### Here are a few highlights from the past twelve months...

**Whole School:** Coronation party; TT Rock Star Day; Raddlebarn Bake Off; Theatre visits; Orchestral concerts; inter-school sports fixtures... and, of course, The Commonwealth Games!



#### Nursery Teddies on strike!



#### Year 3 Meeting the Romans at Lunt Fort.



#### Year 1 Experiencing life at Soho House.



#### Year 5 Planetarium visit.



#### Reception A visit from the Police!



#### Year 4 Exploring geology at Lapworth Museum.



#### Year 2 Visit to Tudor Selly Manor.



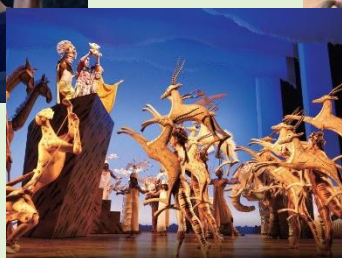
#### Year 6 Exploring B'ham Cathedral.





## Physical theatre

We are so lucky at Raddlebarn to have the opportunity to work alongside the Birmingham Repertory theatre, Birmingham Hippodrome and Stans Café. Not only does physical theatre provide the opportunity for movement but it also helps to develop emotional learning, social awareness, compliments creativity, is cross-curricular and instils dedication and commitment. Every child at Raddlebarn has had time planning into their curriculum to work with Rob from REP and Cheryl from the Hippodrome to complement their learning experience. The feedback from children, staff and parents has been very positive and we look forward to continuing this into 2024.



## After-school clubs:

This year, from Year 1 to Year 6, the children have been provided with the opportunity to extend their physical theatre experience with an after-school club with the fantastic Rob from Birmingham REP. Performances have also been held at the end of each termly rotation allowing you, as parents, to see the amazing work your child has done.

## Productions:

This year we have been fortunate to have accessed tickets to take the children at Raddlebarn to 'Nativity the Musical', Motion house's Starchitects, Strictly Ballroom, 'Six' the musical and up-coming, Disney's Lion King.

We can't wait to see what is coming up in the next academic year!

