




Newsletter



| | <i>Pupils Involved</i> | <i>Event</i> |
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| Monday 23 rd January | | |
| Tuesday 24 th January | Reception Whole school | Forest school PE - children to come to school in PE kit (we'll be in the gym) After school clubs - finish at 4pm. |
| Wednesday 25 th January | Years 3 & 4 | |
| Thursday 26 th January | Year 1 & Reception | Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you. |
| Friday 27 th January |  Chinese New Year arts & craft day. | |
| Monday 30 th January | | |
| Tuesday 31 st January | Whole school Reception | PE Forest school. After school clubs (gymnastics/running) |
| Wednesday 1 st February | | |
| Thursday 2 nd February | Reception & Year 1 | Swimming |
| Friday 3 rd February | Years 2, 3 & 4 | Forest School |



*Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.
For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes
to your child's home time arrangements – thank you.*

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – When I grow up / Chinese New Year.

Book of the week- Astro Girl by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- We will continue to read the story Astro Girl. We will listen to parts of the story and look at key images. We will talk about what we can see, what is happening in the pictures and how it makes us feel. We will also listen to stories about Chinese New Year. We will try some Chinese food and use key vocabulary to describe how it tastes.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about what food we like and dislike and consider the feelings of others and understand that we all like different things. We will continue our Jigsaw theme 'Dreams and Goals' focusing on 'setting a goal'.

Physical Development – In PE, we will go swimming and we will also begin our dance topic with Mr Ellison. We will continue to develop our small motor skills in writing. We will also make Chinese dragons by threading leaves onto pipecleaners.

Literacy- We will continue to follow our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and practice our single letter sounds and special friends sh, ch, th, ng and nk. We will write a short sentence about which Chinese Zodiac animal represents us. We will write cards to each other to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Mathematics- We will focus on how numbers are made up of smaller parts. We will be using part whole models and focus on the composition of the numbers 4 and 5.

Understanding the World – We will talk about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We will have a go at making Chinese symbols using sticks in Forest Schools. We will taste Chinese food.

Expressive Arts and Design –. We will continue with our music session with Mr Tait. We will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express our ideas and feelings as we learn about Chinese New year.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be finishing our topic looking at Place Value up to 20. We will be estimating numbers on a number line along with comparing and ordering groups of objects.

English- We are using our book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' to finish creating our fact files about lions. We will also be looking at creating a setting description of The Savannah.

Science- This week, we will be looking at mammals, by sorting objects into mammals or not mammals.

Geography- This half term, we will be looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will be focusing our learning on China, looking at their country and culture. We will focus on their celebrations, in particular, Chinese New Year.

R.E- We will be looking at Islam and learning all about Allah.

Art- This week, we will continue to look at self-portraits by creating collages inspired by Picasso.

Music- We will be looking at our new music unit called 'In the groove' where we will be learning new songs and rhythms.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be using Jigsaw Jack to help us look at our dreams and goals.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday afternoon.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home. Also, can you remember our facts about Australia?

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman'. This week we will be learning about emperor penguins and writing non chronological reports.

Maths: Our topic is Money. We will be using bar models and part whole models to show different ways of how to make a value. We will also be comparing amounts of money using $<>=$.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be learning about the human life cycle and how our bodies change as we get older.

Geography: Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be continuing learning about the Antarctic and what it is like to live in Antarctica.

Art: Our topic this half term is colourful creations. This week we will be mixing primary colours to make secondary colours.

Computing: Our topic this half term is algorithms. This week we will be learning about how to use the app scratch.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We will be learning about what Jesus taught Christians about love. We will be sequencing the story of the lost sheep.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'I wanna be in a band' and we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is dance.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is goals and dreams. We will be talking about preserving even when things get tough.

How to help at home: How many different ways can you make 27p?

Years 3 & 4

English - This week we are focusing on one of the short stories in our book called 'Nolwandle, Girl of the Waves'. We will be considering how different ways of telling a story can impact the listener's experience. We will then be writing as Nolwandle with how she will have felt at different times in the story. We are then going to work on retelling the story as Nolwandle. We will also be learning about how to use adverbs to show time and place.

Maths - Year 3 focus on dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, initially with no exchanges. We will then begin to divide using flexible partitioning before introducing remainders at the end of the week.

This week Y4 are going to be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will then be using related facts to help with multiplication and division before using a variety of written methods for multiplication.

Science - We focus on pitch this week and will be exploring higher and lower sounds. We will be creating straw pan pipes to help us explore pitch.

Geography - This week we are going to be learning to identify European countries based on their landmarks and features.

RE - We are going to be learning about what God is like for Muslims.

Computing - This week we are going to be continuing to use Scratch to programme more than one sprite.

French - We are going to be learning body parts this week and using our new vocabulary to sing 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French!

PSHE - This week we are exploring how to cope with disappointment and how to help others with disappointment also.

Art - We are exploring Andy Warhol's blotted line technique this week.

PE - Dance with Mr Ellison.

Music - Singing with Mr Tait.

Helping at home - Can you read at least three times with your child at home this week? Can you practice times tables at home?



As part of our multi-cultural curriculum we have planned a day of Chinese celebrations on Friday this week.

We will be joined by Jammi de Silva (artist) to work with us on a range of Chinese arts and crafts. Look out for lots of photographs from the day! There are activities planned in classrooms too including food tasting and using chopsticks.

Our Year 4 children did really well last week in the Northumberland Games Multiskills competition, representing our school in the finals of this event. Everyone had lots of fun – well done!



In the absence of Miss Moore, we have been fortunate to secure Mrs Jukes to work with Years 3 & 4 for the week ahead.