

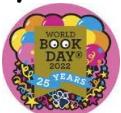


Newsletter



Monday 28th February 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 28 th Feb	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns.
Tuesday 1 st March	Whole school Reception	PE After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 2 nd March	Whole school	Visit from Elvis - the therapy dog.
Thursday 3 rd March	Reception & Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 4 th March 	World Book Day - we can dress as a story character or ready for a bedtime story (in our PJs) We'll be doing lots of activities linked to some of our favourite books.	
Monday 7 th March	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns.
Tuesday 8 th March	Whole school Reception Class 1 & 2	PE After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Vision screening. Forest School session - outdoors. Kielder Observatory to visit school.
Wednesday 9 th March		
Thursday 10 th March	Reception & Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 11 th February		



Please contact our school office as soon as possible if your child is absent– thank you.

What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception Book of the week- Mr. Wolf's Pancakes

Communication and Language - We will listen to our book of the week and throughout the week practice retelling this story by ordering story cards.

Personal and Social Development - We will talk about the characters in the story and how they behaved.

Physical Development – In PE, we will work on multiskills with Mr. Ellison and we will work in our outdoor area using small and large equipment. We will also go swimming for the first time, very exciting! We will practice our scissor skills by making pancake faces.

Literacy- Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will continue to practise reading words with the digraphs sh, ch, th, ng, nk, ee and oo and we will be playing a pancake phonics flip game. We will be reinforcing tricky words that we have learnt so far and will learn the new words of and your. We will write sentences to say which pancake topping we liked best.

Mathematics- We will learn about 3d shapes and go on a shape hunt. We will explore 3d shapes through construction blocks and we will make a tower for Mr Wolf. Which shapes will work the best?

Understanding the World – We will be making pancakes and exploring the changes that happen to the ingredients.

Expressive Arts and Design – Children will act out our story of the week in role play and small world. We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns.

Class 1: English: Our core text this half term is '10 Things I can do to Help my World by Melanie Walsh'. This week we will be inferring what those 10 ways to help the world could be and asking questions to help us find out more information on how to help. Year 1 SPAG focus is adding the suffix er to a word (fast- faster) Year 2 SPAG focus is learning about the possessive apostrophe (Jack's book).

Maths: Our topic is place value and statistics. Year 1 will be comparing numbers and groups of objects using < > =. They will then be ordering groups of numbers and objects using a set criteria. Year two will be creating their own pictograms based on what they are wanting to find out then they will be interpreting pictograms to gather information. **Science:** Our topic this half term is living things and habitats. Year 1 will be learning all about sea creatures and discussing why this is the best habitat for them. They will be sorting sea creatures by a certain criteria such as fins, no fins. Year 2 will be exploring a range of habitats and looking at why animals are suited to that habitat. They will be putting animals into the correct habitat.

Geography- Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be learning all about the 7 continents and labelling them. Year 2 will also be labelling the 5 oceans. If your child would like to share places that they have visited around the world or if they have family who live in different places of the world they can bring pictures in (you could also send them to me on Class Dojo).

Art- Our topic this half term is exploring the artist Henri Rousseau. This week we will be looking at some of his artwork and expressing our opinions about his work. We will be creating information booklets about his life.

R.E: Our topic is Easter. We will be learning about lent and talking about why it is important to Christians. We will explore how lent is about doing good deeds and giving up things. We will be making pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

PE: This half term we will be doing tag rugby and athletics. We will also be swimming on a Thursday.

Computing: Our topic this half term is animation. We will be exploring what animation is and looking at how this is created.

PSHE: Our topic is dreams and goals. This week our focus is on staying motivated when doing something challenging.

Music: We will be playing instruments and learning new songs with Mr Burns.

How to help at home: This half term we will be having a really big push on improving handwriting. I will be sending home handwriting sheets for children to complete at home.

Class 2 : English - We begin our new book 'The Wild Robot' this week, we will be considering what we know and what we would like to know about robots. We will then be trying to continue the story ourselves toward the end of the week. Year 3 will be learning about prepositions, Year 4 will be continuing their work on apostrophes and Year 5 will work on expanded noun phrases.

Maths - We continue with fractions this week. Year 3 will be counting in fractions then working on unit and non-unit fractions before working on the equivalence of a half and two quarters towards the end of the week. Year 4 will be continuing their work on equivalence on fractions before moving on to fractions greater than 1 then adding fractions at the end of the week. Year 5 will be working on equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Science - This week we begin our work on living things and their habitats by thinking of different habitats around the world for a variety of animals. Year 5 will begin working on life cycles by learning about plants.

Topic - We begin our India topic by learning about where India is and some basic facts about India.

RE - We are going to be learning about Easter this half term and the importance of Easter to Christians, we will begin by learning about Palm Sunday.

PSHE - This half term we are going to be focusing on keeping fit and healthy, we will begin by setting ourselves fitness challenges this week.

French - We will be working on what we can do in French this half term, we will begin by thinking about hobbies that we enjoy and can do.

Computing - We will be introducing internet safety this week.

Design Technology - We will be linking our science 'habitats' topic to our design technology this half term by working on greenhouses and animal habitats. We will be considering greenhouses this week.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison.

Helping at home - Can you find any habitats around you and discuss the habitats that different animals need?



Swimming.

Super exciting !!! (We'll turn any anxieties into excitement too!)

Reception are joining Class 1 for swimming on Thursdays.

Please make sure that everyone has the correct kit in a bag to bring on the bus. Children going swimming are asked to wear PE kit for school on Thursdays to make getting changed a quicker process (fingers crossed)

ParentPay is ready for all to contribute to - thank you.

COVID updates.

Along with the rest of the country we are now able to ease some of our COVID restrictions in school, no longer requiring face coverings, testing or periods of self isolation.

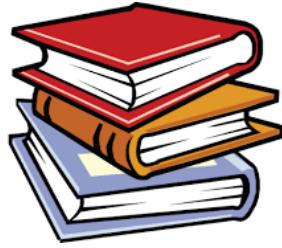
The health and safety of everyone in our school community remains paramount and we hope that you will continue to respect the wellbeing of all concerned.

If your child is genuinely unwell we know that you will keep them away from school to limit the spreading of any germs – COVID or otherwise, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Once we receive the 'go-ahead' from Northumberland County Council we will be welcoming families back into school for our regular open mornings etc.



Elvis - the therapy dog will be visiting us on Wednesday this week.



We love reading!

As part of World Book Day (officially the 3rd but we're doing it on Friday!) we are going to take part in all sorts of learning activities linked to some of our favourite books.

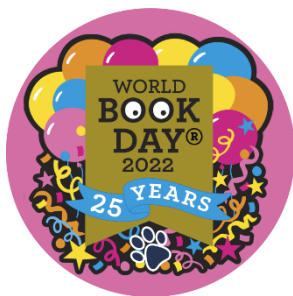
Children can come to school dressed as a character from a story or in their PJs - ready for a bedtime story.

To encourage and develop our love of reading we are going to start a 'book swap'.

Children can bring a book (or 2) that they've finished with at home and we'll put them out a table to allow a 'swap' to happen. No money is needed at all.

We will have a table for grown-ups too to encourage whole family reading.

Books can be sent in any day this week - thank you. We're hoping this is successful and we'll continue it on a monthly basis.



All children will be given a £1 World Book day Voucher on Friday - this can be exchanged for a special £1 book in shops or as a discount.