




Newsletter



Monday 21st November 2022



	Pupils Involved	Event
Monday 21 st	 FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022 World Cup Day	
Tuesday 22 nd November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school club (Mr Ellison) finish at 4pm. Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 23 rd November		
Thursday 24 th November	Year 2 & Class 2	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 25 th November	Whole school Year 2 and Class 2	Singing with Mr Tait Forest school
Monday 28 th November		
Tuesday 29 th November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school club - Mr Ellison finish at 4pm Forest School session
Wednesday 30 th November		
Thursday 1 st December	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming Children's Christmas Bingo (finish at 5pm)
Friday 2 nd December	Reception & Y1 Year 2 & Class 2	Singing with Mr Tait 'Follow that Star' advent event (Simonburn Church)

Attendance – as part of our ongoing monitoring of attendance all families have received information via Class Dojo. We will be sending home individual pupil attendance data this week.

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic –Into the Dark Book of the week- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Communication and Language- We will continue to focus on the story 'Owl Babies' and build on our familiarity and understanding of the story. We will introduce story props and focus on retelling the story.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about how the owls in the story are feeling and if we have ever felt the same. As we read the story 'Owl Babies' we learn that Mummy Owl has left the nest. We will discuss how the baby owls must be feeling and scribe the children's responses. We will complete some freeze frame and hot seating activities and the children will voice their characters feelings in role.

Physical Development – In PE, we will continue to take part in gymnastics with Mr Ellison. We will work on our small motor skills in drawing, writing and painting in different areas of the classroom.

Literacy- .Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will be learning the letter sounds w, th, z and ch. We will write letters to mummy owl to encourage her to return to her babies.

Mathematics- We will focus on the number 6 and practise subitising. We will play a range of games where we practise matching the correct numeral and quantity for the numbers 1-6.

Understanding the World –We will continue to explore the dark both inside and outside and describing what we can see, hear and feel. We will make bird feeders to help feed the birds through the winter months.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will take part in Music with Mr Tait and create our own owl song to the tune of the wheels on the bus.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be introducing the subtraction sign and looking at how we can use our knowledge of part-whole models to complete subtraction number sentences. We will also recap fact families.

English- This week, we will be retelling the story of 'The Dark' using story maps. We will use our story maps to have a go at rewriting the story from the view of the character of the Dark, before creating our own storybooks.

Science: Following on from last week, we will carry out an investigation to see whether certain materials are bendy, waterproof, absorbent or transparent. We will also use our prediction skills before we carry out the investigation.

History- Continuing our topic on the Great Fire of London we will be looking at Samuel Pepys diary entry and how we know today what happened during the fire in 1666.

R.E- We will be looking at why some gifts are invisible and how we can provide the gift of love through being kind, caring and supportive to one another.

Music- We will be looking at rhythm through music, raps and chants.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be looking at celebrating differences.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison focusing on Gymnastics.
How to help at home- Can you remember what the name of the bakery is called that started the Great Fire of London?

Year 2 English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. This week we will be creating our own characters to go into a story and writing a story plan based on 'Toys in space'. Then we will be writing our stories based on our plan.

Maths: Addition and subtraction. This week we are learning how to use column addition and subtraction to add and subtract 2 two digit numbers.

Science: Materials. This week we will be investigating what is the best wrapping paper for Santa to use to wrap the presents.

History: Toys from the Past. This week we will be learning about toys from the past and we will be putting toys into a timeline.

Design Technology: Moving Pictures. This week we will be exploring moving pictures and making our own wheel for a picture.

Computing: Computer art. This week we will be learning how to keep safe online and creating a poster to help us to remember how to keep safe.

R.E: Our topic this half term is why is light and dark important to Christians at Christmas? We will be talking about why a Christingle is important to Christians.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Ho, ho, ho' and we will be learning to identify different musical instruments. We will be learning Christmas songs.

P.E: Gymnastics and swimming.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is celebrating differences. This week we will be talking about standing up for ourselves and others.

How to help at home: Can you learn your spellings and read 3 times?

Class 2

English - This week we are going to be working on our persuasive writing. We will be persuading Ug and his family to keep animals in a certain way/place to make it easier for them to hunt. We will also be writing as Stone Age estate agents to convince Stone Age families to buy certain houses. We will then work on our descriptive writing by describing a mammoth. We will also be working on our reading skills this week and whether to use 'a' or 'an'?

Maths - Year 3 are moving onto multiplication and division this week. We will begin by using equal groups and showing multiplications using arrays. We will then work on our multiples of 2, 5 and 10. At the end of the week, we will work on sharing and grouping. Year 4 will be finishing area this week by making shapes of a certain area and comparing areas. They will then begin multiplication and division by working on their 3 and 6 times tables.

Science - This week we are going to be working on investigating conductors and insulators. We will be practising writing up our investigations and reporting our findings.

History - This week we are going to be investigating Skara Brae and looking at the evidence that was found here and what it might show about Stone Age life.

Design and Technology - This week we are going to be working in groups to design a light up sign that we will then be making.

PE - Gymnastics and multi-skills with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday. Forest School on Friday.

Helping at Home - To support our multiplication and division topic, please can you practise times tables at home with your child to improve their fluency?



BBC 'Children in Need'

We saw lots of spots and dots on Friday to remember Children in Need and have so far collected £87.

Thank you.



December dates.

We will have Festive Fridays during December and wear something 'Christmassy' – it might be socks, hats, hair band....

December 1st :

- Christmas post box is available in school for cards to those in school.
- Christmas Bingo 3.15pm – 5pm (£4 per child using Parentpay)
- Festive Friday – bring a bottle day.

December 2nd :

- Year 2 and Class 2 visit to Simonburn Church to take part in 'Follow that Star' advent event. All day – packed lunch required.

December 16th

- Christmas performance in the Town Hall. 2pm and 5.30pm All welcome.

December 20th

- Theatre visit – Cinderella.

December 21st

- Party Day

December 23rd

- Christmas lunch
- St Cuthbert's Church service 2pm. All welcome.

