



# Newsletter



Monday 21st March 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 21st March	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns. Composer, Jenny Mahler, in school this afternoon to produce a song all about our locality.
Tuesday 22nd March	Whole school  Whole school	PE After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 23rd March	Class 2 Tag-rugby festival at Wark Primary School.	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Reception & Class 1	Gardening club at lunchtime. Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 25th March		
Monday 28th March	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns.
Tuesday 29th March	Whole school  Reception	PE After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session - outdoors.
Wednesday 30th March	Open Morning 9am -10am for families of Year 2 and Year 4 children.	
Thursday 31st March	Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5  Reception & Class 1	Open morning 9am - 10am  Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 1st April	'Hoopstarz' - hula hoop sessions Everyone please come in PE kit.	



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 Topic - What a wonderful world. Book of the week- "Bog Baby" by Jeanne Willis

**Communication and Language-** We will create our own song about Osprey. We will use the vocabulary discussed to create our own classroom lyrics.

**Personal and Social Development-** We will talk about how the girls in the story loved the bog baby sooooo much. We will talk about the things that we love that much and we will be sensitive to each other as we share our this with the class.

**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 continue to go swimming.

**Literacy-** We will begin to create our own mind maps about Bog Baby and go on to create a class information booklet. Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will continue to practise reading words with the digraphs sh, ch, th, ng, nk, ee, oo, ay, igh, ow and we will introduce the different "oo" sound. We will be reinforcing tricky words that we have learnt so far and will learn the new word "she".

**Mathematics-** We will begin to look at the concept of weight and the associated vocabulary, e.g heavy/light. We will use a range of scales to weigh items and also look at how to get the weighing scales to balance.

**Understanding the World** - We will continue to learn about Osprey linked to our music creation. We will also begin to look at different habitats linked to our story Bog Baby. We will look at making a log/stick pile and see what minibeasts it might attract.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns and also take part in composing some of our own music with a specialist musician.

Class 1 English: This week we will be looking at the book 'Meerkat Mail' and exploring the main character Sunny and locating the different places that he visits. We will be writing our own postcards responding to Sunny. Our focus is handwriting of common exception words.

Maths: Our topic is money. We will be identifying different coins and notes and making sure that children know what money is used for. We will be creating different amounts of money using coins.

Science: We will be learning about ourselves. Year 1 will be learning all about the human body and labelling it. Year 2 will be learning all about food chains and creating their own food chains.

Geography- This week we will be learning all about Australia and imagining we are going on holiday to Australia. We will be identifying key places that we would like to visit. 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- This week we will be looking at aboriginal artwork and creating animal art.

R.E: We will be learning all about the Easter story and sequencing the Easter story.

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

Computing: We will be exploring what animation is and looking at how this is created. We will be learning how to design a character.

PSHE: This week our focus is on road safety and we will be exploring how to cross a road safely. We will be practising this on the road in our yard.

Music: We will be playing instruments and learning all about finding the beat.

How to help at home: If you have any coins at home can you encourage your child to identify the amount. Can they make different amounts using the coins?

### Class 2 :

**English** - This week we are considering Roz and Fink's thoughts when they meet each other. We will also be acting out scenes in the story and writing a letter as Roz to the beavers to thank them for their work. We will then be retelling the story from another character's perspective considering their observations on the island.

**Maths** - Year 3 will be working on equivalent fractions this week before comparing and ordering fractions. Year 4 will be starting their new topic on decimals by focusing on tenths and hundredths and being able to count in these and represent them on a number line. Year 5 will be finishing comparing and ordering fractions greater than 1 before moving onto adding and subtracting fractions.

**Science** - Year 3 and 4 will be classifying more animals and using different flow charts to classify animals into groups. Year 5 will be learning about animal life cycles.

**Topic** - This week we are going to be exploring the physical and human features of different cities in India.

**Art** - We will be learning about Indian block printing and making our own blocks.

**French** - We will continue to learn the vocabulary for different hobbies, focusing on creative hobbies this week.

**PE** - Rugby with Mr Ellison in preparation for the rugby tournament on Wednesday.

**Music** - Trumpet lesson with Mr Burns and then a composer visit to write our own songs about animals in Kielder.

Helping at Home - Can you classify different animals into groups such as mammals, insects, amphibians, birds, fish etc.



### Children's Cancer Run Newcastle

A reminder that Early Bird entries close on the 31st (after that the price increases slightly) This is a really good day out for the whole family - let's see how many of us can gather together and have fun running!

- 15th May 2022 at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park

You can enter at :

[childrenscancernorth.org.uk](http://childrenscancernorth.org.uk)



Our special Red Nose day has so far collected £68 - thank you. There's still time to donate if you wish to using our ParentPay pages.



Today we've all been working with Jenny Mahler, a composer. We're composing a song all about animals that live in Kielder Forest and will hopefully be able to share it with everyone soon.



A HUGE thank you to the group of dads who were 'volunteered' to help with clearing our playground (some of it was deemed not safe due to splitting timbers) We're busy planning our new outdoor area and look forward to sharing our ideas in the near future!



Our Charity box is in school thanks to the organisation of Aubrey to gather donations for Ukrainian families. We talked about giving things that would make children happy and so far have sweets, cuddly toys, toiletries, food and colouring books. Thank you.

**Our ever-popular Open Mornings will take place next week. These are an opportunity for you to have a guided tour, led by your child, of classrooms and work.**

**Wednesday 30th March 9- 10am : Year 2 and Year 4**

**Thursday 31st March 9-10am : Reception, Year 1, Y3 & Y5.**



Class 2 will be going to Wark Primary school on Wednesday to take part in a tag-rugby festival with our neighbouring Primary schools. They will need outdoor PE kit and some spare things to get changed into ( it might get muddy!) We'll be heading off in the morning and be back in time for lunch.