



Newsletter



Wednesday 5th January 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday 5 th January	Return to school - Happy New Year	
Thursday 6 th January	Class 1 (Years 1& 2)	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag.No arm bands or pool aids are needed.) Parentpay is set up to accept payment - thank you.
Friday 7 th January	Apologies - for the safety of everyone in school it has been decided to cancel our theatre visit.	
Monday 10 th January		
Tuesday 11 th January	Reception.	Tree-Mendous Tuesday Forest School gear needed.
Wednesday 12 th January		
Thursday 13 th January	Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 14 th January		



*Please contact our school office 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 – thankyou.*

*If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with
following the latest government guidance.*

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

Reception Topic - Holidays

Book of the week- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Communication and Language- We will share our holiday news with the class during circle time. We will discuss what we have done over the Christmas holidays and what presents we received from Santa.

Personal and Social Development- We will listen carefully to our friends as we take turns to share our holiday news and we will be sensitive to their feelings.

Physical Development - We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in writing.

Literacy- We will recap our letter sounds and focus on sounding out and blending CVC words. We will draw pictures and write about some of the toys we received for Christmas.

Mathematics- We will sequence and order simple events and begin to use language involved in time. We will practise writing our numbers to 5 using simple rhymes.

Understanding the World - We will share our holiday news from the Christmas holidays and discuss how we all celebrate special times in different ways.

Class 1 :

English- This week we are learning how to write a recount. We will be writing a recount about our Christmas holidays and going swimming. We will be learning about time connectives and using them in our writing 'first, next, then, after that, finally'

Maths- We will be continuing our work on 2D shapes and identifying 2D shapes. We will be identifying the sides and vertices of 2D shapes and we will be creating our own shape pictures using 2D shapes.

PSHE- We will be discussing New Year resolutions and identifying something we would like to get better at in school. We will make a plan of how we can achieve this.

History- This term our topic is 'Significant people'. This week we will be exploring who inspires us in our lives and how they have inspired us.

P.E- This week we are all very excited to go swimming! We have read a story about going swimming and about what will happen.

How to help at home: Read at least 3 times and practise your tricky words. (I will send home assessments this week so you know which words they need to practice)

Class 2 :

English - This week we begin our new story for the half term called Varjak Paw by S. F. Said and illustrated by Dave McKean. We will begin by making our predictions about the story when we meet 'Varjak Paw' and hear the start of the story. We will also be working on our punctuation this week with a focus on when to use capital letters, Year 4 and 5 will also be focusing on commas. We will then be looking into the use of adverbs in sentences.

Maths - We continue our work on length, area and perimeter this week. Year 3 will be adding and subtracting lengths, ensuring that they can use a ruler to find the length also. Year 4 will be adding and subtracting lengths and making shapes with a certain area. Year 5 will be working with some more difficult shapes such as compound and irregular shapes to find the area. We will then all move onto perimeter at the end of the week.

Topic - Our topic for this half term is the Ancient Romans, we will begin by learning about the story of Romulus and Remus, we will be writing and drawing about what happened. Year 4 and 5 will also consider any questions that they have about Ancient Rome.

RE - Our religion of focus for this half term is Hinduism, we will begin by learning about the 'Aum' symbol, we will practise drawing this and learn what it means.

French - We will be learning about pets this week, we will start by learning the translations for common pets and whether these are masculine or feminine words.

PSHE - We are going to be thinking about the challenges that people may be facing and how we can help others to overcome these.

Helping at Home - Please continue to read with your child at least three times per week. Any practise at home on handwriting and sentence writing would be excellent also.



Reception : Forest school sessions.

This term we will continue to have 'Tree-Mendous' Tuesdays (outdoor gear needed) but not visit the forest area on Fridays.

On Fridays we will be exploring our own Early Years outdoor environment and using some of our large outdoor play equipment.



How exciting!!!!

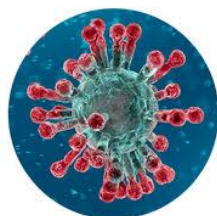
Swimming - Thursday for everyone in Class 1 (Years 1 and 2)

You will need to bring these things in a bag to take on the bus:

- Costume/ trunks (not shorts or bikinis if possible)
- Towel
- Goggles

Please come to school in your PE uniform (it'll be much easier and quicker to get dressed)

Children who are NOT going swimming will just come to school in normal school uniform.



COVID updates:

We will continue to share latest government guidance regarding the ongoing situation via our newsletter and school website.

In school we will continue to wash hands, use hand sanitiser and have our windows open with air quality monitors situated around our building.

We appreciate that it is winter and people can catch germs but also appreciate your continued support in recognising childhood illness compared to COVID symptoms. Thank you.

We have been working with the Tyne Rivers Trust for a little while now looking at the diversity and inhabitants of our local river.

There is currently a display in Hexham of our work - maybe the next time you're there you could have a look! (It's the old Dickinson's window)

