




Newsletter



Monday 28th November 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
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 (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 30 th November		
Thursday 1 st December	Year 2 & Class 2 Whole school	Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you. Children's Christmas Bingo - finish at 5pm
Friday 2 nd December	Reception & Year 1 Years 2, 3 & 4	Singing with Mr Tait 'Follow that Star' Advent event at Simonburn church. Packed lunch needed.
Monday 5 th December		
Tuesday 6 th December	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school club - Mr Ellison finish at 4pm Forest School session
Wednesday 7 th December	STEM visit for children in Years 1 - 4	
Thursday 8 th December	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 9 th December 	Reception & Y1 Whole school	Forest School Singing with Mr Tait Festive Friday - you can wear something a little bit 'Christmassy' and bring a bottle of something to add to our Christmas bottle pull. Thank you

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 finish our core text 'Owl Babies' and and complete a range of activities which will continue to build on our familiarity and understanding of the story.

We will take part in 'hot seating' in role as the different characters. We will also take part in circle time activities and explore viewpoints about the dark.

Personal and Social Development- We will continue to discuss how the baby owls must be feeling now that mummy owl has returned?

Physical Development – In PE, we will continue to take part in gymnastics with Mr Ellison. We will continue to work on our small motor skills in drawing, writing and painting in different areas of the classroom. We will practise our pinching skills in using tweezers to feed worms (pasta) to the baby owls.

Literacy- This week we will continue our story 'Owl Babies'. We will order the story in our own zig zag books. We will continue to follow our RWI phonics programme and learn the sounds th, qu, x and ng. We will begin to learn the red words (tricky words) 'I' and 'the.'

Mathematics- We will focus on the numbers 7 and 8. We will focus on ways of making 7 and 8. We will practise matching number to quantity and begin to look at one more and one less than a number.

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 talk about and compare night and day and discuss the difference between nocturnal and crepuscular animals.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will create our own song to the theme of the wheels on the bus. We will continue our music lessons with Mr Tait. Using a range of materials we will make a night time animal using clay and outside materials.

Year 1:

Maths- We will be continuing to look at subtraction, this week looking at using a number line to help. We will also be looking at creating number stories using the language of first, then and now.

English- This week, we will be looking at instruction writing and will be writing our own instruction for creating lava lamps. We will also be writing book reviews of the story 'The Dark' and writing about our favourite parts.

Science: This week we will be using our investigation skills to test which materials are best for creating certain objects. We will use our prediction skills before testing the materials.

History- Continuing our topic on Great Fire of London we will be looking at the aftermath of the fire and what was done to overcome the damage of the fire.

R.E- We will be looking at why Jesus is seen as such a special gift to Christians. We will discuss what makes Jesus so special.

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- Please try and read at least 3 times at home and practice your spellings, which you will find on Class Dojo.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. We will be continuing to write our stories based on our plan and edit them. Then we will be writing letters to Father Christmas.

Maths: Our topic is addition and subtraction. This week we are continuing to use column addition and subtraction to add and subtract 2 two-digit numbers.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be investigating what is the best wrapping paper for Santa to use to wrap the presents.

History: Our topic this half term is toys from the past. This week we will be learning about how toys from the past and now are similar and different.

Design Technology: Our topic this half term is moving pictures. This week we will be designing our own moving picture based on the skills that we have learnt.

Computing: Our topic this half term is 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 going on a trip to Simonburn and doing Christmas crafts.

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

P.E: Our topic this half term is gymnastics and swimming.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is celebrating differences. This week we will be learning about gender diversity.

How to help at home: Can you tell an adult all about your moving picture design?

Class 2

English - This week we will be continuing reading Ug by Raymond Briggs. We will be considering decisions that Ug should make and helping to persuade him which decision we think he should make. We will be predicting what will happen next in the story and writing to Ug to give him advice. We are also going to be learning about subordinating conjunctions.

Maths - Year 3 - This week Year 3 will be multiplying and dividing by 3 and learning the 3 times table before beginning the 4 times table. We will be working on sharing and grouping. Year 4 will be multiplying and dividing by 6 and 9 and learning the 6 and 9 times tables.

Science - This week we are going to be doing more work on circuits and adding switches to circuits. We will continue to draw circuits and use the correct symbol for different elements of the circuit.

Design and Technology - We are designing our light up signs ready to begin making them next week.

RE - We are going to be learning about the story of the journey to Bethlehem and representing this on a storyboard.

History - This week we are going to be learning about how life changed in the Stone Age.

Music - We are continuing to learn 'Three Little Birds' and learning the verses of the song.

Art - Christmas craft day at Simonburn Church.

French - This week we are going to be learning the alphabet in French and the different letter sounds.

Helping at home - Please work on times tables at home with your child. Year 3 should be practising their 3s and Year 4 should be practising 6 and 9 times tables.



Bring a bottle day – Friday 2nd December

This was a huge success at our summer fair and our PTA have planned to have a bottle pull for the day of our Christmas performance in the Town Hall. All children can wear something 'Christmassy' on Friday and bring a bottle – whether it be shampoo or Champagne! Thank you.



December dates.

We will have Festive Fridays during December and wear something 'Christmassy' – it might be socks, hats, a 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)

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.
- Festive Friday – bring a bottle day.

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.