



Newsletter



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 27 th February	School closed - teacher training day	
Tuesday 28 th February	Potential NEU strike day - school will be open. No after school clubs this week.	
Wednesday 1 st March	Whole school visit to Kielder ; in search of Zog and Gruffalos! Packed lunch required and appropriate outdoor clothing.	
Thursday 2 nd March	Whole school Year 1 & Reception	World Book Day - come in your pyjamas and bring a favourite story to share. Swimming .
Friday 3 rd March	Reception & Year 1	Forest School with Mrs Gray.
Monday 6 th March Careers Week	Parent/teacher discussions - teaching staff will be available from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Please telephone school to book your appointment.	
Tuesday 7 th March	Whole school : PE Reception : Forest School Parent/teacher discussions - teaching staff will be available from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Please telephone school to book your appointment.	
Wednesday 8 th March		
Thursday 9 th March	Reception & Year 1	Swimming
Friday 10 th March		



Please contact school 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 – thank you.

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception:

Books of the week- Zog by Julia Donaldson and lots of 'World Book Day' books.

Communication and Language- We will listen to a range of stories throughout the week. We will read Zog and follow instructions on our activity trail. During 'World Book Day' we listen to a range of stories and share some of our favourite stories as we practice re-telling them using the same story language.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about the characters in the stories we are reading throughout the week and discuss different characteristics e.g kindness and courage etc.

Physical Development - In PE, we will go swimming and we will also continue our dance topic with Mr Ellison. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills as we complete our morning activities.

Literacy- We will continue to follow our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and practice our single letter sounds and special friends sh, ch, th, ng, nk and ay. We find and write the rhyming words in the story.

Mathematics. We will practice combining groups of objects at our Zog Maths school.

Understanding the World -. We will talk about where Kielder is compared to Bellingham. We will explore the Kielder activity trail.

Expressive Arts and Design -. We will continue with our music session with Mr Tait. We will complete a range of art and crafts activities linked to world book day and the story Zog.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be looking at Place Value up to 50. We will be looking at multiples of 10 as well as working out how many objects are in a group by making tens.

English- This week, we are looking at the book 'Zog' and will be creating character descriptions and creating shape poems. We will also be writing a recount of our trip to Kielder.

Science- This week, we will be starting our topic looking at humans and naming different parts of the body.

History- This half term, our topic is Nurturing Nurses. This week we will be looking at significant individuals from the past and present.

R.E- We will be introducing our topic of Judaism and thinking about anything we know already.

D.T- This week, we will begin our topic looking at puppets and discussing different parts that are needed to make a puppet.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be using Jigsaw Jack to help us look at being healthy and what we can do to be healthy.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison as well as continuing our swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home.



We are offering parent/teacher discussions next Monday & Tuesday. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and next steps. In the absence of their class teacher, Mrs Goddard will be available to speak with Year 3 -4 parents.

Year 2 :

We are having a take one book week based on 'Zog by Julia Donaldson. Year 2 will be doing these activities based on the story Zog:

Going on a trip on the Zog trail at Kielder forest.

We will be writing our own character descriptions based on Zog using expanded noun phrases.

We will be writing recounts about our trip on the Zog trail at Kielder forest using time connectives.

Designing and creating our own dragon by exploring the features that dragons have.

Drawing a map for Zog's route to get to school.

Write a set of instructions to teach a young dragon how to fly like Zog.

Creating and designing dragon eyes using clay modelling.

Writing a similar story showing what different creatures might learn at their own schools (e.g. a unicorn, a mermaid, a superhero) based on the story of Zog.

World book day activities.

Years 3 &4

Take One Book ... Julia Donaldson

We will focus on stories by one of our favourite authors and explore the skills required to write a good story.

We have a visit to Kielder Forest planned to explore our locality and re-create characters/scenes from the story Zog and The Gruffalo. We will follow some of the story trails and develop some of our own.

On Thursday we'll be sharing some of our favourite stories, reading for pleasure and enjoying our reading areas in school. We can read aloud to our friends.

Spellings and handwriting will be our focus in our written work – creating our own stories.

Music – singing with Mr Tait.

Helping at home - Can you read at least three times with your child at home this week? Can you practice times tables at home?



In the absence of Miss Moore, we have been fortunate to secure Mrs English to work with Years 3 & 4 for the next few weeks.

Attendance : Please make sure you let the school office know on the morning of any absences. 220230. Thank you.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school!



All children will receive a free book as part of the celebration of World Book day as well as a £1 book voucher. We hope that our week of Julia Donaldson stories will inspire our readers and encourage a love of reading.

Please remember, we're always on the look out for volunteers to listen to children read in school. Please speak to Mrs Goddard to arrange a suitable time/day - thank you.

Staff looked at and updated all aspects of Safeguarding as part of our Teacher Training Day. We recently held an assembly about Keeping Safe in School which was very positive highlighting the areas that children know well and some that perhaps needed a little reminder...



Please be reminded that as an Operation Encompass School we are automatically informed of any domestic incidents reported to the Police. These remain confidential and are only received in the school office.