



Newsletter



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 13 th February		
Tuesday 14 th February	Reception Whole school	Forest school PE - children to come to school in PE kit (we'll be in the gym) There are NO after school clubs today.
Wednesday 15 th February		
Thursday 16 th February	Year 1 & Reception	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 17 th February	Year 2, 3 & 4	Forest School with Mrs Gray. School closes for half term.
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		
Thursday 2 nd March	Reception & Year 1	Swimming
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day	



*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

Topic - When I grow up

Book of the week- Astro Girl by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- As we finish our book Astro Girl we will talk about our family. We will talk about the link between the learning we do now and the jobs we might like to do when we are older. We will read the story 'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney and talk about all the people we love.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about the feeling 'proud' and share who we are proud of. We will share with the class who our heroes are, our family, those around us, people who help us and most likely superheroes too.

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- this week they all linked to Valentines day.

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 and nk. We will practise our writing and write a caption about who is special to us.

Mathematics- We will focus on the composition of the number 8, looking at ways to make 8. We will play games linked to 1 more and 1 less and we will begin to practise combining two groups.

Understanding the World - In our story Astrid talks about her favourite cookies. This week we will take on the role of a chef as we make some valentines biscuits. We will look at the changes that happen whilst we mix the ingredients and cook the biscuits. We are going to talk more about what we want to be when we are older and we will continue to take on these roles as we dress up and role play a variety of occupations. We will talk about different jobs roles in our community.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will continue with our music session with Mr Tait. We will make and create a variety of things in the creation station linked to Valentines day. We will also draw a picture of someone who is special to us.

Year 1:

Maths - This week we will be finishing our topic of addition and subtraction to 20. We will be looking at subtraction using a number line as well as solving missing number problems.

English- We are using our book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' to create our own alternative stories of life in the Savannah at night.

Science- This week, we will be consolidating our learning on animals as well as carrying out investigations into animal diets.

Geography- This half term, we are looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will be focusing our learning on Brazil, looking at the differences between the UK and Brazil.

R.E- We will be looking at Islam and learning all about the 99 names of Allah.

Art- This week, we will finish our work looking at self-portraits by creating our own self-portraits, using different types of paint.

Music- We will be looking at our new music unit called 'In the groove' where we will be learning new songs and rhythms.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be using Jigsaw Jack to help us look at our dreams and goals by working in a team.

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. Also, can you explain the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores?

Year 2 :

English: Our core texts this half term is ' The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman' and 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be writing our own information books on meerkats. We will be writing a recount about our trip to Kielder forest.

Maths: Our topic is multiplication and division. This week will be using repeated addition knowledge to solve multiplication sentences. We will be using arrays to solve multiplication sentences.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be learning about what humans need to keep healthy.

Geography: Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be learning about the Kalahari desert and its features.

Art: Our topic this half term is colourful creations. This week we will be creating artwork based on the artist Kadinsky.

Computing: Our topic this half term is algorithms. This week we will be using scratch jr and making a story.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We will be comparing a Jewish wedding ceremony to a Christian wedding ceremony.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'I wanna be in a band' and we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is dance.

PSHE: Our topic is dreams and goals. We are learning about persevering even when things are hard.

How to help at home: Can you practise your counting in multiples of 2,5 and 10?

Years 3 & 4

We will be looking at the 'Beneath Our Feet' Project – working alongside the Queens Hall and other partnership schools at industry in our local area. We have a visitor coming into school to talk to us about industries of the past and how our locality has changed.

English - We are focusing on handwriting skills and spellings alongside our presentation of written work.

Maths - Year 3 focus on dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, initially with no exchanges. We will then begin to divide using flexible partitioning before introducing remainders at the end of the week.

We will then be using related facts to help with multiplication and division before using a variety of written methods for multiplication. We will be using mathematical vocabulary of 'factors' and 'products.'

Science – We are continuing to investigate Sound – we will make some 'instruments' and look at the different sounds we can create.

Geography – We will be developing our geographical skills and knowledge – using maps and atlases to research European countries as well as producing work for our 'Beneath Our Feet' project about Bellingham..

RE - We are going to be learning about what God is like for Muslims.

Computing - This week we are going to be continuing to use Scratch to programme more than one sprite.

PSHE - This week we are exploring how to cope with disappointment and how to help others with disappointment also.

Art - We are exploring Andy Warhol's pop -art. This week we'll make some of our designs.

PE - Dance with Mr Ellison.

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?

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



We'll be asking our children to choose some new books for our reading areas this week - using money raised from our school disco.

If you are able to volunteer and come into school to listen to readers please contact Mrs Goddard - we're always keen to have people in school!



In the absence of Miss Moore, we have been fortunate to secure Mrs English to work with Years 3 & 4 this week.

***Please note the next planned day of industrial action is after the half term holiday. (Tuesday 28th Feb) We will plan to be open as per the last day of action with support staff in school.