



Newsletter



| | <i>Pupils Involved</i> | <i>Event</i> |
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| Monday 20 th March | Year 3 & 4 | Heritage Centre visit |
| Tuesday 21 st March | Whole school : PE Reception : Forest School After school clubs - finish at 4pm | |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | Reception & Year 1 | Visit to Rushey Law Farm. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing and coat - we'll be back in time for lunch. |
| Thursday 23 rd March | Whole school | Open Morning : all welcome 9am - 10am. Please come and visit for a tour of school with your child. |
| | Year 1 & Reception | Swimming. |
| Friday 24 th March | Year 3 & 4 | Rugby festival at Wark Primary. Need outdoor PE kit - we'll be back for lunch. |
| Monday 27 th March | | |
| Tuesday 28 th March | Whole school PE Reception: Forest School Easter Bingo for children - finish at 5pm. ParentPay will be set up. | |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Year 1 & 2 | Multi-skills festival at Otterburn RTC (PE kit needed, back for lunch) |
| Thursday 30 th March | | |
| Friday 31 st March | Forest School with Mrs Gray : Years 2, 3 and 4 School closes for Easter Holidays. | |



*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 - Are we there yet? Book of the week- 'The Train Ride'

Communication and Language- We will begin to read the story 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We will focus on key questions as we look at focus pages e.g who are the people? Where are they? - Where do you think they think are going? Why? What might they see on the way? - How are they getting there? Have you ever travelled by train? What was it like? We will each make our own predictions about the story.

Personal and Social Development- We will follow our PSED scheme Jigsaw and talk about why sleep is good for us.

Physical Development - In PE, we will go swimming and we will also continue PE topic 'invasion games' 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, ay, ee, igh and oo and teach ow and oo (u). We will write a sentence about what we can see out the train window.

Mathematics- We will focus on numbers to 10 and number bonds to 10. We will use a part whole model to record our answers. We will learn a number bond rhyme. We will practise these skills in the outside area where we will play a range of games including skittles.

Understanding the World - We will visit the farm this week and take part in 'lambing cuteness'. We will learn about what happens this time of year on the farm. In forest schools we will focus on looking for signs of Spring.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will set up the train set as we talk about our new story 'The Train Ride'. We will draw a picture of who we think will be waiting at the platform for the little girl and her mother.

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

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be looking at our new unit on Length and Height. We will be looking at using the language of shorter/taller/smaller/bigger to compare the size of different objects.

English- This week, we are continuing our core text 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. We will use conscience alley to decide whether we think the animals should help Leaf or not. We will then create a piece of persuasive writing to share our ideas.

Science- This week, we will be continuing our topic looking at our bodies by naming our five senses. We will go outside and use our senses to see what we can see and hear.

History- This half term, our topic is Nurturing Nurses. This week we will be looking at Edith Cavell and the role she played as a nurse.

R.E- We will be continuing our topic looking at Judaism, discussing the different beliefs that they have.

D.T- This week, we will be continuing our topic looking at Puppets by creating our own finger puppets to retell some of our favourite stories.

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 looking at invasion games as well as continuing our swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

How to help at home- Can you read 3 times a week at home to get your name in the Golden Ticket box? Can you practice counting in 10s?

Year 2 :

English: Our core text this half term is ' Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will be continuing to explore how Beegu needs a friend and creating a friend for her and writing a character description. We will be writing poetry based on the story of Beegu.

Maths: Our topic is shape. We will be recapping our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. We will be identifying lines of symmetry and the properties of 2D shapes.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be about food chains and creating our own food chains.

History: Our topic this half term is travel and transport. This week we will be ordering transport from the earliest to most recent on a timeline. We will be exploring how cars have changed.

Design Technology: Our topic this half term is vehicles. This week we will be investigating ways of creating and decorating the body of a vehicle.

Computing: Our topic this half term is data and information. This week we will be comparing data using pictograms.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'Why do Christians celebrate Easter?' This week we will be learning about the Easter Story.

Music: Our topic this half term is "Zootime' and we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is healthy me. This week we will be learning about medicine safety.

P.E: Our PE topic this half term is tag rugby.

How to help at home: Can you go on a shape hunt around your house and see how many 2D and 3D shapes you can find?

Year 3 & 4

English - continue to read "The Singing Ringing Tree' and complete work related to the text.

Maths - Continue with multiplication and also look at its relationship with division. The children will be applying their knowledge to problem-solving.

Science - Learn about healthy eating and a balanced diet and the function of the different food groups.

History - Learn about the famous steam locomotives. Visit to the Heritage Centre – linking to the 'Beneath our Feet' project.

PSHE - Looking at what makes a healthy friendship.

Art - We will be doing observational drawings of plants in pencil.

RE- Linked to our topic 'What is the Bible,' we will be looking at what makes a text sacred.

French - We will continue to learn vocabulary and phrases related to food.

PE – tag rugby (and a festival on Friday at Wark)



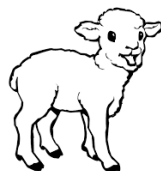
School meals

Following discussions with the Boe Rigg and Mr Ramshaw (head at Bellingham Middle school) we have agreed to increase the prices of school meals. Our school will increase the daily price by 10p making a school meal £2.30 a day/ £11.50 a week.



Sports events

- Year 3 and 4 are taking part in a mini-partnership rugby festival on Friday this week. They can come to school in outdoor PE kit and maybe bring some spare clean clothes for the afternoon.
- Reception and Year 1 are heading off to Otterburn RTC on Wednesday 29th March to join other KS1 children for a multi-skills competition. They can come in their PE kit - please remember a water bottle.



Visit to Rushey Law Farm - Birtley

Reception and Year 1 have been invited to visit the farm on Wednesday this week - please wear school uniform with suitable outdoor shoes and a coat. No need for anything else - we'll be back in time for lunch.



Open Morning : Thursday 23rd March 9am -10am

Please come in and have a guided tour with your child - they love showing you what they do and where everything is! All welcome.