



Newsletter



Monday 26th September 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 26 th September	Full of Beans after school club - finish at 4.15pm Open night for any prospective families 5-6pm (Please note time change)	
Tuesday 27 th September	Whole school Years 1 - 4 Reception	PE - come in PE kit. Fire engine visit. After school clubs (Finish at 4pm.) Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 28 th September		
Thursday 29 th September	Whole school Year 2 & Class 2	Photographer 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 30 th September	Whole school	Singing - Mr Tait
Monday 3 rd October	Full of Beans after school club - finish at 4.15pm Parent/teacher discussions	
Tuesday 4 th October	Whole school Year 1 -4 Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school clubs - finish at 4pm Forest School session
Wednesday 5 th October		
Thursday 6 th October	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 7 th October	Whole school Year 1 and Reception	Singing Forest School with Mrs Gray.



Please contact our school office on 220230 as soon as possible if your child is absent or you have any changes to normal hometime arrangements- thank you.

Every week on our newsletter we aim to give an overview of your child's learning – we hope that this is useful and gives you an insight into what we're doing in school.

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – Good to be me.

Book of the week- The Colour Monster; by Anna Llenas.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about a time when we have felt happy, sad, angry and scared. We will talk about how we express our feelings and how we need to consider the feelings of others.

Communication and Language –We will listen to the story the colour monster and we will talk about what makes us feel happy, sad, angry and scared.

Physical Development – We will continue PE with Mr Ellison. We will be practising our pincer grip by using tweezers to put the correct number of objects into jars.

Literacy- We begin our Read, Write Inc phonics programme this week and we will learn the letter sounds m, a, s and d. We will be introduced to picture books this week and begin to bring our own reading books home this week.

Mathematics- In Maths, we will be looking for numbers we can see around school and we will explore the number 1. We will be counting objects, actions and sounds.

Understanding the World- We will talk about the seasons and discuss what happens in the Autumn. We will collect a range of leaves and sort them into the different colours and create an Autumn collage.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will listen to different pieces of music and describe how it makes us feel. There will be a range of activities to choose to work on including making a playdough colour monsters or creating and painting their own colour monster. We will continue singing with Mr Tait.

Year 1

English: Continuing our work on 'The Jolly Postman', we will have a go at replying as The Giant to Jack. We will also look at retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears through pictures and then rewriting Cinderella.

Maths: This week, we are continuing with our topic of place value, counting forwards and backwards, and finding one more and one less than numbers within 10. We will also practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science: We are continuing our work with Seasonal Change and will talk about the changes that children will need to make as we move through each season. We will also talk about how animals survive in different weather.

Topic: Continuing our work on Bellingham and our local area, we will talk about the different jobs in the local area. We are going to talk about our dream jobs and what we want to do in the future.

R.E: We are continuing our topic on 'Our Special World', looking at the Hindu Creation Story and retelling the story with our friends.

Music: We will continue our work with finding the pulse as well as our weekly singing sessions with Mr Tait.

P.E: We are continuing our lessons with Mr Ellison playing team games and working together.

How you can help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times a week and practice your weekly spellings ready for our spelling quiz.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Claude in the city' by Alex Smith. This week we will be doing hot seating and freeze framing for the masked lady. Then we will be creating wanted posters for the masked lady and thinking of questions to ask her.

Reading: Our key author this half term is 'Julia Donaldson'. This week we will be reading 'The Highway Rat' and writing a character description.

Maths: Our topic is place value. This week we will be comparing groups of objects and numbers using $< > =$. We will also be ordering numbers from smallest to largest.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be learning about natural and man made materials and sorting them into a venn diagram.

Geography: Our topic this half term is London. This week we will learning about maps and how to use maps to identify places. We will be using aerial maps to identify key places in London.

Art: Our topic this half term is landscapes and cityscapes. This week we will be continuing exploring the artist Monet's garden painting and adding colour to our sketches.

Computing: Our topic this half term is technology around me. This week we will be identifying technology that we use at home and understanding why it is needed and how it works.

R.E: Our topic this half term is special objects. We will be learning about special religious ornaments and creating our own special ornaments using clay.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Head, hands, feet' by Charanga. This week we will be learning a song and continuing to find the pulse to music.

P.E: Our topic this half term is basic skills and team games.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is being me. We will be learning about rights and responsibilities in our class and creating a class promise together.

How to help at home: Read at least 3 times and ask your child to retell the story.

Class 2 :

English - This week we are going to be performing some of the text from the story, thinking about the expression that we use in our reading. We are also going to be storymapping what has happened in 'The Pebble in my Pocket' so far before we create our own mini-books to tell the story ourselves. We are working hard on our handwriting at the moment and focusing on making sure that our letter joins are correct.

Maths - We are going to be compare and ordering numbers this week, Year 3 will be working with numbers up to 1,000 and Year 4 will be working with numbers up to 10,000. Year 3 are also going to be counting in 50s and recapping their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Year 4 will be learning Roman Numerals as well this week.

Science - This week we are going to be considering the uses for different rocks. We have learned about lots of their features such as how hard they are, whether they are man-made or natural and how much they erode. We will be using these findings to consider different uses. We will also be using the internet to do some more research on the uses of particular rocks.

RE - We will be learning about Vesak Day in Buddhism and how Buddhism was created.

Geography - We will be learning about human and physical features in Bellingham this week. We will also be considering how Bellingham has changed over time.

Art - We are learning about the prehistoric world in art this half term and will be creating our own 3D dinosaurs using modelling wire.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Music - Singing with Mr Tait.

PSHE - We are going to be thinking about what would make a nightmare school and what would make our dream school.

Helping at home - We are working hard to make sure we are confident with our times tables before we learn any more. Can you practice times tables at home with your child? Year 3 should practice 2, 5 and 10s, Year 4 should practice 3, 4 and 8s also.



Parent teacher discussions will take place during the week of 3rd October. We will confirm days and times later this week allowing families the option to choose. We ask that you contact us directly by 'phone to make your appointment. Thank you.



Flu Immunisations

We are aware that many families may have missed the deadline date for online consent and have arranged for the nursing team to pick up these when they visit our Middle School. Please check your Class Dojo messages for the on-line consent form. The school link will re open on Monday 26/09/22 until 01/11/2022 for parents to fill out consent forms.



It seems like a long way away but we need to be thinking about it... We'll be sending home the link to our Christmas card fundraiser very soon, along with the instructions on how to order.



Good news: Our school attendance last week was 98%

