



Newsletter



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
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. After school clubs - finish at 4pm	
Wednesday 8 th March		
Thursday 9 th March	Year 1 & Reception	Swimming.
Friday 10 th March	Reception & Year 1	
Monday 13 th March		
Tuesday 14 th March	Whole school PE Reception: Forest School After school club - finish at 4pm	
Wednesday 15 th March	Proposed NEU teacher strike action : school will be open as normal.	
Thursday 16 th March		
Friday 17 th March	Forest School with Mrs Gray : Years 2, 3 and 4	



*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- “Naughty Bus” by Jerry Oke
Communication and Language- We will start our new story ‘Naughty Bus’ by opening a present which is wrapped up. We will all make a guess about what we think is inside the present? We will then unwrap the present to find a bus. We will then read our book ‘Naughty Bus’ and listen carefully to its adventures. We will talk about what we like or don’t like about the story, any questions that we might have or anything that the story makes us think about.

Personal and Social Development- We will follow our PSED scheme Jigsaw. We will talk about being healthy and making good choices to help us stay healthy.

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 and nk. We will begin to learn our set 2 sounds ay, ee and igh. We will write a caption about our favourite part of the story.

Mathematics- We will explore the concept of the numbers 9 and 10. We will use a 10 frames to display the different ways we make the number 9. Using numicon we will focus on ways of making 10 by sticking different numicon to the 10.

Understanding the World – After we have read the story Naughty Bus we will talk about places we have visited on a bus. We will talk about our journey to Hexham on the bus and which villages we pass through. We will talk about places we have already been on a bus with school since our time in Reception. On the outside yard will chalk out some of our journeys and draw some maps.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will take the ‘Naughty Bus’ into the Forest with us in Forest Schools as he is our new playmate. We will talk about what adventures the bus has been on in the story. Which was our favourite? We will take the Naughty bus on our own adventure and record our adventures on the ipad.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be looking at Place Value up to 50. We will be looking at working out how many objects are in a group by making tens. We will also be looking at finding groups of tens and ones.

English- This week, we are starting our new book, looking at Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. We will infer what the story is about by looking at the front cover as well as creating information booklets about Polar Bears.

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

Geography- This week, we will be looking at France, labelling key features and characteristics of the country.

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.

Year 2

English: Our core texts this half term is 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will be using our inference skills to help to predict what will happen in the story.

Maths: Our topic is multiplication and division. This week we will be using arrays to solve multiplication sentences and sharing to solve division problems.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be learning about habitats in our forest school area.

Geography: Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be comparing villages in the UK to villages in Kenya.

Design Technology: Our topic this half term is vehicles. This week we will be exploring different types of vehicles.

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 'Why do Christians celebrate Easter?' This week we will be learning about lent.

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 how we keep healthy.

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

How to help at home: Practice your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3 & 4

Literacy: We are starting to look at our new text 'The Lion and the Unicorn and other Hairy Tales,' Children will be using their prediction and inference skills to guess what the title might be. The first tale the children will be looking at is 'The Singing Ringing Tree' and we shall be recording the children's responses to the story. They will be examining the characters, the language and the illustrations in the story. In spelling the children will be looking at their spelling pattern.

Maths we will be continuing to look at multiplication, focusing on short multiplication, problem-solving and then moving on to looking at the relationship division has with multiplication, (the inverse operation).

Geography, the children are finishing their topic on European countries, by completing a fact file on their chosen country.

Science: Sound. We will look for patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it, by exploring musical instruments, and explaining how they change pitch.

Art the children are going to look at the techniques the author Jane Ray has used in her book 'The Lion and The Unicorn and other Hairy Tales'. They will be reproducing drawings in the same style in their sketch books.

PE games with Mr Ellison.



Thank you to those parents who have 'volunteered' to come into school as part of our Careers Week. We hope to be able to showcase some of the employment opportunities available to our children.

Our overall school attendance for last week : 96%



We all had a super time last week doing lots of book related activities. Our adventures were a feature in the Hexham Courant on the Gruffalo trail. Please have a look at our Facebook pages if you haven't already to see what we got up to!

