



Newsletter



Monday 4th October 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 4 th October	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 5 th October	Whole school Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 6 th October		
Thursday 7 th October	Class 1 Class 2	Visit to St. Cuthbert's church. Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 8 th October	<div>#HelloYellow</div> <div>YOUNG MINDS This is a non-uniform charity day and we encourage any items of yellow clothing (even if it's just a sock!) We'll be walking around our school grounds and have set up a ParentPay item for all donations - thank you.</div> <div>(Reception: There will be no Forest School session today)</div>	
Monday 11 th October	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 12 th October	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 13 th October		
Thursday 14 th October	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 15 th October	Reception	Forest school session



Please contact our school office 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.
If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with a PCR test following the latest government guidance.

Whilst we all find Class Dojo a really useful communication tool we would like to ask that it's not used as a method to inform us of absence or changes to home time arrangements.

Staff do not access Dojo whilst in classrooms.

Please telephone the school office to speak to us directly so that we don't miss any important messages – thank you.



What a super busy week full of visitors and smiles; it was lovely to see so many people in school again during the course of last week. We have lots of positive comments and feedback and look forward to inviting everyone again. Thank you all for coming!



What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception Topic - Good to be me! Book of the week- "So Much" -Trish Cooke/Helen Oxenbury

Communication and Language- We will listen to a range of stories and talk about how they are similar or different to our own experiences.

Personal and Social Development- We will take part in a range of circle time activities talking about ourselves and our family.

Physical Development - In PE, we will take part in a range of fun games and focus on our movement skills. We will practice writing our names.

Literacy- Our Literacy book this week is "So Much" by Trish Cooke. It is a picture book in which the whole family gather for a surprise birthday party. We will write birthday cards and invitations and practice writing our names. We will be following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and learn the letter sounds m, a and s.

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. Children will be creating birthday cakes in the dough area and count candles on cakes for a friend's birthday party.

Understanding the World - We will talk about what month our birthday is in and children can share their experiences of family parties.

Expressive Arts and Design - In Music, we will explore and engage in music making with Mr Burns.

Class 1:

English- 'The Jolly Postman'. This week we will be focusing on nouns and identifying nouns in sentences. We will finish our amazing own story books retelling the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. We will be being detectives and thinking of questions to ask the Wolf and answering questions from 'The 3 Little Pigs'.

Maths- We are continuing with place value. Year 1 will be ordering numbers and objects. We will be learning about ordinal numbers and ordering numbers on a number line. Year 2 will be completing a place value assessment and consolidating their place value knowledge. We will be completing number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 games and activities.

Science- This week we will be learning about all about Autumn and going on an Autumn walk around school. We will be collecting Autumn objects and creating art work with them.

Geography- Our topic this half term is 'Where we live'. This week we will be learning about human and physical features. We will be sorting features of Bellingham into human and physical features.

Art- Our topic this half term is self portraits. This week we will be exploring paint and creating a colour wheel by using primary colours to make secondary colours.

P.E- Mr Ellison will be doing games this half term with a focus on teamwork and basic skills.

R.E- This half term our topic is 'Why are churches important places to Christians?' This week we will be going on a trip to ST Cuthberts Church in Bellingham and exploring the features of a church. We will also be asking Rector Cath questions about the church.

Computing- We will be using the paint app on the i-pads and chromebooks to create objects using different colours.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be talking about how what makes us happy and our mental health. We will be taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for mental health.

Music- Mr Burns will be teaching us lots of new songs and teaching us how we can use our bodies as instruments.

How to help at home- read at least 3 times at home, learn your spellings and upload your homework to Class Dojo.

Class 2 :

English - This week in English, we are going to be working on our sentence writing. Year 3 will be practising expanding sentences and using commas, Year 4 are going to be expanding sentences by using adverbs and prepositions and Year 5 are going to be practising their work on fronted adverbials and then expanding noun phrases. As we continue to read Oliver and the Seawigs, we will be putting our new writing skills into use when we write advice to Cliff and create adverts for the 'Night of the Seawigs'.

Maths - This week we will be finishing our place value topic: Year 3 - We will be finishing some rounding, placing numbers on number lines to help us. We will then move onto adding and subtracting 100s. Year 4 - will practise some more rounding before moving onto negative numbers. As we move onto our addition and subtraction topic, we will be adding four digit numbers with no exchanges. Year 5 - We will be rounding numbers up to 1 million this week! We will then recap negative numbers before moving onto adding four digit numbers including one exchange, we will be using our column addition method that we learnt last year.

Science - We continue our solids, liquids and gases topic this week by considering the melting point of some solids, we will be investigating how chocolate melts in different temperatures!

Topic - Our water topic leads us on to treating water this week, we will be doing some investigations into how we can get some dirty, muddy water clean!

RE - This week we are going to be learning about different Muslim festivals.

PSHE - We will be considering what a nightmare school might be and how it might affect us, we will then be considering what we can do to make sure that nobody feels that they are in a nightmare school.

Art - Our landscapes topic leads us onto bridges this week, we will be thinking about different bridges in our local area.

Helping at Home - Please continue to read with your child at least three times each week. It would be very beneficial for our class to practise times tables at home.

School photographs - please return the completed order leaflets to school for collection on Friday. Thank you.

Well done to our Summer Reading Challenge winners.



Class 1 are having a visit to St Cuthbert's church this week. They'll be walking along to the village so will need suitable footwear and a coat. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission slip for visits within our partnership - thank you.

Rivers Project



Class 2 will be continuing their work that started last term with the Tyne Rivers Trust. On Tuesday next week they will be going to Hareshaw Burn to do some kick sampling in the water (wellies and coats will be needed)

We will then work with Simone to produce some art work for displays in school and at the Heritage Centre in the village.



ParentPay

All families should now be able to access our cashless system for school payments.

We use this for all money transactions including school meals, charity events and fundraisers.

Please give us a call if you have difficulty with this and we'll try to help get you started!