



# Newsletter



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school Class 2 Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tyne Rivers Trust project - kick sampling at Hareshaw Burn. Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception	Forest School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school Reception	PE Cinema night Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 Class 1	Primary Cross Country and Football Festival (here) Outdoor PE kit needed (extra socks please!) Visit to the Library/Town Hall
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception	Forest school session School closes for half term.



*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.**



***A request from our classes for any old newspapers for our art and craft lessons.***

***(Please check for any inappropriate images before sending them)***

***Thank you.***



*Class 2 and Tyne Rivers Trust Project*

*We will be walking to the burn tomorrow to meet and work with Simone Price as a continuation of our Rivers project.*

*Please make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing (including wellies)*

*We intend to make a display of our finalised work to share with the community.*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October : Cinema night**

**Hotel Transylvania**

**An opportunity to stay late at school with friends and watch a movie with snacks and drinks.**

**£5 per child. (Finishes at 5.15pm)**

## 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 continue to listen to our book of the week, joining in with familiar phrases and we will try and retell the story ourselves using picture cues.

**Personal and Social Development** -We will talk about families, how they can all be different and the need to respect this.

**Physical Development** – In PE, we will continue to take part in a range of games with Mr Ellison. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills by making family bunting and we will continue to practice our name writing.

**Literacy**- We will be writing shopping lists and we will be following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme. This week we will be learning the letter sounds d, t and i..

**Mathematics**- We will be focusing on the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and how we can make these amounts. We will play family games such as "dominoes", "family skittles" and "card games".

**Understanding the World** – We will look at family photos and we will talk about who is in our family.

**Expressive Arts and Design** – We will develop family storylines into our pretend play using the stories "So Much" and "Stick Man" for inspiration. We will make a stick family and make a home for them to live in. We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns.

**Class 1 : English**- Our core book this half term is 'The Jolly Postman'. This week we will be focusing on adjectives and using adjectives to describe characters from the story. We will be performing nursery rhymes and writing fact files for the characters in the story to help the Jolly Postman.

**Maths**- Our topic is addition and subtraction. Year 1 will be using part- whole models to learn about how two parts make a whole and writing addition sentences to represent part- whole models. Year 2 will be using fact families to help solve addition and subtraction and to learn related facts.

**Science**- Our topic this half term is seasonal changes. This week we will be learning about seasons in the southern hemisphere and how they happen at different times of the year to us. We will also be creating rain gauges to measure how much rain falls in autumn.

**Geography**- Our topic this half term is 'Where we live'. This week we will be learning about England and exploring where in England we live. We will be using maps to label villages, towns and cities around us.

**Art**- Our topic this half term is self portraits. This week we will be exploring paint and creating self portraits using paint.

**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 writing a recount of our trip to St Cuthberts church and writing thank you cards to the church wardens.

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

**P.S.H.E**- This week we will be talking about what makes us proud and what it feels like to be proud. We will be drawing a proud cloud of something that we are proud of and sharing it with the class.

**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**- Can you use adjectives to describe objects or people in your house?

**Class 2 : English** - This week we are going to be working on using apostrophes in our writing, Year 4 and 5 will also be working on direct speech. As we continue to read Oliver and the Seawigs we will be predicting what we think Oliver will do to save his parents and will be writing our own newspaper articles to report on what Oliver does. We will be interviewing Oliver to get some good quotes for our newspaper article.

**Maths** - This week we work more on addition, Year 3 will begin to add three digit numbers, firstly with no crossing over then we will add in some crossing over towards the end of the week. Year 4 will be adding four digit numbers with at least one exchange. Year 5 will be working on adding large numbers again with more than one exchange. We will then aim to move onto subtraction towards the end of the week, with Year 5 carrying over whilst Year 3 and 4 work on smaller numbers with no carrying this week.

**Science** - We will be considering the water cycle this week and will be creating our own mini water worlds to see the different processes in action.

**Topic** - We will be learning about water pollution this week and the impact of it, we will also consider what we can do to help.

**RE** - We will be learning about the Qu'ran this week.

**PSHE** - We will be ensuring that we know how to make kind choices and act nicely towards others.

**PE** - Games with Mr Ellison.

**Trip** to Hareshaw Burn on Tuesday and then making posters for school and the Heritage Centre.

**Helping at home** - Please continue to read with your child at least three times each week.



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!



Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our charity event in aid of Young Minds. We had a lovely afternoon in the sunshine, lots of fun with our friends and an ice-cream!