





Newsletter



Monday 14th November 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 14 th		
Tuesday 15 th November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school club (Mr Ellison) finish at 4pm. Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 16 th November		
Thursday 17 th November	Year 2 & Class 2	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 18 th November	Whole school	 Children in Need Day. (ParentPay set up ready for donations) Singing with Mr Tait.
Monday 21 st November		 FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022 World Cup Day Children are working towards special reward points to watch England play this afternoon. All children are welcome to come to school in appropriate football kit.
Tuesday 22 nd November	Whole school Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school club - Mr Ellison finish at 4pm Forest School session
Wednesday 23 rd November		
Thursday 24 th November	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 25 th November	Whole school Year 2, 3 & 4	Singing with Mr Tait Forest School

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic –Into the Dark
Waddell

Book of the week- Owl Babies by Martin

Communication and Language- We will continue to focus on the story 'Owl Babies' and talk about key features of the story to build on our familiarity and understanding.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about how the owls in the story are feeling and if we have ever felt the same. As we read the story 'Owl Babies' we learn that Mummy Owl has left the nest. We will discuss how the baby owls must be feeling and scribe the children's responses. We will complete some freeze frame activities and the children will voice their characters feeling in role.

Physical Development – In PE, we will continue to take part in gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

Literacy- This week we will be learning the letter sounds j, v, y and w. This week we will

continue our story 'Owl Babies'. We will create wanted posters to encourage mummy owl to be found. As a class we will write a letter to mother owl asking her to return to her babies.

Mathematics- In Maths we will focus on number bonds to 5. We will begin to look at shapes and discuss the key features of simple 2D shapes.

Understanding the World –. We will continue to explore the dark both inside and outside and

describing what we can see, hear and feel. We will create a dark area in the classroom.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will draw night time woodland pictures using charcoal. We will act out different parts of the story and take part in some freeze frame drama activities.

Year 1:

Maths- Continuing our topic on addition and subtraction, we will be looking at number sentences. We will practice adding two numbers together using number sentences and will then move onto solving addition problems.

English- This week, we will continue looking at our story of 'The Dark', creating our own role on the wall of Lazlo. We will also create a conscience alley to help Lazlo and The Dark become friends.

Science- Continuing to look at materials we will be looking at the properties of materials. We will learn what the properties are and label the materials with their properties.

History- Continuing our topic on Great Fire of London we will be having a go at ordering the events of the Great Fire. We will work in groups to retell the story.

R.E- We will be looking at why Jesus was given gifts when he was born, discussing the gifts we may have been given when we were born. We will draw and write about a present that we would give to Jesus now.

Music- We will be looking at rhythm through music, raps and chants.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be looking at celebrating differences.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison focusing on Gymnastic.

How to help at home- please try and read at least 3 times a week and practice our 5 weekly spellings.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. This week we will be party planners and writing invitations using commas. Then we will be writing our own information piece in the style of David Attenborough about a new planet that has been discovered.

Maths: Our topic is addition and subtraction. This week we are subtracting a tens number from a 2 digit number then learning how to add a 2 digit number to a 2 digit number.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be writing up the results from our experiment and seeing if our predictions were correct.

History: Our topic this half term is toys from the past. This week we will learning about what toys our parents and grandparents played with and comparing them to our toys.

Design Technology: Our topic this half term is moving pictures. This week we will be exploring moving pictures and making our own lever for a picture.

Computing: Our topic this half term is computer art. This week we will learning how to keep safe online and creating a poster to help us to remember.

R.E: Our topic this half term is why is light and dark important to Christians at Christmas? We will be exploring what an advent wreath is and making our own.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Ho, ho, ho' and we will be learning to identify different musical instruments. We will be learning to sing Christmas songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is gymnastics and swimming.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is celebrating differences. This week we will be talking about bullying and what bullying is.

How to help at home: Can you sort your books at home into fiction and non fiction books?

Key Stage 2 :English - We are going to begin the week by finishing our research into scientists and inventors and using our findings to write a biography. We will be considering the use of subheadings and different paragraphs. We will then be acting out conversations between characters from the story and considering the use of syllables as Dugs breaks down 'terrific' into its syllables. We will be adding new information about the characters to the 'Role on the Wall' that we completed in the first week of this story. We will then writing our own comic strips based on the story. We are also going to be investigating the use of commas in our writing this week.

Maths - This week both Year 3 and 4 finish their work on addition and subtractions and move onto their new topics. Year 3 will be using inverse operations to check their answers and practising some problem solving before completing their addition and subtraction assessment and moving onto their new topic of multiplication and division. They begin this topic by finding equal groups. Year 4 will be checking strategies before doing their assessment and beginning their area topic. This week we will be focusing on what area is, counting squares and making shapes of a certain area.

Science - This week we will be exploring how to make a complete circuit. We will be making predictions about whether a bulb will light up based on whether the circuit is complete.

Design and Technology - We will be exploring the use of LED lights in circuits this week in our plans for our light up signs.

History - As we learn more about the Stone Age, we are considering how we know so much about the Stone Age and what different pieces of evidence may suggest about life in the Stone Age. We will be looking at evidence from Skara Brae and making predictions about what this could mean.

RE - This week we are going to be making story boards to show the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem.

Computing - This week we are learning about search engines and how they work. We will then practise using them to find information about different countries.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Music - Singing with Mr Tait - we are beginning to learn the verses of 'Three Little Birds'.

PSHE - This week we are going to be considering how we can help if we know that somebody is upset or if somebody is being unkind.

French - This week we are going to be learning how to introduce ourselves and others by saying our names.

Helping at Home - Can you read with your child at home and discuss what has happened in the story. Can they make predictions about what will happen?

After school clubs...

Normal after school activities continue on Tuesday for everyone with Mr Ellison. There is no charge but we have set up Parentpay as a means of confirming attendance – it gives us a quick register every week.



BBC 'Children in Need' Friday 18th November.

Everyone can come to school wearing something 'spotty' and can use Parentpay to make a donation. We'll be doing some fun activities during the afternoon and will have a special 'Children in Need' assembly.

Thank you.



**FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022**

There's an England game on Monday 21st during school time and we know some children (not all) would love to watch it. Staff have set up a special reward system to enable children to collect points and be allowed to join the fun!



Let's remember to be kind.