



Newsletter



Monday 9th May 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 9 th May	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns.
Tuesday 10 th May	Whole school Reception	PE (outdoor PE kit needed) After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 11 th May	Class 2 Tri- golf at Greenhaugh primary (all morning) Please come in PE kit.	
Thursday 12 th May	Class 2 (Years 3,4 & 5)	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 13 th May		
Monday 16 th May	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns. School photographs (Classes)
Tuesday 17 th May	Whole school Reception	PE After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session - outdoors.
Wednesday 18 th May		
Thursday 19 th May	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit.
Friday 20 th May		



Please contact our school office as soon as possible if your child is absent– thank you.

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

Reception Topic - Into the Forest **Book of the week**- 'The Tree' by Neal Layton
Communication and Language - We will read our book of the week and discuss the ideas brought up in the story.

Personal and Social Development - We will use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking. We will plan a better house for the animals and the couple in the story.

Physical Development - In PE, we will work on multiskills with Mr.Ellison and we will work in our outdoor area using small and large equipment.

Literacy- Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will continue to practise reading words with the digraphs we have covered so far which are sh, ch, th, ng, nk, ee, oo, ay, igh, ow, or , ar. We will be reinforcing tricky words that we have learnt so far and we will learn the new sounds "air" and "ir".

Mathematics- We will continue to explore *adding more* and to *count on* during addition activities.

Understanding the World - We will continue to find out about trees and identify different trees.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns and we will create bark and leaf rubbings and use natural paintbrushes.

Class 1 English: Our core text this half term is 'Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak'. This week we will be responding to the wild rumpus illustration and writing our own poem based on this. Then we will be creating our own wild thing and writing a character description all about it. Our focus is editing and improving our work using our non-negotiables.

Maths: Our topic is time and measuring. We will be recapping our knowledge of time and doing problem solving based on this. Year 1 will be using cubes, hands to estimate and measure objects and Year 2 will be using rulers to measure objects.

Science: Our topic this half term is plants. This week Year 1 will be learning about wild flowers and how to name and identify wild flowers. Year 2 will be learning about how seeds are dispersed and grouping seeds according to this.

Geography- Our topic this half term is jungles focusing on rainforests . This week we will be learning to identify the locations of mangroves and describe their features and weather. We will be going on a fact hunt to find out about mangroves and being tour guides.

Art- Our topic this half term is exploring the artist Henri Rousseau using his artwork of jungles and forests. This week we will be learning all about the animals in Henri Rousseau paintings and designing an animal mask based on these animals.

R.E: Our topic is Friendship and how different religions celebrate friendship. We will be talking about how a disagreement can be solved with our friends using the Buddhist story of the wind and the moon. We will be creating our own wheel of choice.

P.E: This half term we will be doing athletics and team games with Mr Ellison.

Computing: Our topic this half term is animation. We will be exploring what animation is and looking at how this is created. We will be learning how to create a storyboard.

PSHE: Our topic is relationships. This week we will be talking about greetings and knowing appropriate physical ways of greeting our friends and which greetings we are comfortable with.

Music: We will be playing instruments and learning all about finding the beat.

How to help at home: Can you identify and name different plants and trees in the local area?

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

Class 2 : English - This week we are going to continue learning about deforestation and the impact this has. We will be considering the impact of decisions made and creating our own videos about deforestation. We will also be doing some drama to show different parts of the story and working on our spelling corrections to improve our written work/

Maths -

Year 3 - We will finish capacity by learning about temperature before beginning to learn about money at the end of the week.

Year 4 - We will continue rounding decimals before learning about halves and quarters. We will then begin learning about money.

Year 5 - We will be continuing working on rounding decimals, before writing fractions as decimals and learning about equivalence. We are moving onto working with thousandths at the end of the week.

Science - Year 3 and 4 will be learning about the function of leaves in flowering plants and the life cycle of plants this week. Year 5 will be learning about the different stages of development in children and what is required at each of these stages.

Topic - We are going to be learning about the climate in the rainforest including temperature and rainfall per month. We will be plotting this data on a graph.

RE - This week we are learning about Naam Karan and Sikh naming ceremonies.

PSHE - We will be working on resolving conflicts with friends.

Design and Technology - As part of our mini greenhouses topic, we will be investigating materials to use.

PE - Lots of PE this week, games with Mr Ellison on Tuesday, tri-golf at Greenhaugh Primary on Wednesday and then swimming on Thursday!

French - We will be learning the vocabulary for clothes this week.

Helping at home - Year 3 have been learning all about mass and capacity in maths, can you help with cooking at home and do the measuring? Year 4 will have the multiplication times tables check coming up after half term so please practise times tables at home. Year 5 have been learning about different stages of development during childhood, can you talk about this at home and the key stages that you have passed so far?



Class 2 will be going to Greenhaugh Primary on Wednesday this week to take part in a tri-golf festival with other Primary schools.

We'll be setting off at 9am and be back in time for lunch.

Please wear school PE kit for the day.



Children's Cancer Run

Thank you to everyone who has entered this event. Our school has been given the starting time of 11.45am. We'll meet in the school meeting area (opposite the Border Minstrel) at 11.30am and get some team photos before we set off. If you haven't got your pack with run numbers, t-shirt etc you can collect it on Sunday morning.

Things we'll need :

- Water bottle
- Safety pins (to attach your numbers)

There are usually members of our team not running who can look after bags etc.

Car parking can be a bit of a nightmare – we'll wait for you before we start so don't panic.

Let's hope for a sunny day and we can enjoy our Gregg's picnic together at the end!



Parent/teacher discussions are this week (Wednesday and Thursday)

We are offering face-to-face or telephone appointments.

Please telephone our school office to book a place - thank you.



We're looking forward to having our special Jubilee afternoon later this month and hope that families will join us.

Our 'Friends' are eagerly waiting for confirmed numbers of BBQ packs for our planned celebration event on May 26th.

Please confirm your place at our BBQ by completing the online request form and ParentPay.

It's a 'normal' school day so if you are unable to stay for the BBQ children will go home at 3.15pm

Thank you.