



Newsletter



Monday 1st November 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 1st November	School closed to pupils - teacher training day.	
Tuesday 2nd November	Whole school Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 3rd November		
Thursday 4th November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 5th November	Reception	Forest School
Monday 8th November		
Tuesday 9th November	Whole school Reception Class 1 & 2	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school) Virtual author visit - Ross Collins
Wednesday 10th November		
Thursday 11th November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 12th November	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.



Harvest Collection for Stop Gap.

Thank you for all your food donations – Mrs Goddard delivered them to StopGap during the holidays

(The charity now have new premises in Hexham to accommodate up to 13 residents)

As ever, the staff were extremely appreciate and send their thanks.



Art projects for school

All orders are now being processed and we expect delivery of your items by the end of this month.



Virtual Author Visit – Classes 1 & 2.

Tuesday 9th November.

We will be taking part in an on-line author event with some of our other nearby primary schools to 'meet' Ross Collins.

We have some copies of his books in school to share before the event and will need to get some questions ready to ask him.

Signed copies of his books, 'There's a Mouse in my House' and 'There's a Bear on My Chair' are available to order as part of our involvement.

Please use your ParentPay account to order.

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

Reception Topic - Snap, Crackle, Pop! **Book of the week**- Halloween stories and rhymes.

Communication and Language - We will listen carefully to songs and rhyming stories such as "Room on A Broom", paying careful attention to how they sound. We will play a Halloween "rhyme the room" game.

Personal and Social Development -We will think about the feelings of characters in our stories.

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 spooky spiders and using tweezers to pick up ingredients for spooky potions.

Literacy- We will be writing Halloween party invitations and spooky recipes for magic spells. We will be following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme. This week we will be learning the letter sounds o, c and k and we will practice writing these letters in glitter.

Mathematics- We will be focusing on the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and how we can make these amounts. We will play a Halloween target game focusing on these numbers.

Understanding the World - We will talk about what we did for Halloween and we will talk about what we might do for Bonfire Night.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will make our own Bog Monsters from clay in Forest School and we will make Firework dancing sticks.

Class 1 :

English- Our core book this half term is 'The Bluebird and the Robot'. This week we will be focusing on adding 's' and 'es' to a word. We will also be making predictions about the story and learning about what a robo is.

Maths- Our topic is addition and subtraction. Year 1 will be learning to add and subtract a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number. Year 2 will be learning how to add and subtract a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number.

Science- Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be identifying materials from around the classroom and learning about how the materials feel.

History- Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'. This week we will be learning about The Gunpowder plot and bonfire night. We will be sequencing the events of The Gunpowder plot.

Art- We will be learning about Diwali and creating our own rangoli patterns.

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

R.E- This week we will be learning about Diwali and why and how Hindus celebrate Diwali. We will be making our own diya lamps to celebrate Diwali.

Computing- This half term we will be learning about coding. We will be using the app scratch jr and exploring it this week.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be talking about how to keep safe on bonfire night.

How to help at home- Can you describe the characters in the story book you are reading?

Class 2 :

English - Our new story for this half term is 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister and illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be looking at an illustration from the story and predicting what the story might be about. We will be considering what we know about each character at various points throughout the week. We will be creating our own poems using words that we think are effective in the story. We are all going to be working on past and present tense with Year 4 and 5 also using present perfect and simple past tense in their writing.

Maths - This week we finish our addition and subtraction topic, Year 3 will be estimating and checking answers, Year 4 will be estimating answers and subtracting efficiently, Year 5 are using inverse operations and solving multi-step problems. When we begin our new multiplication and division topic, Year 3 and 4 will be using arrays and finding equal groups whilst Year 5 will be multiplying by 10 and 100.

Science - We begin our topic on light this half term by finding different sources of light and learning about light and dark. Year 5 will also be learning where light comes from and try to teach the class about this.

Computing - We will be learning how to take screenshots this week as well as copying and pasting.

DT - This week we are designing Viking shields which we will then make using cardboard.

PSHE - We are going to be discussing families this week.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Helping at home - Please ensure that you focus on reading with your child. Can you do times tables quizzes at home?



School admissions

The on-line portal is now open for school admission to Reception for September 2022.
The following link should take you to the page needed to apply for your place.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



Additional COVID-19 control measures in schools.

All families have a letter detailing the new measures put in place by Northumberland County Council.

Please bear with us as we implement the advice and seek further guidance on specific events.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping our communities and families safe.

Advance dates for your diaries – as the weeks whizz by we know some advance notice is always helpful (but we try not to bombard you!)

19th November – nasal flu vaccinations

2nd December – Christmas Bingo for children (after school)

7th December – Christmas cinema night for children (after school)

10th December – Christmas performance (afternoon and evening in the Town Hall)

Obviously these are all dependent on COVID restrictions but we're hopeful in our plans.