




Newsletter



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 30 th January		
Tuesday 31 st January	Reception Whole school	Forest school PE - children to come to school in PE kit (we'll be in the gym) After school clubs - finish at 4pm.
Wednesday 1 st February	NEU Industrial Action - school will be open, operating with support staff. Please speak to Mrs Goddard if you require more information about provision on this day.	
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 1 & Reception	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 3 rd February	Whole school Year 1 & Reception	Number Day Forest School
Monday 6 th February		
Tuesday 7 th February Safer Internet Day	Whole school Reception	PE Forest school. After school clubs (gymnastics/running)
Wednesday 8 th February		
Thursday 9 th February	Reception & Year 1	Swimming Valentine's Disco - finish at 5pm
Friday 10 th February		



*Please contact school 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.*

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – When I grow up / Big School Birdwatch 2023
Book of the week- ;Astro Girl by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- We will continue to read the story Astro Girl. We will focus on the character Astrid and what we learn about her from the pictures. We will then talk about our ourselves and any similarities or differences we have with Astrid. We will begin to talk about our own hobbies and interest.

Personal and Social Development- We and consider the feelings of others and understand that we all like different things as we talk about our hobbies and interests. We will continue our Jigsaw theme 'Dreams and Goals' focusing on 'setting a goal'.

Physical Development – In PE, we will go swimming and we will also begin our dance topic with Mr Ellison.

We will continue to develop our small motor skills in writing. We will practise our fine motor skills as we thread cheerio's onto pipe cleaners as part of our Forest Schools activity.

Literacy- We will continue to follow our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and practice our single letter sounds and special friends sh, ch, th, ng and nk. We will write a caption about our favourite hobbies.

Mathematics- We will continue to focus on the composition of 5 using counters and a 5 frame. We will begin to look at the concept of weight and the associated vocabulary, e.g heavy/light. We will use scales to weigh items and also look at how to get the weighing scales to balance.

Understanding the World – In Forest Schools we will begin our bird watching for the 'Big Schools' Birdwatch.' We will try to recognise and name some birds and talk about the similarities and differences between birds.

Expressive Arts and Design –. We will continue with our music session with Mr Tait. We will create bird feeders to encourage more birds into our woodland area. We can create our own paper plate birds.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be starting our new topics of addition and subtraction to 20. We will be adding numbers together by counting on.

English- We are using our book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' to create poems about animals in The Savannah. We will also have a go at creating our own narrative scripts.

Science- This week, we will be looking at animal diets, organising animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Geography- This half term, we will be looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will be focusing our learning on Kenya, looking at their country and culture.

R.E- We will be looking at Islam and learning all about Allah.

Art- This week, we will continue to look at self-portraits by creating collages using line art.

Music- We will be looking at our new music unit called 'In the groove' where we will be learning new songs and rhythms.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be using Jigsaw Jack to help us look at our dreams and goals.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison as well as starting our swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home. Also, can you name all of the continents of the world?

Year 2 :

English: Our core texts this half term is ' The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman' and 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be finding out lots of information about Meerkats and beginning to create our own information books.

Maths: Our topic is multiplication and division. This week will be using arrays and multiples to help us to solve multiplication problems.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be learning about what humans and animals need to survive.

Geography: Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be learning about the equator and which countries are on the equator.

Art: Our topic this half term is colourful creations. This week we will be creating light and dark shades of colours.

Computing: Our topic this half term is algorithms. This week we will be using scratch jr and making characters move.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We are learning about baptism and what happens at a christian baptism.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'I wanna be in a band' and we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is dance.

PSHE: Our topic is dreams and goals. We are learning about preserving even when things are hard.

How to help at home: Can you practice your counting in multiples of 2,5 and 10?

Years 3 & 4

We have lots of unfinished tasks and are also helping to create our outdoor reading area, we will be following some of the Birdwatch activities and recording our observations.

English - This week we are focusing on one of the short stories in our book called 'Nolwandle, Girl of the Waves'. We will be considering how different ways of telling a story can impact the listener's experience. We are focusing on handwriting skills and spellings.

Maths - Year 3 focus on dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, initially with no exchanges. We will then begin to divide using flexible partitioning before introducing remainders at the end of the week.

This week Y4 are going to be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will then be using related facts to help with multiplication and division before using a variety of written methods for multiplication.

Science – We are continuing to investigate Sound.

Geography – We will be developing our geographical skills and knowledge – using maps and atlases to research European countries.

RE - We are going to be learning about what God is like for Muslims.

Computing - This week we are going to be continuing to use Scratch to programme more than one sprite.

PSHE - This week we are exploring how to cope with disappointment and how to help others with disappointment also.

Art - We are exploring Andy Warhol's blotted line technique this week.

PE - Dance with Mr Ellison.

Music - Singing with Mr Tait.

Helping at home - Can you read at least three times with your child at home this week? Can you practice times tables at home?



This Friday is 'National Number Day'

We will be celebrating this in school by doing lots of fun mathematical problem solving and investigations to help us develop our mathematical skills. Your child can come to school dressed in something Maths or number related, some ideas have been uploaded to Class Dojo to help!

(Normal school uniform applies if they do not want to come dressed up)

We used some of our funding from the Ray Wind Farm and all enjoyed a day of Chinese arts and craft on Friday.



In the absence of Miss Moore, we have been fortunate to secure Mrs English to work with Years 3 & 4 for the week ahead.