



# Newsletter



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day	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 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 visit to Hareshaw Linn as part of 'Beneath our Feet' project. Please make sure your child comes to school in suitable outdoor footwear - thank you.	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & Reception  Year 3 & 4 Whole school	Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you. Gymnastics at Kielder Primary - come in PE kit. We'll be back for lunch. Valentine's Disco - finish at 5pm (children can bring a change of clothes and get ready after school if they wish)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 & Reception	Forest School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole school Reception	PE Forest school. No after school clubs this week.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception & Year 1	Swimming
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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

Book of the week- Astro Girl by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- We will continue to read the story Astro Girl. We will talk about what we already know about the theme 'Space' and what we want to learn about it. We will explore what it might feel like to be an astronaut. Outside we will pretend to be an astronaut and talk about how it feels e.g spinning, floaty.....

Personal and Social Development- In the story we learn about Astrid and Jake's friendship. We will talk about how Astrid is a good friend and what make a good friend. 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 continue our dance topic with Mr Ellison. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills as we come into school on a morning and have a go at our morning activities. This week we will focus on using scissors, tweezers and whiteboard pens.

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 draw pictures about what we have learnt about space and write a short caption to go with it.

Mathematics- We will begin to explore capacity focusing on the language, full, empty, half full, half empty, nearly full and nearly empty. We will continue to explore capacity during our forest school session as we will fill different sized containers and discuss which we think holds the most or least. We will focus on the composition of 6 and 7.

Understanding the World – We are going to explore the theme 'space' this week. We will talk about what we already know and what questions we have/ what we want to find out. We will use a range of sources to try and find out information, including books, the internet and videos. We will discuss what it must be like to be an astronaut.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will continue with our music session with Mr Tait. We have been changing our role play area each week to cover the job roles Reception would like to be when they are older. As this week is all about 'space' we will attempt to turn our role play area into a space station. As we learn more about space we might create rockets in the large construction area or using junk modelling materials.

### Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be continuing our topic of addition and subtraction to 20. We will be looking at doubles and subtracting numbers up to 20.

English- We are using our book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' to create our own narrative scripts and action descriptions of life in the Savannah.

Science- This week, we will be looking at, and identifying various birds and reptiles.

Geography- This half term, we will be looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will be focusing our learning on the USA, labelling their features and characteristics.

R.E- We will be looking at Islam and learning all about The 5 Pillars of Islam.

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 by working in a team.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison as well as continuing 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'

Maths: Our topic is multiplication and division. This week will be using arrays and multiples to help us to solve multiplication problems. (x2, x5, x10)

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

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. We will continue to use 'Scratch jr' 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. We will do some cosmic yoga and think about how we stay calm in certain situations.

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

Years 3 & 4

We will be looking at the 'Beneath Our Feet' Project – working alongside the Queens Hall and other partnership schools at industry in our local area. We hope to be able to visit the Heritage Centre ( but if not we will explore the past industry of Bellingham from our research tools in class)

English - We are focusing on handwriting skills and spellings alongside our presentation of written work.

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 – we will make some 'instruments' and look at the different sounds we can create.

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. Gymnastics competition with mini-partnership schools.

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?



Valentine Disco – after school on Thursday this week (9<sup>th</sup> February)  
We've set up a ParentPay permission slip and payment for this.  
£4 each which includes hotdogs and a drink.

Children may bring clothes to change into after school. Pick up at 5pm.

## We love reading!

You may have noticed our news this week on FaceBook and in The Hexham Courant about our outdoor Reading Den. It's proving very popular and it's fabulous to see our children using it at playtimes.



If you are able to volunteer and come into school to listen to readers please contact Mrs Goddard - we're always keen to have people in school!



In the absence of Miss Moore, we have been fortunate to secure Mrs English to work with Years 3 & 4 for today and next week. Mrs Goddard and Mrs Loughhead will share the teaching for the rest of this week.