



# Newsletter



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths week!	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school Reception Class 1 & 2	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!) Virtual author visit - Ross Collins
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Whole school	Forest School RockStar - non uniform.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception	Nasal Flu vaccinations Forest school session  'Friends' (PTA) meeting : Fountain Tea Rooms



*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.*



## **Virtual Author Visit – Classes 1 & 2.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 have forwarded 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.

We've read some of Ross Collins' stories in class and enjoyed them!



We will be doing additional active Maths activities every day this week.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November children can come to school dressed as a rockstar (to promote Timetables Rockstars) or in a number/ shape costume to celebrate our love of Maths.



We have Remembrance Day items available in school this week – all donations accepted.

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

Reception Topic - Snap, Crackle, Pop Theme of the week-Night time and festivals.

**Communication and Language-** We will talk about Bonfire Night and describe our experiences in as much detail as we can.

**Personal and Social Development-** During Maths Day we will focus on working as a team to complete a range of Maths challenges inside and outside the classroom.

**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 writing our letter sounds and names in glitter using a paintbrush.

**Literacy-** This week we will be learning the letter sounds u, b and f. We will practise our blending by reading words around the classroom as we go on a bonfire night hunt. We will build up our own words on rockets and begin to write CVC words.

**Mathematics-** In Maths we will consolidate our understanding of numbers 1-5 focusing on number bonds to 5. We will begin to use a tens frame and play games to support this. We will begin to look at shapes and discuss the key features of simple 2D shapes. On Friday we have our Maths day and we will engage in a variety of Maths challenges in the classroom and during Forest Schools.

**Understanding the World -** We will talk about our bonfire night experiences. We will learn about Diwali and look at the similarities and differences to the events we celebrate. We will also talk about Remembrance Day.

**Expressive Arts and Design -** We will create our own firework and Remembrance Day pictures. In Forest Schools we will create fireworks using outside materials and draw rangoli patterns using chalks.

Class 1:

English- Our core book this half term is 'The Bluebird and the Robot'. This week we will be learning about conjunctions (and, but, so, or). We will be creating speech and thought bubbles for the robots. We will also be doing activities based on Ross Collins following on from the author visit.

Maths- Year 1 will be learning to subtract a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number. Year 2 will be learning how to use lots of different methods to solve addition sentences such as column addition, using a number line.

Science- This week we will be identifying materials from around the classroom and learning about how the materials feel.

History- This week we will be learning about what life was like in London at the time of 'The Great Fire of London'.

Design & Technology- This week we will be labelling a fire engine and learning about the different parts of the appliance.

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

R.E- This half term we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. This week we will be discussing what festivals we celebrate.

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 learning about how to have a growth mindset and how we can have a growth mindset in class.

How to help at home- Can you retell the story that you are reading?

**Class 2:**

English - We will begin the week with story writing based on a picture. This week we are working on our descriptive writing as we write about a new act in the show in 'Leon and the place between'. We have been practising performing our poems and reading out our work recently, this week we will practise performing a section from the story as a group. Year 3 are going to be learning about vowels and consonants, whilst Year 4 practise writing in paragraphs. Year 5 will be recapping using paragraphs whilst also continuing our work on relative clauses and pronouns from this week.

Maths - We are doing lots of work on our times tables this week, Year 3 will be learning their 3 and 4 times tables this week. Year 4 will be learning their 6 and 9 times tables as well as multiplying and dividing by 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000. Year 5 will be working on finding factors of numbers then using this new knowledge to find common factors between different numbers, before learning about prime and square numbers towards the end of the week.

Science - We are going to be investigating reflective surfaces this week, we will be checking if various materials are reflective. Year 5 will also be making a periscope and learning how light is reflected.

Topic - We begin our Vikings topic this week by ordering timelines of key events during the Vikings period. We will then be creating posters of information based on what we have learned about the Vikings.

RE - We will be creating our own word art based on Christmas and Nativity words.

D&T - We will be using our designs from last week to make our own Viking shields from cardboard - if you have any spare cardboard boxes at home, we would be very appreciative if we could use them on Friday!

French - We will be finding out how to say who is in our family.

PE - Swimming with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

We have our virtual author event with Ross Collins on Tuesday.

Helping at home - Please practise times tables at home, Times Tables Rockstars is an excellent resource - please let me know if you are unsure of your child's login details.



## 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>



Our ever-supportive group of parents are getting organised for Christmas and would like your support in creating a super-raffle. The 'Friends' will gratefully accept all donations into school from now - thank you in advance.  
The next Friends meeting will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will be kindly hosted by the Fountain Tea Rooms after drop-off in the morning.  
The lucky '100 Square' winner this time was Katie Armstrong – congratulations!



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### **Additional COVID-19 control measures in schools.**

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

With identified positive cases in school we continue to be vigilant with our hand sanitizing but aim to keep working as a whole school 'bubble' allowing our children to be together and support their wellbeing.

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!)**

19<sup>th</sup> November – nasal flu vaccinations

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Bingo for children (after school)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas cinema night for children (after school)

10<sup>th</sup> 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.