



Newsletter



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone has had a happy time with family and friends during the Christmas holidays.

	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 9 th January	School closed - teacher training day.	
Tuesday 10 th January	Whole school	PE - children to come to school in PE kit (we'll be in the gym)
Wednesday 11 th January		
Thursday 12 th January	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 13 th January	Back to school coffee - stay for a cuppa and a catch up with other parents when you drop off your children. (There'll be biscuits!)	
Monday 16 th January		
Tuesday 17 th January	Whole school	PE After school clubs (gymnastics)
Wednesday 18 th January	Class 2	STEM visit "The Tooth about Dentists"
Thursday 19 th January	Reception & Year 1	Swimming
Friday 20 th January	Year 4	Multi-skills final (virtual - need PE kit)
	Forest schools	Reception & Year 1 with Mrs Gray (need outdoor gear)



*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 – Dreams, goals and aspirations for the future.

Communication and Language- We will share our holiday news with the class during circle time activities. We will talk about our dreams and aspirations for the future as we begin our core text for this half term 'Astro Girl'.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about our dreams and aspirations for 2023 as we begin our jigsaw topic 'dreams and goals.' This week we will focus on challenges and how we can stay motivated when doing something challenging. We will complete a range of challenges in the outside area and discuss how we can challenge ourselves more in the classroom and complete cheeky classroom challenges.

Physical Development – We will take part in multi skills with Mr Ellison and we will go swimming at Wentworth Leisure Centre. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills using scissors, paintbrushes and pencils for writing.

Literacy- We will recap our letter sounds in our Read Write inc phonic groups. We will continue to focus on blending sounds into words. We will draw a picture of something we did in the holidays and practice using our phonics to write words to label it.

Mathematics- We will sequence and order simple events and begin to use language involved in time. We will talk about days of the week and months of the year as we begin 2023. We will also practise writing our numbers to 5 using simple rhymes.

Understanding the World – We will talk about how people have different beliefs and celebrate special events in different ways. We will talk about New Year and think about things we want to do in 2023.

Expressive Arts and Design –. We will draw or paint a picture of something we have done in the Christmas holidays. We will continue our music lessons with Mr Tait.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be starting our new unit of work looking at Place Value up to 20. We will be looking at the numerals and number words as well as looking at different ways of representing numbers.

English- We are starting our new book called 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' we will be making inferences from pictures of the habitat, as well as using our knowledge of adjectives to begin to create a setting description.

Geography- This half term, we will be looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will have a go at naming the seven continents and five oceans.

Art- This week, we will be starting our new unit looking at self-portraits. We will be looking at drawing our own self-portraits.

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 practice counting in 2s?

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman'. This week we will be drawing Antarctica and using adjectives to describe it. Then we will be writing descriptive paragraphs using expanded noun phrases to describe Antarctica.

Maths: Our topic is Money. We will be recognising coins and notes and counting them to make a value.

Science: Our topic this half term is animals and living things. This week we will be recapping our animal knowledge from Year 1 and learning about animals and their offspring.

Geography: Our topic this half term is hot and cold countries. This week we will be learning about the continents and oceans. We will be labelling a world map.

Art: Our topic this half term is colourful creations. This week we will be learning about primary and secondary colours. We will be identifying a range of colours and drawing the objects.

Computing: Our topic this half term is algorithms. This week we will be learning about how to give instructions and what vocabulary to use.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We will be discussing what communities we belong to.

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: This week we will be talking about our goals and dreams and talking about New Year.

How to help at home: Can you read 3 times?

Class 2

English - This week we are beginning our new book 'African Tales' by Gcina Mhlophe and Rachel Griffin. We will begin by predicting what we think the story is going to be about and what we already know about Africa. We will then be working on ordering text to ensure that it makes sense. We will then be working on summarising key information and presenting it to the class. We will also be working on our reading skills.

Maths - Year 3 will be focusing on their 2, 4 and 8 times tables and learning how doubling can help them to find the answers. They will then be completing their assessment for the first part of the multiplication and division topic. Year 3 will then be working on multiples of 10 and then focusing on related calculations.

Year 4 - We will be working on our 11 and 12 times tables this week to ensure that we have learned each of our tables to then practise consistently. We will then be learning how to multiply by 1 and 0 and divide by 1 and itself. At the end of the week, we will be multiplying three numbers.

Science - We are beginning our new topic on sound by learning how sound works and completing a sound survey in school.

Geography - We will be beginning our topic 'Our European Neighbours' by identifying each of the continents on a map. We will then be working on knowing some different European countries. We will then be doing some fact finding about Europe.

RE - This week we are going to be learning about the Five Pillars of Islam.

PSHE - Our topic this half term is 'dreams and goals'. We will be considering what our dreams are for the future.

Art - We are beginning Andy Warhol Pop Art this week by learning about Andy Warhol and his blurred lines method.

PE - Multi skills with Mr Ellison.

Computing - Our topic on Sequencing Sounds begins with moving characters on Scratch.

Helping at home - Please can you read at least three times per week with your child, ensuring that you discuss what is happening in the text.



Swimming.

Reception and Year 1 will be swimming this term (until the Easter holidays)
This is an excellent opportunity for our children to get to know the pool and learn basic water skills, building confidence and learning to swim.

All children will need:

- a towel
- swimming costume
- goggles (we have plenty of spares)

Please send these in a separate bag (so that your school things don't get wet!)

It would be really useful to come to school in 'easy' clothes on a swimming day - joggers & school sweatshirt is ideal, without too many fastenings.

Parentpay is all set up for payment via your accounts at £5 per session.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Goddard if you have any further queries regarding swimming.

The children are already super excited about going!!!



Our Forest School sessions will begin again this week in

Reception.

Can we please remind everyone to bring outdoor clothes and wellies for our outdoor afternoons - we'll be outside whatever the weather(Everyone loves puddle jumping!)

Thank you.

If you are able to leave your bag of 'Forest Gear' in school that's fine - just let us know and we'll hang it in the cloakroom.

Mrs Gray's sessions will begin again next week (20th) for Reception and Year 1.