



Newsletter



Monday 12th September 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 12 th September		
Tuesday 13 th September	Whole school Years 1 - 4 Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school clubs (Finish at 4pm.) Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 14 th September		
Thursday 15 th September	Year 2 & Class 2	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 16 th September	Whole school	Singing - Mr Tait
Monday 19 th September	School closed - additional bank holiday (School photographs will now be taken on 29 th September)	
Tuesday 20 th September	Whole school Year 1 -4 Reception	PE - come in PE kit. After school clubs - finish at 4pm Forest School session
Wednesday 21 st September	Reception	Vision screening
Thursday 22 nd September	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 23 rd September	Whole school Class 2	Singing - Mr Tait Forest School with Mrs Gray.



Please contact our school office on 220230 as soon as possible if your child is absent or you have any changes to normal hometime arrangements– thank you.

Every week on our newsletter we aim to give an overview of your child's learning – we hope that this is useful and gives you an insight into what we're doing in school.

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – Good to be me. Books of the week- Children's favourite stories.

Personal and Social Development- We are looking forward to another busy week in Reception where we will continue to get to know staff around school and become familiar with the environment and routines.

Communication and Language –We will listen to a range of stories from our classroom book area and talk about our favourite stories. We will talk about the things we enjoy doing at home.

Physical Development – We will join Mr Ellison in PE and play a variety of games.

Literacy- We will begin to mark make and write our names. We will take part in some Literacy activities with Miss Newman

Mathematics-We will sing a range of number and counting songs and take part in some Maths activities with Miss Newman

Understanding the World- We will go to the Forest again and take part in some introduction to Forest Schools games.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will talk about what we look like and draw a self-portrait.

Year 1

English- We are starting our unit of work looking at the book 'The Jolly Postman'. We will begin by discussing and drawing where we think the postman is cycling to and from before using our best adjectives to design our own catalogue for Hobgoblin supplies.

Maths- We are continuing on with our work we started last week looking at place value and grouping objects within 10. This week we will also look at representing numbers through objects.

Science- We are starting our topic looking at seasons- we will discuss the different seasons, what months you will find each season in as well as looking at pictures to decide which season they are representing best.

Topic- This half term we are focusing on Geography and will be looking at Bellingham and our local area. This week, we will look at different types of maps and see what important things we can spot. We will have a go at drawing our own maps to show our routes to school.

P.E- We will continue with our lessons with Mr Ellison taking part in team games and working together as a team.

R.E- We are starting our topic looking at 'Our Wonderful World'. This week we will discuss what makes our world special and what we can do to make our world even more special.

How to help at home- all children will have now come home with a reading book. Please try and read at least 3 times a week.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Claude in the city' by Alex Smith. This week we will be writing adjectives to describe Claude and predicting what he is daydreaming about. We will be writing group poems based on the city.

Reading: Our key author this half term is 'Julia Donaldson'. This week we will be reading 'The snail and the whale' and sequencing the story.

Maths: Our topic is place value. This week we will be continuing to represent numbers using a range of manipulatives. We will be partitioning tens and ones using place value charts and part-whole models.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be sorting materials into groups and talking about how we have sorted them.

Geography: Our topic this half term is London. This week we will be talking about where we live and what country we live in. We will be labelling the United Kingdom and surrounding seas.

Art: Our topic this half term is landscapes and cityscapes. This week we will be exploring the artist Monet's garden painting and sketching our own based on his.

Computing: Our topic this half term is technology around me. This week we will be identifying technology that we use in school and what it is used for.

R.E: Our topic this half term is special objects. We will be identifying special objects to us and then identifying any special religious objects we know.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Head, hands, feet' by Charanga. This week we will be learning a song and finding the pulse to music.

P.E: Our topic this half term is basic skills and team games. Swimming on Thursday.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is being me. We will be looking at our hopes and dreams for this year. We will be recording this in a dream jar.

How to help at home: Read at least 3 times and ask your child to retell the story.

Class 2 :

English - This week we are beginning our story 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by thinking about pebbles and where they might have come from as well as their appearance. We will be writing poems about pebbles and making predictions about what the book could be about. We will be exploring how long the Earth has existed for and different key events in the Earth's history. We will be considering what we already know about the world and what we would like to know.

Maths - We are going to begin the week by partitioning numbers to 100 for Year 3 and 1000 for Year 4. We will then be working on filling missing numbers on number lines. Year 3 will then work on representing and partitioning numbers to 1000 and Year 4 will be working on numbers to 10,000.

Geography - We are going to be researching the United Kingdom and filling in a fact file with our findings such as the population, rivers, cities and interesting facts.

Science - This week we will be grouping different types of rocks based on characteristics such as colour and whether they are smooth or rough.

RE - Our topic this half term is Buddhism and we are going to be learning about why Buddhism is so special.

Computing - This half term we are looking into how computers work, this week we will be learning about a variety of devices and how they work and help us digitally.

PSHE - We are going to be learning about getting along together this week.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Helping at home - Can you discuss places you have been to in the UK?

Our work and attitudes are celebrated every week at our special Celebration Assembly – please look out for our updates on our school Facebook Pages.



We were obviously all deeply saddened to hear the news of the Queen's death and have shared our thoughts in assembly. A special 'thoughts' board has been created in school.



Reception Baseline Assessments.

Over the next few weeks the children in Reception will be taking part in a short task based assessment of their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. This is called the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) and it is a statutory requirement from the government. This assessment will form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between reception and year 6. Your child will not need to prepare. There is no pass mark or score and your child will not realise they are doing an assessment. Miss Newman will take the children out individually and the assessment will be carried out in a fun and positive way. If you would like any more information do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the RBA can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parent>



It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Friday morning for our first get-together of the year. We hope to have more of these informal coffee mornings giving parents the opportunity to meet others and have a catch -up.



Everyone loved their Forest School session on Friday with Mrs Gray. We look forward to our next one!