



Newsletter



Monday 24th January 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 24 th January	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns (NCC Music service)
Tuesday 25 th January	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-Mendous Tuesday. Forest School gear needed.
Wednesday 26 th January		
Thursday 27 th January	Class 1 Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) STEM visit (Newcastle University)
Friday 28 th January		
Monday 31 st January	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 1 st February	Whole school Reception	PE Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 2 nd February		Tree planting -eco group (changed from last week)
Thursday 3 rd February	Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 4 th February		



*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 – thankyou.*

*If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with
following the latest government guidance.*

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

Reception Topic - When I Grow Up I Want To Be.... **Book of the week**- "Astro Girl" by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language - We will listen to and talk about non-fiction books about Space, to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Personal and Social Development - Just as Astrid, her mum and other astronauts show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge, so will we. We are getting very good at not giving up, even if things are a bit tricky!

Physical Development - In PE, we will continue to explore Gymnastics with Mr.Ellison and we will work in our outdoor area using small and large equipment.

Literacy- Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will continue to practise reading words with the digraphs sh, ch, th, ng and nk. We will be reinforcing tricky words that we have learnt so far and will learn the new words no and my. We will write captions to show what we have learnt about Space so far.

Mathematics- We will continue to find out that numbers are made of smaller parts and we will investigate and practise number bonds to 5.

Understanding the World - We will be enrolling in our very own space programme and finding out what it is like in space and how it is different to where we live.

Expressive Arts and Design - Children will explore space through their small world play and will have the opportunity to make rockets in the Creation Station, the Large Construction area and outside. We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns.

Class 1:English- Our core text 'Rapunzel by Beth Woolin'. Year 1 will be learning about the prefix 'un' and adding it to words (unkind, unwell) and Year 2 will be learning about contraction words (he's, don't). We will be performing poetry and creating our own poetry based on spells. We will also be exploring the text and looking at how Rapunzel has a different personality to the original story.

Maths- Our topic is multiplication and division. Year 1 will be continuing to learn about arrays and write repeated addition sentences to represent them. We will also be doubling numbers. Year 2 will be solving multiplication sentences and problems using the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

Science- Our new topic is animals. Year 1 will be learning to identify and compare a variety of common UK birds and reptiles. Year 2 will be exploring the stages of human development and what happens to our bodies as we get older..

History- Our topic this half term is significant people. We will be looking at important people in History. This week we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and exploring their lives. We will be learning about how they transformed nursing and why they are remembered.

Design Technology- Our topic this half term is food technology and we will be ending this topic with making a fruit salad and a healthy smoothie. This week we will be designing our own fruit kebab and thinking about how we will create our fruit kebabs.

R.E- Our topic this half term is Hinduism. This week we will be learning about Hindu objects and sorting them into a Venn diagram.

P.E- We will be doing gymnastics this half term with Mr Ellison and swimming on a Thursday.

P.S.H.E- This half term our focus is on families and being different. We will be exploring bullying and talking about what bullying is and how to stop it.

How to help at home: Year 1- Can you count in 10's up to 100? Can you count in 10's forwards and backwards? Year 2- Can you learn your ten times table?

Class 2: English - This week we will be thinking about the skills of the 'Way of Jalal'. We will also be considering Varjak's feelings at different stages in the story and then the locations that he has visited. Year 3 will be using adverbs in their writing, Year 4 will be focusing on fronted adverbials and Year 5 will be learning to use parenthesis.

Maths - We continue this week with securing our knowledge of multiplying with different methods. We will then be working to divide numbers. We will begin by dividing by 1 digit before moving onto remainders towards the end of the week.

Science - Year 3 and 4 will be looking at magnets this week and conducting some investigations into magnets attracting or repelling. Year 5 will be conducting some investigations into air resistance.

Topic - We will be learning about Boudica this week and her protest against the Romans.

RE - We will be learning about Puja this week and the items used on a Puja tray.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

French - We will continue learning new vocabulary for animals this week, focusing on zoo animals.

PSHE - We will be working in groups to cost the gardens that we designed last week.

Food Technology - Looking into the use of bread over time.

We will also be having a visit from Newcastle University on Thursday.

Helping at Home - Please continue to read at home with your child and discuss what they have read in their book. Our class are really enjoying their reading at the moment and making good progress.

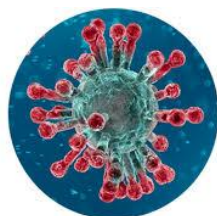


Eco-Council

Our school representatives Harry B and Finlay S will be planting trees at Hetherington next week with other schools from the Haydon Bridge Partnership. This is part of their eco-group with suggestions for sustainability.

We look forward to seeing what happens next...

A reminder that as a Healthy school we do not have sweets or chocolate bars in our packed lunches. Thank you.



COVID updates:

We will continue to share latest government guidance regarding the ongoing situation via our newsletter and school website.

In school we will continue to wash hands, use hand sanitiser and have our windows open with air quality monitors situated around our building.

We appreciate that it is winter and people can catch germs but also appreciate your continued support in recognising childhood illness compared to COVID symptoms. Thank you.

Hopefully we'll be able to welcome parents into school again soon but in the mean time we'd like to share some of our work with you...

