



Newsletter



Monday 18th October 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 18 th October	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 19 th October	Whole school Reception Cinema Night	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!) Hotel Transylvania (1) 3.15pm - 5.15pm
Wednesday 20 th October	Class 2 Class 1	Primary Cross Country and Football Festival (here) Outdoor PE kit needed (extra socks please, no metal studs) Visit to the Library/Town Hall
Thursday 21 st October	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 22 nd October	Reception Whole school	Forest School Fun Friday - fancy dress for hallowe'en. School closes for half term - return Tuesday 2 nd November
Monday 1 st November	School closed to pupils - teacher training day.	
Tuesday 2 nd November	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 3 rd November		
Thursday 4 th November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 5 th November	Reception	Forest school session



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.



**Tuesday 19th October : Cinema night
Hotel Transylvania**

**An opportunity to stay late at school with friends and watch a movie
with snacks and drinks.**

£5 per child. (Finishes at 5.15pm)

**Everyone can come to school in fancy dress this Friday – our theme is
hallowe'en and Autumn (no face masks)**

Harvest Collection for Stop Gap.

Every year we collect food stuffs to send to those less fortunate than ourselves and donate to
StopGap - a charity for the homeless in Hexham.

Please send in any non-perishable items next week (tins, packets, tea, coffee)

Thank you.

Hexham
Book
Festival



As part of the activities being
organised by this festival Class 1 will be visiting our village library and the
Town Hall on Wednesday. They'll be met by staff from the festival to
listen to stories and take part in various craft activities – look out for
photographs on our website and facebook.



**Pupils from our nearby Primary schools will be joining us on
Wednesday morning(Wark, Greenhaugh, Otterburn and Kielder)
They'll be mixed up to make teams of children from all year groups in
Key Stage 2 to take part in some cross country running (around our
school field) and a football festival.**

**Please make sure that children have suitable outdoor PE kit and extra
socks/shoes.**

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

Reception Topic - Autumn/ Harvest! Book of the week- The Little Red Hen.

Communication and Language- We will read the story 'The Little Red Hen' and use puppets to re-tell the story in our own words.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about our story of the week and talk about how we work as a team and how important it is to help others.

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.

Literacy- We will practise putting the story in the correct order and create our own pictures for the story. We will continue to follow our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and practise writing the letter sounds we have learnt so far using a range of different materials. We will also follow picture instructions for making baking bread.

Mathematics- We will be continuing to focus on the composition of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We will play hoop games outside and count and collect autumn materials. We will count conkers into the correct numbered pots.

Understanding the World - We will look at how the seasons change and explore the natural world around us by going on an Autumn walk and exploring the colour of the leaves and how they have changed. We will collect signs of Autumn for our investigation area in the classroom. We will begin to learn about Harvest and we will bake our own bread.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will learn some harvest songs and continue our music with Mr Burns. We will create some leaf pictures using some of the leaves we have collected in Forest Schools.

What can you do at home? Can you collect something for our investigation area, such as conkers, acorns, sycamore seeds or anything else autumnal?

Class 1 : English- This week we will be focusing on verbs and learning how they are doing words. We will be creating our own part of the story to end the work on 'The Jolly Postman' and writing our own letters based on fairy tale characters.

Maths- Year 1 will be learning about number bonds to 10 and adding groups of objects together. Year 2 will be learning number bonds to 100 and adding and subtracting 1's from numbers up to 100.

Science- This week we will be learning about different types of weather and why different weather happens. We will be weather reporters and we will be creating our own weather reports.

Geography- This week we will be creating our own maps of where we live and sharing them with our friends. We will also be discussing how Bellingham has changed over time.

Art-We will be creating self portraits based on the artist Picasso for a display . We will also be doing lots of autumn and hallowe'en crafts.

P.E- Mr Ellison will be doing games with a focus on teamwork and basic skills.

R.E- This week we will be creating our own stained glass windows as we found these really interesting on our church trip .

Computing- We will be using the paint app on the i-pads and chromebooks to create portraits using different colours.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be talking about how to keep safe inside and outside of school.

Music- Mr Burns will be teaching us lots of new songs and teaching us how we can use our bodies as instruments.

How to help at home- Demonstrate different verbs to your grown ups? (running, jumping, skipping etc)

Class 2 : English - We are finishing reading Oliver and the Seawigs this week, we will be finishing our newspaper articles. We have done lots of work on writing exciting headlines and preparing our news articles. We will also be doing a book review at the end of the week to show what we thought of the story.

Maths - We work on subtraction again this week, introducing exchanges for Year 3 and 4 whilst Year 5 work on solving multi-step addition and subtraction questions. Year 4 will also work on efficient subtraction and checking answers, Year 5 will be using rounding to estimate answers.

Science - We will be recapping everything that we have learnt this half term about states of matter.

Topic - We finish our water topic this week by looking at rivers around the world and considering how important rivers are to our communities.

RE - We will be learning about different symbols in Islam and creating our own.

Computing - Continuing our PowerPoint presentations.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison and our schools festival on Wednesday.

Swimming - Thursday.

Helping at Home - Please make sure that you are reading with your child at least three times a week. We will be learning more of our times tables after half term so please ensure that your child is confident in the ones they already know with practise at home (Year 3 know 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, Year 4 know 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times tables, Year 5 should know their 1-12 times tables).



ParentPay All families are now able to access our cashless system for school payments thank you for getting this set up successfully.

We use this for all money transactions including school meals, charity events and fundraisers.

As we approach the end of our first half term please check your account to make sure payments are up to date – thank you.



A big 'thank you' to Harry and Finlay who represented our school at the virtual Haydon Bridge Partnership eco – meeting last week. We look forward to working together with other schools and hope to be able to put lots of actions in place.



Please return any artworks for Christmas card production before the end of this week. They go to print during half term.

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!)

19th November – nasal flu vaccinations

2nd December – Christmas Bingo for children (after school)

7th December – Christmas cinema night for children (after school)

10th December – Christmas performance (afternoon and evening in the Town Hall)

15th December – grandparents' afternoon (in school)

Obviously these are all dependent on COVID restrictions but we're hopeful in our plans.

