



Newsletter



Monday 17th January 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 17 th January	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns (NCC Music service)
Tuesday 18 th January	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-Mendous Tuesday. Forest School gear needed.
Wednesday 19 th January		
Thursday 20 th January	Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 21 st January		
Monday 24 th January	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 25 th January	Whole school Reception	PE Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 26 th January		Tree planting -eco group
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		



*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 following the latest government guidance.*

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

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

Communication and Language- We will continue to focus on our story Astro Girl. We will build on our understanding and familiarity of the story. We will also describe the photographs that we have brought in and we will focus on talking about the things we can't see in the photo.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about friendship in the story. We will discuss 'what makes a good friend?'

Physical Development - In PE, we will continue to take part in a range of PE activities 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 be learning the digraphs ng and nk. We will continue to work on our letter formation and write about the pictures we have brought in.

Mathematics- We will begin to look at part whole models and focus on numbers as a whole/parts. We will focus on number bonds to 4.

Understanding the World - We will begin to look at the topic 'Space' and discuss what we already know and what we want to find out about space. We will focus on the seasonal changes of Winter.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will create our own artistic designs in the creation station to go with the story e.g junk modelling, painting, chalks etc. We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns.

Class 1 : English- Our core text 'Rapunzel by Beth Woolin'. We will be responding to illustrations and the text on the first couple of pages and writing words and phrases to describe the witch. We will be thinking of questions to ask Rapunzel and writing a diary entry pretending to be her.

Maths- Our topic is multiplication and division. Year 1 will be learning how to make arrays and how to count in groups of 2's and 5's. We will also be doubling numbers. Year 2 will be continuing to make equal groups and using this strategy to solve multiplication problems.

Science- Our new topic is animals. Year 1 will be learning all about mammals this week and the characteristics of a mammal. Year 2 will be learning all about how animals reproduce.

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 Grace Darling and sequencing the story of Grace Darling. We will also be designing and building our own lighthouses.

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 using our senses to explore different fruits and vegetables.

R.E- Our topic this half term is Hinduism. This week we will be learning about the mandir (Hindu Temple) and labelling it.

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 how we are the same and how we are different.

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 - We will be writing as Varjak this week considering his feelings. We will then be giving him advice as to what he should do when the decision is whether to stay in the house or venture outside. We will then be considering the key skills that the cats all have in the house.

Maths - This week we are working on multiplying, we will be comparing statements in Year 3 and multiplying three numbers in Year 4 before we move onto multiplying two digits by one digit. Year 4 will then move on to multiplying 3 digits by 1 digit. Year 5 are going to be multiplying numbers up to 4 digits by 1 digit before beginning to multiply two digit numbers by two digit numbers.

Science - We will be using forcemeters this week to measure the force required to move an object on different surfaces.

Topic - We will be learning about the Roman army this week and considering what they took with them.

RE - As part of our work on Hinduism, we are going to be learning about shrines and designing our own.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

Computing - As we continue our work on animation we will be trying to move figures on a computer programme to look for the same effect as our flip books.

French - We will be focusing on farm animals this week.

PSHE - We will be learning about new challenges that people face.

Helping at home - Please discuss the stories your child is reading with you and ask them questions about what they have read.

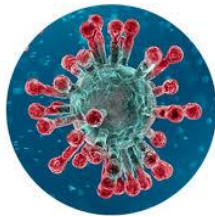


Eco-Council

Our school representatives Harry B and Finlay S had a meeting last week with the other schools in the Haydon Bridge Partnership (virtually) to discuss their plans to make our schools more eco-friendly. They came up with lots of really good suggestions and are planning to create a display to promote their ideas.

The first planned activity that has given the go-ahead from all parties is a tree planting exercise. This will take place next week with all eco-reps meeting outdoors to work together.

We look forward to seeing what happens next...



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.

Northumberland School Games Multi-Sport Final



A huge 'Well Done!' to our Year 3 children who took part in the Northumberland School Games last Friday. They worked really well together showing a multitude of skills and finished in second place in the whole County. Fantastic!!