



Newsletter



Monday 31st January 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 31st January	Whole school	Music
Tuesday 1st February	Whole school Reception	PE Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 2nd February	Tree planting -eco group (changed from last week)	
Thursday 3rd February	Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 4th February		
Monday 7th February	Whole school Reception	Music Visit to 'My Little Place' in Hexham (See Class Dojo for more details)
Tuesday 8th February	Whole school Reception	PE Forest School session - outdoors.
Wednesday 9th February		
Thursday 10th February	Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 11th February	'Friends' (PTA) meeting at Fountain Tea Room.	



*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 Topic - When I Grow Up I Want To Be/ Chinese New Year.

Book of the week- "Astro Girl" by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- We will continue to read the story Astro Girl. We will look at food astronauts eat in space and compare and contrast fresh, frozen and dried food. We will also look at and taste a range of Chinese food. We will focus on vocabulary and ways we can describe all these types of food.

Personal and Social Development- We will talk about what food we like and dislike and consider the feelings of others and understand that we all like different things.

Physical Development - In PE, we will continue to take part in a range of PE activities with Mr.Ellison. We will continue to develop our small motor skills in writing. We will also make Chinese dragons by threading leaves onto pipecleaners.

Literacy- We will continue our RWI programme. We will write a short sentence about which Chinese Zodiac animal represents us. We will write cards to each other to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Mathematics- We will focus on the numbers 6 and 7 and look at how the numbers are formed of smaller numbers. We will begin to count irregular arrangements of objects using loose materials.

Understanding the World - We will talk about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We will have a go at making Chinese symbols using sticks in Forest Schools. We will taste Chinese food and explore space food. We will explore fresh, frozen and fried food.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will continue with our music session with Mr Burns. We will read a range of poems and we will listen to the rhythm of the poems and create sound effects through body percussion. We will create our own performance poetry.

Class 1: English- Our core text 'Rapunzel by Beth Woolin'. We will be writing spell poems for the witch in the story and imagining what our spells will do. We will also be continuing to look at how Rapunzel has changed in the story and writing another diary entry at the point she is leaving the tower.

Maths- Our topic is multiplication and division. Year 1 will be learning how to share objects into equal groups and solving problems. Year 2 will be learning to divide groups of objects and numbers into equal groups of 2,5 and 10. They will also be focusing on fluency and problem solving based on multiplication and division.

Science- Our topic is animals. This week is RSPB week and we will be learning all about birds. We will be doing bird spotting, drawing birds and creating our own bird watching posters.

History- Our topic this half term is significant people. We will be looking at important people in History. This week we will be continuing to learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and explore 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 making our own fruit kebab using our designs then we will be evaluating it.

R.E- This week we will be learning about the story of Rama and Sita. We will be making stick puppets and acting out the story using them.

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 what makes a good friend and how we can be one.

How to help at home: Can you put your spelling words into sentences? Can you explain what they mean?

Class 2 :

English - This week we will be continuing learning about Varjak as he explores further outside the house. We will be considering how he feels at each location and as he is learning further skills. We will practise performing small sections of the story as well as writing in role as one of the characters. Year 3 will also be learning to use prepositions in their writing, Year 4 will be using apostrophes and Year 5 will be continuing their work on parenthesis.

Maths - This week we are going to further our understanding of dividing and introduce remainders. We will ensure we are confident in our division before we then move onto scaling and problem solving.

Science - Year 3 and 4 will be investigating magnetic materials this week and Year 5 will be learning about water resistance and conducting their own investigations into this.

Topic - This week we further our knowledge about Boudica and her revolt against the Romans.

RE - We are going to be learning about Mandir's this week in RE.

Computing - We are going to be learning about stop-motion animation and exploring how we can use this.

French - We will be using our new vocabulary of different animals to write about animals we like/dislike.

PE - Gymnastics with Mr Ellison.

Helping at home - Can you practise your times tables at home?



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.



Exciting news...Our children in Reception are going on a school trip! Miss Newman has arranged a visit to 'My Little Place' in Hexham to discover the world of imaginative role play. Further details will be posted on Class Dojo for all families and ParentPay will be set up for donations.