




# Newsletter



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whole school Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception	Forest School session
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	 Post box for children's Christmas cards will be out today for deliveries in school.	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Class 2  Whole school	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) Children's Christmas Bingo (finish at 5pm)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception	Forest School

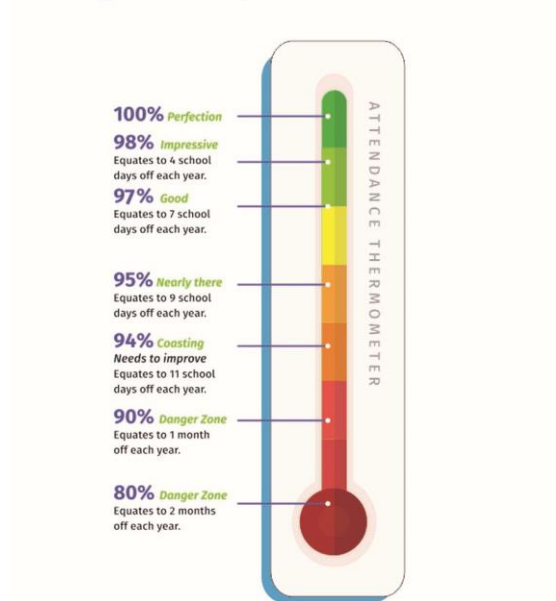


*Please contact our school office as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.*

*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.*

## How good is your Attendance?



Whilst we recognise that we sometimes need to stay away from school to stop the spreading of germs we must also remember how important it is to be here.

Last week our overall school attendance was 97%

For information purposes we will be sending out individual pupil attendance figures this week via Class Dojo. (Please note COVID related absences are specially coded and have not impacted on final figures)  
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask .



Spring Term Milk orders - please use your ParentPay account to confirm your order. Thank you.



Our ' Friends' meeting last week was well attended with some new faces and lots to talk about. Thank you to Fountain Tea Rooms for hosting.

- 100 square will be organised again for December (£2 per number with 2 x £50 prize winners)
- Request for raffle prizes - please send in any prizes along with donations for a hamper into school.
- Friends will pay for our bus to the Pantomime - thank you.

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

Reception Topic - Snap, Crackle, Pop Theme of the week-Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

**Communication and Language-** We will continue to focus on the story 'Owl Babies' and complete a range of activities which will continue to build on our familiarity and understanding of the story.

**Personal and Social Development-** As we read the story 'Owl Babies' we learn that Mummy Owl has left the nest. We will discuss how the baby owls must be feeling and scribe the children's responses. We will complete some freeze frame activities and the children will voice their characters feeling in role.

**Physical Development -** We will continue to work on our small motor skills in drawing, writing and painting in different areas of the classroom. We will continue our PE lessons with Mr Ellison.

**Literacy-** This week we will continue our story 'Owl Babies'. We will create wanted posters to encourage mummy owl to be found. As a class we will write a letter to mother owl asking her to return to her babies. We will continue to follow our RWI phonics programme and we will be learning the letter sounds h, r and v.

**Mathematics-** We will focus on the numbers 7 and 8. We will focus on ways of making 7 and 8. We will practise matching number to quantity and begin to look at one more and one less than a number.

**Understanding the World -** We will explore the world around us and try and encourage Mummy Owl to return by making owl nests and creating own food in Forest Schools.

**Expressive Arts and Design -** We will act out different parts of the story and take part in some freeze frame drama activities. We will continue our music lessons with Mr Burns.

Class 1:

English- Our core book this half term is 'The Bluebird and the Robot'. We will be researching blue birds to help us to write a non- chronological report and writing a diary entry for the robot.

Maths- Year 1 will be learning about fact files using addition and subtraction sentences. Year 2 will be learning how to use lots of different methods to solve subtraction sentences such as column addition, using a number line.

Science- Materials. This week we will be describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. History. This week we will be learning about the events of 'The Great Fire of London' and sequencing them.

Design & Technology- Our topic this half term is designing and making a fire engine. This week we will be designing our own fire engine and focusing on what materials we will need and how we are going to construct it.

P.E- Mr Ellison will be doing games this half term with a focus on multi skills and games.

R.E- This half term we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. This week we will be discussing what festivals we celebrate.

Computing- This half term we will be learning about coding. We will be using the app scratch jr and exploring it this week.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be continuing to learn about how to have a growth mindset and how we can have a growth mindset in class.

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- Can you write sentences using conjunctions? (and, but, or)

**Class 2:** English - This week we are going to be creating adverts to persuade people to go to the magic show, we will be considering the language we use to persuade. We will then be writing letters of advice to Leon before creating our own stories of what happens through the closed doors. As we read more of the story, we are going to write from the character's perspective about how they are feeling. Year 3 will also be looking at clauses in sentences, whilst Year 4 will be recognising nouns and pronouns and Year 5 will be recognising modal verbs.

Maths - We are finishing our multiplication and division topic this week with some more consolidation of our times tables and some problem solving. Year 4 will also be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and Year 5 will be doing some more work on cube numbers before looking at inverse operations. We will then be beginning our new topic by looking at equivalent lengths and converting between units such as mm, cm and m.

Science - We continue this week by looking at light and dark and how different countries have different time zones. Year 5 will be looking at reflection and refraction and considering which materials reflects and which refract light.

Topic - We have now finished introducing our Viking topic in Design and Technology so we can now move onto learning about World War 2 as our topic for this half term. We begin by looking at some war facts and finding out how the war started.

RE - We will be looking at the Nativity Story and creating storyboards about the journey to Bethlehem.

French - We will be looking at the responses to basic greetings.

DT - We will be making the Viking shields that we have designed recently, if you have any spare cardboard at home we would greatly appreciate being able to use it on Friday!

PSHE - We will be considering how to resolve conflicts.

PE - Multi skills with Mr Ellison. Swimming.

Helping at home - Please practise spellings at home and use Times Tables Rockstars to improve your speed. We have been giving out certificates to those who have moved up the rockstar status!



## School admissions

The on-line portal is now open for school admission to Reception for September 2022.  
The following link should take you to the page needed to apply for your place.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>



Great Fire of London.

There are some super pieces of work relating to this class 1 topic – please check out our school website gallery and Facebook pages to see them. Well done everyone!



We are really sad to share the news that our Christmas performance 'A Christmas Recipe' will not be a live show in the Town Hall as planned. Additional COVID information from NCC has been provided and we are unable to guarantee everyone's safety at this event. We will record the performance and share it with everyone via digital means, taking individual photographs of the children in their costumes for you to order.

Apologies once again , we were ever-hopeful!

### **Advance dates for your diaries :**

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Bingo for children (after school, finish at 5pm, £4 per child)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas cinema night for children (after school, finish at 5.15pm)

Fridays during December will be Christmas jumper days – please wear a festive outfit if you have one!