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## Spring Newsletter



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I like to think that long ago,  
 There fell to earth some flakes of snow,  
 That loved this cold, grey world of ours,  
 So much they stayed as snowdrop flowers.

We have decided at school that the birds are singing to tell us Spring is on the way! This newsletter is full of information about things we've been doing and things we are going to do in the next few weeks.

### What We Have Been Doing

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have visited Eden Rock for a climbing session. They had a great morning and the session leaders were really impressed by their confidence and have a go attitude. Next week, the Year 6 will go back for a Bouldering Competition with a number of other schools. Good luck Year 6, we know you will be brilliant!



Key Stage 2 children attended a swimming gala and had a great day, working together as a team in the relays and being great sports and competitors in the individual races.



The bike track in outdoor play has been extended around the school garden, meaning balance bikes and pedal bikes in early years can go further and faster. It is really helping all our children to confidently ride a bike. Miss Armstrong is an expert in helping children with this!

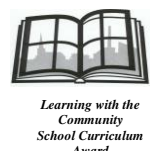
We are hoping to develop an outdoor classroom area near the Garden Room. All children have been involved in the planning, so watch this space! It will be an outdoor classroom with a sensory garden. We hope to begin work soon.

We are awaiting delivery and instalment of some new netbooks and iPads in school. These will be added to all our existing equipment, providing even more opportunities for our children to use technology as part of their learning.

Miss Price and Miss Armstrong are in the middle of their Forest school training and will soon be planning forest visits. How exciting!

Next Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking the whole school to Carlisle. We will travel by train, catching the 10.15am and returning on the 14.50pm, so it will be normal pick up time from school. Each

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class will visit Tullie House, linked to their learning in History, Science and Design and Technology. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will learn about toys from the past. Year 2 and 3 will learn about ancient history, with real stone age artefacts they can handle (how exciting!) and Year 4, 5 and 6 will visit the Victorian collection, including a current visiting pre-Raphaelite exhibition. We will also visit Carlisle Cathedral for a short-guided tour and might manage to squeeze in a little play in the park! We will take packed lunch with us. Please order lunch as normal if you would like Anne to prepare this for your child.

### **Reports**

After half term we will be preparing reports for children in Year 2 and 6. This will give us an early opportunity to feed back as we begin to prepare for the end of Key Stage SATs. We will offer parent meetings to go alongside this.

Reports for children in Year 1 and 4 will come out around Easter, with all other reports at the end of the year.

I will be having my usual termly parent meetings for children in Year Nursery and Reception. Dates to follow.

### **Exciting Things to Do!**

Please find attached some posters for things your family can get involved with.

As well as netball and dancing, there is an orienteering event in Coombs Wood tomorrow. It's on our doorstep, so if you are free, go along and try it out!

### [Family orienteering at Coombs Wood](#)

Border Liners Orienteering Club will be holding an orienteering event at Coombs Wood on Saturday 11th February between 11-12.30. The YELLOW course is perfect for children and families. You can enter the YELLOW Course on the day. Cost £2 for juniors. Family groups going around together can purchase extra maps at £1 per map. There will be a First Aider for this event.

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