



Fairholme Primary School

'We believe we can achieve'

A message from Mrs Harris our Headteacher: It has been lovely at school to see the sun is finally starting to shine and the children are able to enjoy playing on the field.

Would you be interested in becoming a school Governor? We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body and to become a Parent Governor. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to get more involved in school life and to contribute to the development of the school. Being a Governor involves you coming along to half termly meetings, reading material about school, learning new things and being a critical friend to the school. **Soon we will be sharing some information for anyone who wishes to put themselves forwards to becoming a Parent Governor.** Currently, we have one Parent Governor who has children in Year 2 and Year 6, if you would like to know more what being a Parent Governor involves, Mrs French would be happy to chat to you about this. Please do come and chat with me to find out more about this role, I would love to meet with you about the possibility of you joining our Governing Body.

Increasingly now we are talking with parents about their children using a mobile phone, children wanting a mobile phone or parents wanting guidance about what is and is not appropriate for their child to be accessing. Please do click on the link below for some advice for parents/carers around the use of mobile phones and how to support your child to do this safely:

<https://www.premier-education.com/news/the-parents-guide-to-mobile-phone-health-safety-for-kids/#:~:text=Activating%20parental%20controls%20on%20your,controls%20to%20your%20home%20wifi.>

Save the date – please remember to save the date for our Summer Fair and to spread the word , Friday the 5th July, where we will be continuing to raise money to help develop the Key Stage 2 playground by hopefully purchasing a new climbing structure!

What has been happening across our school?

Nursery – Recently, have been reading 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have really enjoyed acting it out and using different voices to be the characters. We have built lots of bridges and obstacle courses, which we have walked, crawled, climbed, 'trip trapped' over. As teachers we have been impressed by the children trying something new, even when they think they cannot do it.

Reception - have been securing their understanding of number by looking at odd and even numbers to 10. They have even built their own snack shop, where they chose their snack and pay for it using a price list. They have been really working hard with Phonics too, they have become more confident in blending and therefore reading. They loved the tricky word 'Shoot the car' game which had them speeding cars into words and reading the word it landed on.

Year 2's - have had a great and busy start to the summer term; The children have had lots of opportunities to showcase their acting skills through drama. During music, the children have loved learning a new song about friendship. In Science, we are learning about life cycles and recently we had a visitor who answered all their questions about babies and toddlers. This term, we have also talked a lot about our school values, and it has been lovely to see the children regularly demonstrate these.

Year 3's- topic is the 'Secret Garden'. In Science we will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and how they vary from plant to plant. We are also going to explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. We cannot wait to see the Year 3 plant themed homework projects. In maths we will be continuing to develop the children's knowledge of fractions by learning how to add/subtract and find fractions of amounts. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

Year 4 – are learning about music from around the world and have been enjoying listening to some Bob Marley!

They are also getting ready to take their multiplication check. Please do help them by practising at home with them, using this link: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Year 5 - have thrown themselves into our learning about the Maya, finding out where they came from and how they survived in the rainforests and deserts of Central America. We have also had a go playing a Maya ball game - although we did not sacrifice the losing team to please the gods! In Science and PSHE we are learning about the human lifecycle and how our bodies change as we get older.

Year 6 - We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 children luck in their upcoming SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard so far this year and we know they will continue to shine. We are immensely proud of everything they have, and continue to, achieve this year.

Soon they have a lovely trip to The National Art Gallery in London to look forward to and a workshop with Heathrow Airport too.



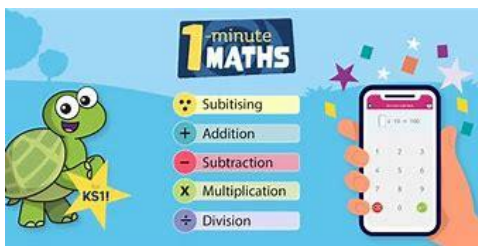
Year 1 - have been working so hard on their reading and phonics and are making great progress with this. It is lovely listening to the children talk about what they want to do when they are older and how reading will help them to achieve this. Recently, the Year 1 children had a fantastic morning with the tropical zoo as part of their topic, 'Old Macdonald'. They saw lots of animals including insects, spiders, snakes and a cuddly chinchilla. They enjoyed describing how they thought the animals might feel and behave like.



White Rose
EDUCATION

At Fairholme we use the White Rose Scheme of work to further develop pupils' reasoning, fluency, and problem-solving skills. The scheme is a highly comprehensive and adaptable mathematics curriculum. The scheme aims to show pupils that everyone can access maths and is key in supporting and inspiring all children's love for maths.

By logging onto the website <https://whiteroseeducation.com> and going to the Parents & Pupils section, you can access a Home learning space, where you can then click on the appropriate Year group for your child and open teaching videos that will help support your child's understanding of their current learning that they are accessing in school.

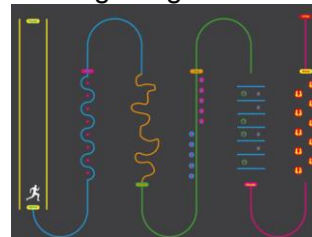


The 1-minute maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It is all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

Young Carers

Did you know we have a Young Carers community in our school? We are proud to have a Young Carers community that continues to grow, we now have 50 Young Carers identified in school. We provide Young Carers group sessions each week for our Young Carers to join in with. These group sessions give the children access to an identified adult who is aware of their situation and gives them access to peer support from other Young Carers.

Fund Raising – so far this year, we have raised around £4000, the children have requested some new markings on the KS2 playground and we are excited to be getting these done soon!



Question of the week

Would you rather have a pet cat or a pet dog?

Thought for the week

Your best is always good enough.

