



Dear Parents and Carers,

STEM Week

We have had a brilliant time in school this week marking STEM Week. All the classes have taken part in a range of fun and engaging Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities and workshops. On Monday, Dr Irene Wise from the University of Cumbria spent the day with Class Four helping them become space engineers! Class Two and Three also took part in stop motion animation workshops.

On Wednesday, BAE Systems visited Class Two to lead an Engineering Fairy Tales session, the pupils loved making a range of structures with moving parts linked to a favourite fairy tale. BAE returned to school today to lead a similar workshop in Class Three.



On Thursday, the whole loved taking part in a fun and interactive assembly by Mad Science. Class Four also took part in an engaging workshop lead by the scientists from the assembly.

We have also been lucky enough to be visited by a host of parents to talk to classes about science, diving, finance and the police.

Thank you to Ms Senior for organising such a brilliant week! Also thank you to the parents for coming in and sharing how their understanding of STEM helps in their professions and with their hobbies.

Tom Palmer Visit

Thank you to award winning author Tom Palmer for visiting school on Monday. The pupils in Class Three and Four really enjoyed finding out more about two of Tom's latest books Artic Star and Resist. The classes were also really interested in learning about how Tom became a writer and how he writes his books.

Thank you to the PTA for part funding Tom's visit.

Internet Safety and Social Media

We are becoming increasingly aware that a number of our older pupils have social media accounts. Each social media platform has age restrictions and guidance. We ask that all parents are familiar with these age restrictions and are aware of what their child is accessing and posting.



A key part of our computing curriculum is teaching our pupils how to stay safe online. Hayley Newman, our local PCSO, visited school earlier this term to talk to the pupils about the positives and potential dangers of using the internet.

If you require any help or support with this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Fun in the Snow

The pupils, the staff and Ivy have all really enjoyed the snowy conditions over the last couple of weeks! The pupils were all so happy that lessons were put on pause first thing last Friday morning so they could make snowmen, snow sculptures and a snow seat for Ivy!

Thanks for your continued support

Nick

Key Dates

Event	Date
PTA movie night	Thursday 23 rd March

PTA Newsletter notes for March 2023

School Applications

Nursery applications for 2023

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023 January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

School Year dates 2022-23

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March Half Term Holiday: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April – Wednesday 19th July Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May **Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

