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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	95.9%
Foundation 2	96.5%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.2%

Message from Mr Wilkes

It has been great to see so many parents in school this week. We have had parents evenings, Foundation 2 have hosted an event exploring space art and Year 2 parents have been creating Kente patterns. Thanks for your positive feedback.

Year 6 broadcasts

Year 6 have been using their history knowledge of World War 2 to create radio broadcast. Scan these codes to listen to some of the excellent work!



It has been a busy but really productive half term. The children have been working really hard on their writing and I hope you have seen some amazing examples at parents evening. We have had visits to Cresswell Craggs and taken part in Young Voices. Year 5 have engaged with the GREAT Project, we have welcomed more Nursery children to school and reviewed our school values! We are looking forward to next half term with lots more things happening including residential, a new site manager, visits to Blue Bell farm, the Holocaust centre and Nottingham Castle and continuing our school improvement work on the curriculum, spelling and handwriting!

The staff will be busy tomorrow on the INSET day looking at our curriculum and having some more training on our writing approach.

World Book Day

On the 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Your children are welcome to dress up as a book character if they want to. We will be taking part in a Children's Book Show virtual workshop with the 2 well known authors and then engaging with lots of book talk and activities.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. Your support helps your children feel secure and learn every day. I'm so proud of every member of nursery. They have come on leaps!

In our learning, we have enjoyed a week of exploring different countries - thinking about our place in the Winter Olympics and the upcoming Lunar New Year.

Our week has also featured a focus on safer use of technology for e-safety week and making cards for people in class, letting them know what we love about them.



Dates for your diary

- Friday the 13th is an inset day for nursery and the following week is half term holiday
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

If you would like to have your say on how you'd enjoy getting involved in nursery. Please fill out the parents events form: [HERE](#)

After half-term we will be welcoming some new class visitors!

We will be raising frog spawn into frogs to explore lifecycles.



Looking ahead

When we return from half-term we will continue with our enquiry question - What can we learn through exploring?

In Maths, we will cover subitising, pattern, shape, space and measure. In Phonics, our focus will be rhyme and lots of new silly books.

Gross Motor and fine motor will be a real mix with beginning one handed equipment, moving and responding to music and exploring pattern.

Our first topic book for Spring 2 is Rosie's Walk. [Here's the animation to share if you wish!](#)

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We loved having you visit the classes to join in with making a Space picture. The children enjoyed telling you their facts, showing their Brusho Space pictures and singing 'Five Aliens in their Flying Saucer'



Thank you for positive comments at Parents Evening. We enjoyed talking about your children and all of their amazing achievements this half-term. Have a lovely half-term break.

Important information

Over half-term we would like your child to make a Farm animal mask ready for our Wow Farm day on Wednesday 25th February. There will be a prize for the most impressive, child-made mask in each class



Parents Reading morning will now be every Thursday from 8.40-9.05.

Looking ahead

After half-term our new topic will be 'Animal Magic'. We will be focussing on our new book 'On The Farm' in Literacy for the first two weeks.

Maths will be counting ordinality and cardinality, counting out a set of objects from a larger set of objects.

We will be exploring a Farm and looking at what animals and food live and grow there. Phonics will be learning the digraphs 'ar' and 'or'.

Handwriting will be practising writing the letters, z and v (zig-zag letters)

PE will still be on Tuesdays and this half-term we will focus on Body Management.

Dates for your diary

- Next Parents Event will be on Thursday 26th March, 8.45-9.30
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Thank you all for your support at parents evening, we hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work. We really appreciate all the help you give your children at home, particularly with phonics and reading. We have come to the end of our topic on hot and cold places and this week we revisited our big question. Would you rather visit a hot place or a cold place? and why?



We have loved writing sentences this week about our book 'Snowball' and we have been able to summarise what happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story.



Important information

Please remember Friday 13th February is our school Inset day.

We hope that you all have a very happy half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all after the break.

Please keep reading over the half term break with your child, sharing stories is lots of fun.



Looking ahead

Next half term our topic is Castles, we will be visiting Nottingham Castle on Monday 9th March.

We will also be performing a special castle assembly for you on the following dates. Times will be 9.10-9.30

1VW 23/3/26

1EH 24/3/26

1AW 25/3/26

In Maths we will be measuring using cm and also measuring weight.

In English we will be learning and understanding vocabulary about Castles.

In our topic work we will design, build, bombard and evaluate the strength of our castles that we make in DT. Our mission is to protect the knight inside!

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Thankyou for joining us for our art lesson! The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their Ghanaian patterns and symbols this week!

Following up from parents' evening, please continue practising 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s times tables whenever you can.

We also always encourage practising spelling high frequency words.

Have a great half-term!



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 26th March Owl visit
- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- [Link to 200 high frequency words](#)

Important information

PE DAYS:
2HP: Tuesday
2CH : Monday
2JB: Monday

Miss Coaker will continue to teach on Mondays to Wednesdays in 2JB until the 10th March, when Miss Mahmood will take over as the permanent teacher on Mondays to Wednesdays.



Looking ahead

For our new topic: Nocturnal animals, we have a Owl visit in the last week of term!

English: Nocturnal animals, non-fiction and poetry.

Maths: Shapes

Art: Clay model of a hedgehog

DT: exploring fabrics



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week, the children have been writing to inform, using their knowledge of life in the Stone Age to demonstrate what they have learned in history. They have shown great enthusiasm for the Stone Age topic and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this period of history. In maths, we have begun learning formal methods for solving two-digit by one-digit multiplication, and the children have approached this new learning positively and with confidence.

We also marked Safer Internet Day, discussing how to use the internet responsibly and safely, including conversations about the appropriate use of AI tools.



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Important information

This half-term, all Year 3 classes will have PE on the same day, **Tuesday**. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day, including appropriate footwear. Next half-term, the children will be taking part in tennis and dance during their PE lessons.

We would like to invite parents to a Y3 event on **Thursday 26th March** to celebrate and share the children's learning about Ancient Greece. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the children's work and hear about their learning.

Looking ahead

Next half-term, our topic will be Ancient Greece, where the children will learn about Greek myths and legends, democracy, and the Olympic Games, among other aspects of Greek life. In English, the children will be writing a short narrative piece as well as a non-fiction text linked to Ancient Greece. In mathematics, we will continue to develop the children's understanding of multiplication and division. In science, the children will be studying Plants. They will learn to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants.



Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

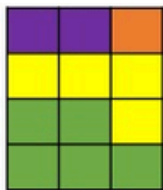
YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- We painted our clay canopic jars this week and put some Egyptian hieroglyphics on the front.
- We investigated finding the areas of rectilinear shapes by counting the internal squares.
- In English, we evaluated the suitability and effectiveness of different information texts.
- In Science we created our own food chains and food webs to see how animals exist in balance with other aspects of their habitat.



Purple = ___ squares
Yellow = ___ squares
Green = ___ squares
Orange = ___ squares



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

We are looking forward to the residential trip. We'll be sorting out rooms and food orders as soon as we come back after the half term. Please ensure all medical forms are returned as soon as possible!

We have so loved the learning we've done this half term and we'd like to share all the wonderful work the children have produced. We'll hold an open classroom event on Friday 27th February at 2:45pm

We would also like to invite you to a meeting about the Y4 Multiplication check on 13th March at 3:30pm.

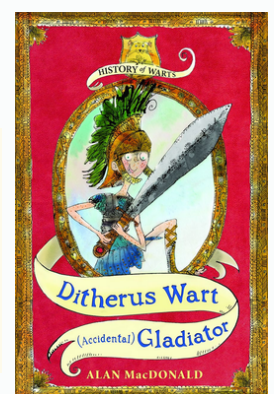
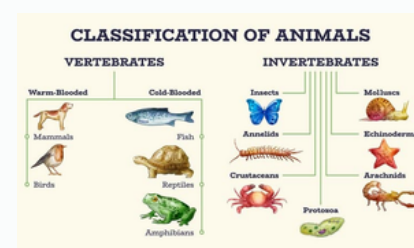


Looking ahead

In the first week back our maths lessons will focus on finding fractions. We will start by looking at 10^{ths} and 100^{ths} and then find equivalent fractions.

In Science we will be learning how to group living things by classification.

In History and English we will be learning all about the Romans. Our next book will be Ditherus Wart: (Accidental) Gladiator.



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

COURAGE



- In Maths, we focused on subtracting fractions with different denominators.
- In reading we completed our book Macbeth by reviewing how the main character has changed.
- In writing we wrote with real passion evoking tension.
- For Internet Safety we looked at AI do's and don't's. (Click the image below for a parents guide).



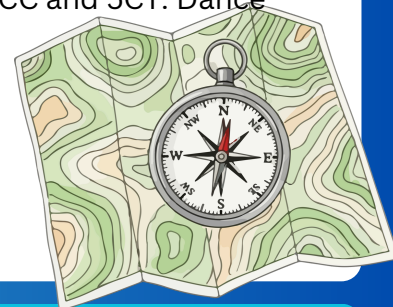
Important information

5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.

5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach.

5CT: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that appropriate kit is prepared, including additional socks. P.E. is on Friday.

P.E. This term in 5MS: Badminton and orienteering. This term 5CC and 5CT: Dance and orienteering.



Looking ahead

Have a fantastic well-deserved half term.

- Reading - We will start our new class book Beowulf.
- Writing - We begin to immerse ourselves in our new writing.
- Maths we continue fractions. Then cover area and perimeter, finishing on decimals.
- Topic Focus will be Vikings.

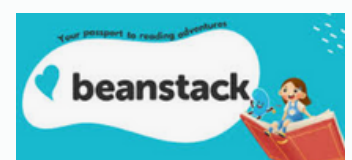
Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.



Dates for your diary

- Monday 23rd February First Day of Spring 2.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have had a great week in Year 6 and have enjoyed bringing our Blitz in Britain topic to a close. This week we wrote our radio broadcast in the style of Edward Murrow. Once we had written and edited our work we then recorded our work and turned them into QR codes so that people could listen to our work.

In Maths we have enjoyed exploring missing angles and have collected lots of key facts for the future. During afternoons, we have been exploring important subjects such as: what is a hate crime? What are the laws around knives and what impact does alcohol have on our bodies.

Important information

We are looking forward to our trip to the Holocaust Museum in March. If you are volunteering for this trip, you will have been notified if you are required.

School places released by Local authority- 3/3/26

Holocaust trip - 3/3/26

SATs parent meeting 5/3/26

SATS (practise run) - 16/3/26

Real SATs - 11/5/26

Looking ahead

New PE days

6PW - Tuesday

6LS - Thursday

6DW - Tuesday

PE topics - Cricket

SATS homework -There is no new homework- please ensure you are up to date. Have a good week, people!

Dates for your diary

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- [Link to whole school dates](#)

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY	CL & ML	ALL
16th – 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM		
24th Feb	Tues	Swimming Gala	Bramcote Baths	
27th Feb	Fri	Y4 Parents event @ 2.45pm	CL	Y4
3rd March	Tues	Y6 visit to Holocaust Museum	Newark	Y6
3rd March	Tues	Vision and Values evening - 6pm	CL	All
4th - 6th March	Weds-Fri	Y4 Residential to Castleton	Castleton YHA	Y4
5th March	Thurs	World Book Day	ML & CL	All
5th March	Thurs	Y6 parents SATs meeting @ 5.30pm	CL	Y6
9th March	Mon	Y1 visit to Nottingham Castle	Nottm Castle	Y1
10th March	Tues	F2 vist to Bluebells farm	Bluebells farm	F2
11th March	Weds	Disco 5pm - 6pm	CL	Y2-Y6
13th March	Fri	Multiplication Check Mtg 3.30pm	CL	Y4
20th March	Fri	Red Nose Day	ML & CL	All
23rd-25th March	Mon-Weds	Y5 Residential to York	York YHA	Y5
25th March	Weds	Disco	ML	F2-Y1
26th March	Thurs	F2 Parents Event @ 8.40am	ML	F2
26th March	Thurs	Y3 parents Event @ 2.45pm	CL	Y3
27th March	Fri	Last day of term	ML & CL	All
30th Mar - 10 Apr		Easter Holidays	ML & CL	All

