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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	95.9%
Foundation 2	96.5%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.3%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Sporting succes!

It has been a very successful sporting couple of weeks. A group of children took part in a Cross Country event and did incredibly well bringing home two trophies. We also had a group of children competing in the area swimming gala. Both groups of children represented the school with pride and showed fabulous teamwork, determination and confidence!

School uniform - PE

Just a reminder that on PE days children must remove their earrings before school. If they have just been pierced a form needs to be completed from the office.

SEND white paper and reforms

We have had a few parents ask us about the impact that the White Paper released this week will have on our children and families. I have put together a simple guide which can be accessed [here](#). At the moment nothing will change and when we have more guidance and an implementation schedule we will let you know. Please don't worry, we will continue to support your children and work with you to ensure your children thrive at school.

School Parking

We have had a number of concerned residents contact us about poor, inconsiderate parking on the roads surrounding the school. We work hard to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours so please be considerate when dropping children off and where possible consider walking to school.

Vision and Values evening

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the vision and values event that was scheduled for next week. I will let you know the rearranged date next week.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



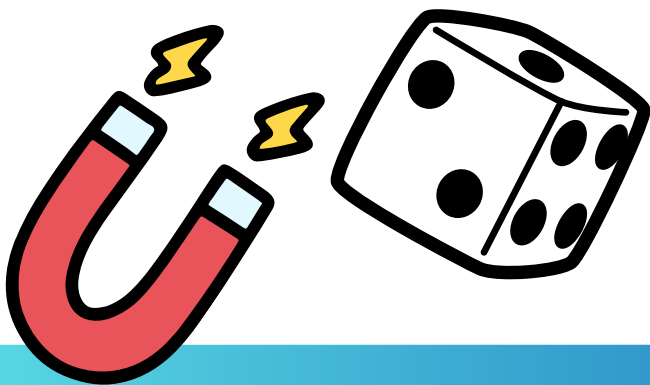
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What's been happening?

What a great start to Spring 2. We've been enjoying looking deeper into rhyme during Phonics. We've read duck in the truck every day and rolled some picture dice to try and make matches!

In Maths we have been subitising! Looking at a selection of dots and knowing straight away if it's 1,2 or 3!

In Fine motor, we have been using keys to unlock padlocks, making magnets move along cardboard tracks and using watering cans.



Dates for your diary

- **World book day is Thursday the 5th! Please come dressed up with a book!**
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into nursery more frequently. If you would like to have a say in how this looks please respond to the linked form. [HERE](#)

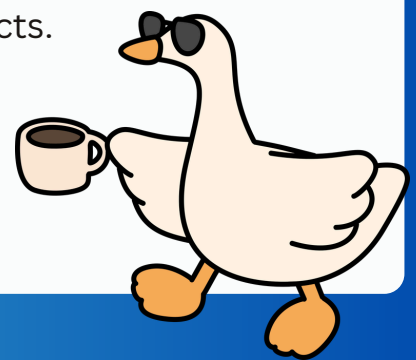
While every child should have a change of clothes packed in their bag, spares are always are always needed. If you have any clean pants, socks or trousers to donate please bring them in.

Looking ahead

Next week we will continue learning and exploring around animals and growing.

Our Gross and Fine motor will be mark making in response to music.

We will be reading [Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose](#) and spotting matching pairs. We will finish of subitising in maths and move onto comparing and sorting collections of objects.



FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a fun Farm Morning with making pig biscuits and showing off our fantastic masks.



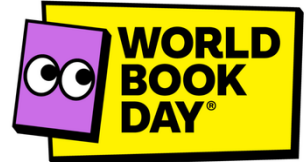
We have been exploring our new focus books, 'Catch that Chicken' and 'Henrietta's Guide to Caring for Your Chickens'. We have been learning about how to keep chickens.

Important information

Please remember to sign up for Beanstack so you can see when your child has read at school and also let us know what they have read at home.

World book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Your child will receive a book voucher to spend at the local bookshops. More information to follow.

Look at the new topic web which can be accessed [here](#) to see what we are learning this half-term.



Looking ahead

Maths: we will be exploring 2D shape. How we can manipulate shapes in order to develop spatial reasoning.

Writing: we are developing our skill of writing capital letters and how sentences should be set out eg finger spaces, full-stops and capital letters

Handwriting: practising 'w and x'

Phonics: the new digraphs will be 'ow and oi'

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

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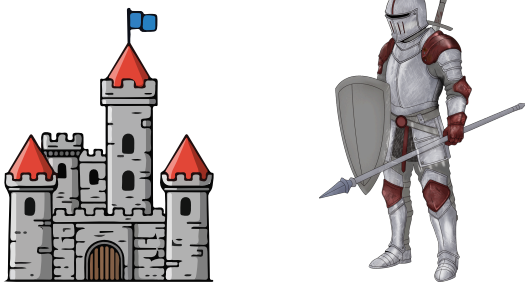
What's been happening?

We have made a fantastic start to our new topic 'Castles'.

We have read a non-fiction book called 'Knights and Castles' and we have written simple sentences as though we are Castle experts.

In Maths we are measuring and comparing weight using scales. We found objects in our classroom that were heavier/lighter than an orange.

In art we have made secondary colours using primary colours red, yellow and blue.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

World Book day is Thursday 5th March, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring a book to share. Please send your child to school with their PE kit in a bag just for World Book Day, thanks.

Our Stars of the week tomorrow are
1EH Jack 1WV Jessie 1AW Gabriele

Looking ahead

For our DT project we will be designing a strong castle to protect a toy knight.

In Maths we will measure the weight of an object using cubes. We will also be measuring capacity and using the language full and empty. We will measure how much a container can hold.

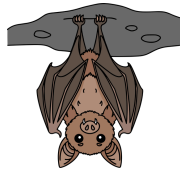
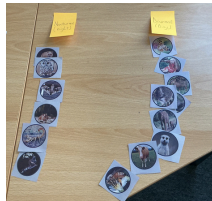
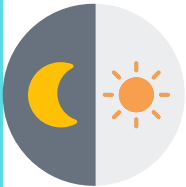


YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?



We have begun our new exciting topic, all about Nocturnal animals! In science, we sorted animals into nocturnal and diurnal.



We have also begun our new DT project. Classes have been practising different joining techniques in readiness for designing their own puppets.



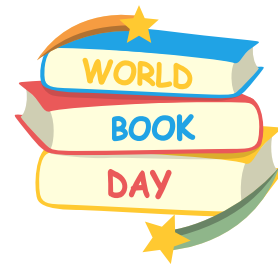
Dates for your diary

- World Book Day: Thursday 5th March.
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

All year 2 classes' PE days are now Mondays! Sorry for the confusion, class 2HP. Next week, please all come in PE kit on Mondays.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 5th, children can dress up as a book character and bring a book to share.



Looking ahead

Maths: Continuing shapes

English: Planning our nocturnal texts.

Science: Woodland & urban habitats

DT: planning their hand puppet

Computing: Using Chrome Music Lab to make music.

RE: Family & community in Judaism.

RSHE: How to be responsible.

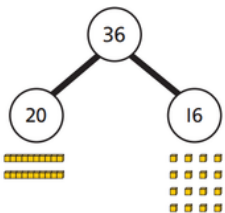
YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting week of learning. In Maths, we've been dividing two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers using partitioning and part-part-whole models to help us explain our thinking clearly. In English, we've continued our journey through Usborne Visitors' Guide to Ancient Greece, stepping into the shoes of time-travelling tourists and exploring persuasive vocabulary and phrases. In Science, we've been identifying the parts of a plant and understanding the functions of the stem, roots, petals and leaves. In PE, the children have enjoyed developing their skills in both Tennis and Dance.



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$$16 \div 2 = \square$$
$$\text{So, } 36 \div 2 = \square$$



Important information

Year 3 PE days this half-term

3DC - Tuesday
3IM - Tuesday
3CD - Wednesday



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - children can come dressed as a book character and bring a book to share.

Star of the Week

3DC - Mia & Shameer
3IM - Penelopi & Alice B
3CD - Olivia W & Xanthe



Looking ahead

In English, children will develop comprehension skills through texts about the Spartans and learn how to analyse and use persuasive writing techniques. Maths will focus on mixed multiplication and division problems, while Science explores plant life cycles, growth, and how water is transported. In RE, pupils will learn about inspirational people and the story of the Book of Esther. PE will include Tennis and Dance, and in French we'll be learning the names of fruits.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

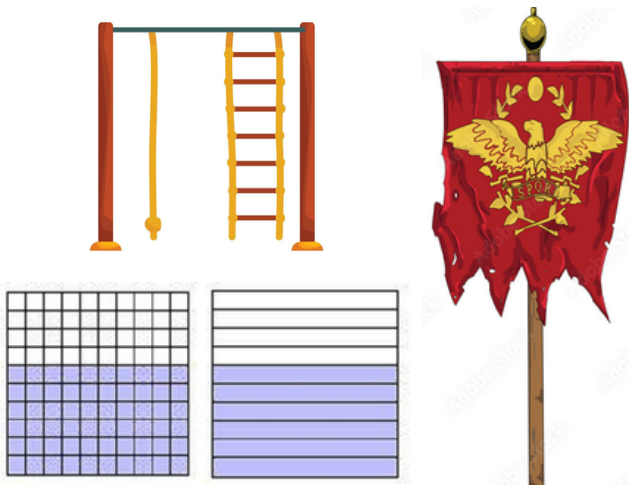
YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- We started a new history topic by looking at the origins of the Roman Empire.
- We started looking at fractions in maths. We looked at 10ths, 100ths and equivalent fractions.
- In English, we started a book called Ditherus Wart: Accidental Gladiator. We investigated how a writer can make a character funny.
- In P.E. we started to learn how to play handball and used the apparatus in the hall to create circuits.



Important information

Don't forget that you can come to our classrooms to celebrate your child's Egyptians work tomorrow @ 2.45pm

We're looking forward to going on our residential trip to Castleton next week. Any questions please catch us on the door or send us an e-mail to year4@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

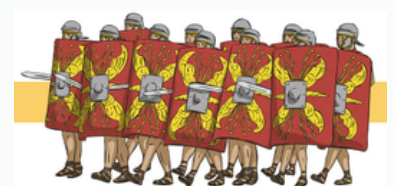
There will be a meeting about our times tables multiplication check on Friday 13th March at 3:30 in 4RR. We hope you can come to see how you can help your child practice their times tables.

Looking ahead

Next week our maths lessons will focus on simplifying fractions and finding mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In English we will read more of our class story and explore the different characters in the book.

In History we will be looking at why the Roman Army was so powerful.



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Dates for your diary

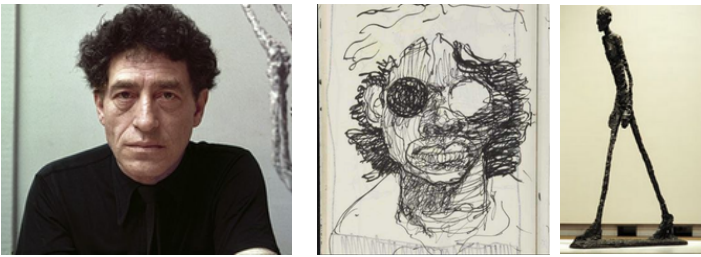
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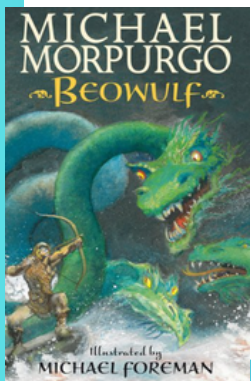


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What's been happening?



- Art - we created some continuous line portraits inspired by Alberto Giacometti.
- In Maths, we finished looking at worded problems linked to addition and subtraction of Mixed fractions.
- In reading we started Beowulf, with a focus on prediction.
- In writing we have immersed ourselves in fearful settings and created menacing monsters in preparation for our writing...



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 teaching badminton and orienteering.

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

For orienteering, a change of footwear is suggested due to the muddy field.

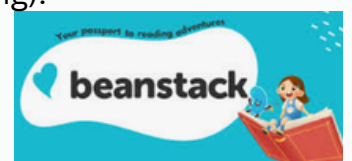


Looking ahead

- Reading - We will find out about the monster Grendel in Beowulf.
- Writing - We will analyse what fearful writing looks like.
- Maths we will continue looking at multiplication of fractions.
- Topic Focus will look at Anglo Saxons.

Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.
- Spellings will start coming home for homework completion (as mentioned at parents evening).



Dates for your diary

- Residential dates 23rd to 24th and 24th to 25th (class dependant).
- **Urgent, please send in consent forms for the residential that are outstanding.**
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week has already passed and the children have been exploring some very grown-up concepts in Maths and English. In Maths we have been exploring algebra and what an algebraic formula can be used for.

In our writing we have started to explore new vocabulary such as: foreboding, ominous and intertwined. These words are going to be part of our work in a couple of weeks so we have been saying them, writing them and exploring their use in different sentences.

SATS homework
Maths - Area page 60/61

Reading - Queen Vic diaries page 20

Spag - 52/53 Apostrophes

Important information

Learning for the week

Work next week is going to be a continuation of the topics that we have already started. We are still reading about Felix as he tries to find his Jewish bookselling parents amidst the Nazi invasion in Poland. In Maths, we will be exploring units of measurement and how to convert between different units. Finally, in writing we are going to be trying to create a piece of narrative where an innocent character dices with doom and peril.

If you did not have a parents evening appointment or an individual SEND review meeting, please can you contact your child's class teacher and arrange a catch-up. Email in to year6@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Looking ahead

Holocaust museum trip - 3rd March

SATS parent meeting - Thursday 5th March (5:30 - 6:30)

Practise Assessment week- 16/3/26

World Book day - Thursday 5th March

Dates for your diary

- Secondary school places announced **2/3/26**
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

School News

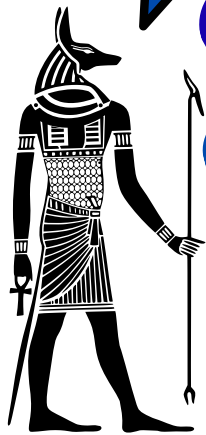
FROM THE REPORTERS

Joke of the week
Q.What's red and
smells like blue
paint?

A.Red paint!

Headlines

Year 4 Parent Work Show
On Friday at 2:45 pm, parents of the Year 4 children will come in to look at their extravagant Egyptian artwork. They will be viewing their Canopic jars, pharaoh art, mummified tomatoes, and other brilliant work.



FS2 Trip to Bluebell Farm

Next week, FS2 are going to Bluebell Farm, but this week they had a farm-themed WOW Day, so we went to find out more. Over the holidays, they made masks of farm animals, which will be entered into a competition where the winner will receive a book prize. As well as this, they have made biscuits shaped like pigs, painted and drawn other animals, and even created a farm dance.

We asked what animals they are excited to see, and Class F2AO said they are really looking forward to seeing the bunnies, cats, and dogs. Have fun on your trip, FS2!



Swimming Gala

On Tuesday, 18 children (9 boys and 9 girls) went to compete in the swimming gala at Bramcote Leisure Centre. They left school at 9:30 am and returned at 12:30 pm – that's three hours of swimming! We're sharing this so you can help encourage your children to take part next year. We are really proud of all the children who competed!

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
27th Feb	Fri	Y4 Parents event @ 2.45pm	CL	Y4
3rd March	Tues	Y6 visit to Holocaust Museum	Newark	Y6
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 visit 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
23rd March	Mon	Class 1WV Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1WV
24th March	Tues	Class 1EH Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1EH
25th March	Weds	Class 1AW Assembly @ 9.00am	ML	1AW
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