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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	98.3%
Foundation 2	98.4%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.6%



Message from Mr Wilkes

We had lots happening this week! We welcomed a theatre company into school who performed a fabulous production of the Secret Garden. Year 5 had some rainforest animals in school and year 1 have been learning all about toys from an expert! These have been fabulous opportunities for the children.

Vision and Values evening

A big thank you to all the parents that came along to our vision and values session on Wednesday. We shared the journey we have been on to review our values and talked about our current priorities. We had lots of constructive feedback which we will review and feed into our school improvement plan.

The presentation from the evening is on the website if you want to have a look - the link is [here](#)

Macmillan coffee afternoon

A big thank you for your donations and coming to support our coffee afternoon last Friday. You helped us raise over £200 for the charity.

School Council

It was great to meet the new school councillors today. They have been elected by their classmates to bring school issues to a bigger forum to find solutions. Council meetings take place in class each week and they will meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team every couple of weeks to discuss whole school issues. I am really excited about how they are going to help us improve the school.

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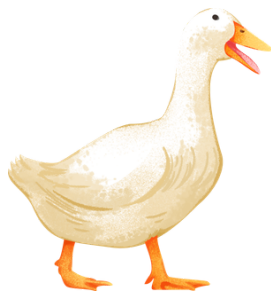
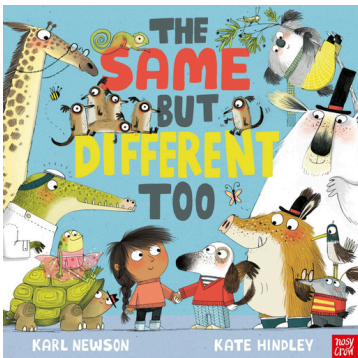
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What's been happening?

This week we have loved exploring our big question. How are people important? By noticing lots of similarities and differences.

This has been helped by us learning our new key story, The Same but Different Too!

Everyone has been great at making farmyard sounds in phonics, playing our Farmer Duck guessing game.



Important information

On Monday the 5th of October we will be holding a Sleep workshop for nursery parents at 9am immediately after drop off in the hall.

You are welcome to attend even if your child doesn't attend nursery on a Monday.

On Tuesday the 6th at 2:45 we will be holding an open event. You are welcome to come into class and join in some singing and play before heading home.

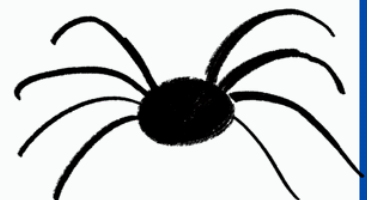
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This week we will be reading Walking through the jungle In Phonics as we practice animal sounds.

We will also be singing Incy Wincy Spider.

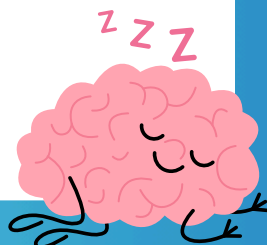
In our Physical development sessions we will be throwing frisbees, playing with hoops and using some more of the large apparatus.

In Maths, we will begin exploring and noticing pattern.



Dates for your diary

- Sleep workshop - Mon 5th 9am



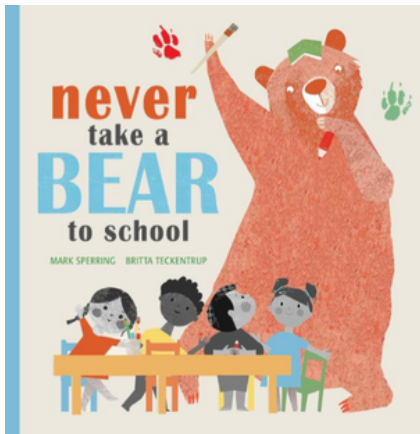
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What's been happening?

We have really enjoyed reading our new story 'Never Take A Bear To School'. We have explored vocabulary from the book like 'surprising' and 'precious' and enjoyed saying them and acting them out together.



In Maths we loved playing Kim's Game with 4 objects. We hid 4 objects and then either took some away or rearranged the pattern, showing the number left on our fingers in different ways (e.g. two fingers and a thumb or three fingers).

Important information

Next week, we have our F1 and F2 Open Classroom event on Tuesday 2.45 - 3.15pm. Please come along! We will be sharing some rhymes and songs, and read our 'Never take a Bear to School' story with you. The children are excited to give you a tour of our classrooms.

Stars of the Week:

F2JT - Elsa and Isabelle

F2GB - Jake and Sienna

F2AO - Dakota and Jaxon



Looking ahead

In English we will be continuing our work on 'Never Take A Bear To School'. We will be starting to work on some skills that we will need to be able to write.

In Maths we will be learning about comparison. We will be using the language 'more than' and 'fewer than'. We will be learning how to compare 2 sets of objects.

In Phonics we will be learning the sounds **g o c k**.

Dates for your diary



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



What's been happening?

In Art this week we have been painting with the Primary colours and we recreated our own painting of 'Imaginary Boy' by Jean Miro.



Today we had our fantastic toy workshop. The children handled old toys, found out how they worked and what they are made from. We played some parlour games too.

Important information

Please ensure that school clothes are named as the lost property mountain is already quiet tall!

This week we will celebrate the stars of the week from our reception classes.



Your paragraph text

Looking ahead

In English next week we will be writing a retell in our own words of the story of Tatty Ratty.

In Maths we will be comparing number bonds and counting along a numberline.

See you tomorrow at our reading morning.

Dates for your diary



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What's been happening?



In **PE**, we did lots of obstacle course exploration and worked hard on dribbling the ball in our football unit.

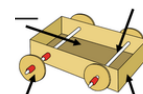
In **DT**, we began making our axles and chassis for our cars in preparation for our parent event next week.

In **Science**, we predicted our Egg Experiment: which liquid is the healthiest for our teeth?



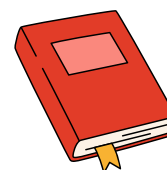
Important information

Please join us for our Parents' Event on Friday, 9th October at 2:30 pm for our DT making/ decorating session.



2CO is still doing outdoor learning on Wednesdays.

Remember spelling books for Friday - thank you.



Looking ahead

English: Starting a new unit about a secret creature.

Maths: adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

PE: Continuing the run, jump, throw unit; attack, defend, shoot.

Science: the importance of exercise for staying healthy.

Black History Month-focused lesson.

DT: completing and decorating our cars.

Dates for your diary



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

☀️ What a Fantastic Week! ☀️

What a fantastic week of learning and experiences! The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity throughout the week. 😊

🎭 **Performance** – We loved watching The Secret Garden production on Tuesday!

✍️ **Writing** – Created a panic-filled upturned classroom and developed vocabulary to create panic.

➗ **Maths** – Practised adding and subtracting 1s and 10s from 3-digit numbers, including exchanges.

📖 **Reading** – Inferred how the characters' feelings changed as they discovered the dragon.

🌍 **Geography** – Explored the physical features of Italy.

🧲 **Science** – Investigated the strength of magnetism as a non-contact force.

✝️ **RE** – Explored the Pentecost story and its importance.

🐉 **Art** – Began sculpting our clay dragon eyes, working like real sculptors.

Another brilliant week of learning, creativity and discovery! ☀️

Important information

⚽ PE Days

- PE is on **Tuesdays** for all Y3 classes – Football and Foundation Movements.

Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing and footwear to take part outdoors in most weather conditions. ☁️ Please be advised to bring in spare trainers and socks in case of wet weather.

🌳 Outdoor Learning – 3IM

3IM will continue Outdoor Learning with Miss Howe on Mondays. Please ensure children come dressed for outdoor learning in the morning for the whole day - school uniform is not required to change into.

📖 Library Day - Changing books 📖

Our library day is **Tuesday** to change books, and can change during lunchtimes any day of the week.

Looking ahead

☀️ Looking Ahead to Next Week ☀️

We have another exciting week ahead! In Reading, we'll continue discovering how Tommy grows his dragons in The Boy Who Grew Dragons. In Writing, we'll analyse examples and develop skills to create a sense of panic.

In Maths, we'll work towards adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers to and from 3-digit numbers. Our Big Wow will be painting and finishing our dragon eyes. 🐉

Homework: Spelling homework will be given on **Fridays** please can this be completed with spelling books back in **before next Friday**.

Reminders

- Reading x4
- TTRS practice each week.
- Spelling homework in school (by Friday)
- Reading books (book band) brought in daily please.

Dates for your diary

- **Parents Evening:** Tuesday 13th October 16:00 until 18:00 and Wednesday 14th October 16:00 until 19:00.
- **Parent Event:** Showcase our French Thursday 15th October (14:45 to 15:15).

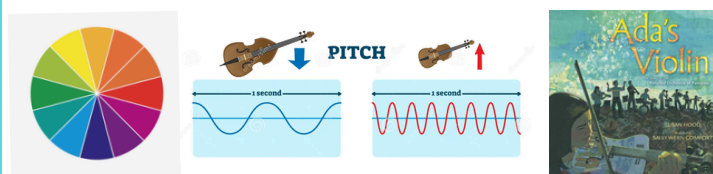
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What's been happening?

- In Maths we rounded numbers to the nearest 1000 and used this to solve number problems.
- In English we looked at a new book called Ada's Violin. It's about recycling things to make musical instruments and we learned lots of good vocabulary for the topic.
- Our spelling sessions have focused on adding the suffix -er to a root word and adding the word ending -sure.
- In Science we looked at high and low pitch and how to make those sounds with a musical instrument.
- In Design & Technology we created a design for our repurposed guitars and explored how to make different sounds.
- In Art we looked at how Wassily Kandinsky used colours to show emotions. We tried to match emotions to different colours and then show them in our artwork.



Dates for your diary

Important information

We are sending out spelling homework on Fridays, to be collected in the following Friday. Each week's homework will correspond to what we've been learning that week in our spelling lessons.

Here is a link to the year 3 and 4 spelling words that we'll learn throughout the year.

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf

We have star assemblies this week:

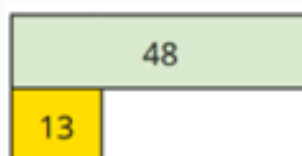
4RR - Elise and Joshi

4TG - Blake and Darcey

4CC - Xanthe and William

Looking ahead

- In Maths we will use the bar model to visualise missing number problems, and then add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s with 4-digit numbers.
- In English we will be analysing some instructions to see what makes them clear.
- In Science, we will look at insulating sound to make things quieter.
- In Basketball we will be taking jump shots to score goals and in Hockey we will practise our ball control skills.



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week has been brilliant in Year 5. On Tuesday we had the opportunity to see and handle (if we were brave enough) some wild animals from the rainforest. Tarantulas, snakes, skinks, chameleons and more came into school and we heard about how they have adapted to where they live and how important each animal is in their ecosystem. In writing we have started to discuss the impact of deforestation on the world. This had led to many a 'heated' discussion in class as we consider how to change people's opinion.

Our aim is to construct a letter to persuade someone to take action and make a change. In Art we are starting to prepare the final pieces for our show- printing our patterns and finishing our bookmarks is high on our agenda.



Important information

Star of the week
5PW - Orlo / Thomas S
5CT- Lara T / Ezra
5NM- Mollie / Luca

Homework- Your child will have a spelling sheet to complete in their book in addition to: reading with a parent and completing timetables on TT Rockstars.

Any questions or concerns please contact Year 5 at year5@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

Looking ahead

School disco - Wednesday 7th October

Parents evening -14th and 15th October

14/10/26 - till 7pm

15/10/26 - till 6pm

Year 5 Art event - 12th October - This event is cash only. Please note items purchased will be distributed post event.

Half Term - 16th October (2 week break)



Dates for your diary

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We've had a great week in Year 6 - the children have been working very hard.

In English, we have been immersing the children in the new writing unit all based on a Kissin' Kate stagecoach robbery.

In maths, we have been looking at common factors and prime numbers.

Our art looked fabulous this week - we worked on the Ipads to create some beautiful David Hockney-inspired artwork.

In science, we have been classifying invertebrates using a classification key.



Dates for your diary

17th–20th November 2026 – Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook.

Parent Celebration Event – 12th October (6HM), 13th October (6DW), 15th October (6LS). Please arrive for a 2.30 start.

Parents' Evenings for Y6 - Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September

Important information

CGP SATs revision books information will be coming your way soon. If you haven't heard about these before, they are a set of study books that the children will be expected to work in at home.

Look out for the kit list for residential being sent this week - it's all obvious stuff!

Looking ahead

Next week, we will be designing our frame structures in DT.

We will be writing our action scene based on Kissin' Kate's stagecoach robbery - exciting times!

In maths, we will be working on the order of operations (BIDMAS) and on mental strategies.

In science, we will be creating our own classification keys based on our observations.