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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	98.6%
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Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	96.3%

Message from Mr Wilkes

Congratulations!

After a very difficult selection process we have finally agreed on our School Ambassadors for this year. A big thank you and well done to all those children who applied.

It has been great to get into classrooms this week and see some of the wonderful learning that is taking place. The year 2 children are very excited about their writing work. Year 4 are learning all about Evelyn Glennie and know a lot about her and her life! Foundation 2 have been working hard on getting to grips with phonics and enjoying the Early Years garden. The children have made such a great start to the year with very positive attitudes to their learning.

Reminder

Tomorrow, Friday 25th 3.30 to 4.30 at Cator Lane - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Please send any donations of cakes in tomorrow morning and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow afternoon for a cuppa and piece of cake. All donations will go to Macmillan.

Wednesday 30th September, 6pm to 7pm at Cator Lane - Vision and Values evening. A chance to come and hear from the leaders about the development of the vision, values and priorities for the school this year.

Parking

Just a reminder to be considerate to our neighbours if you are dropping your children off in the car. We have had complaints from residents about blocking driveways and driving too fast. Please be careful and where possible try to walk to school.

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What's been happening?

This week we have loved our story, the shopping basket. Everyone has shown great listening skills identifying the shopping by the noise it makes.

We've also shown real skill following movement instructions in our Physical Development sessions!

Important information

If your child needs support toileting please make sure to send them with lots of supplies for the week.

Children are becoming a little confused what is their lunch and what is their snack. Please add a container with a healthy snack or piece of fruit separate to their lunch box in their school bag or discuss what is for snack before school.

Thank you!

Looking ahead

Next week we are starting a brand new focus book The Same but Different Too.

In Phonics we will be reading Farmer Duck, Singing Old MacDonald and learning farm animal sounds.

In Maths, we will look at building and start to explore shape and space.

In Physical Development we will be making large movements with equipment.

Dates for your diary



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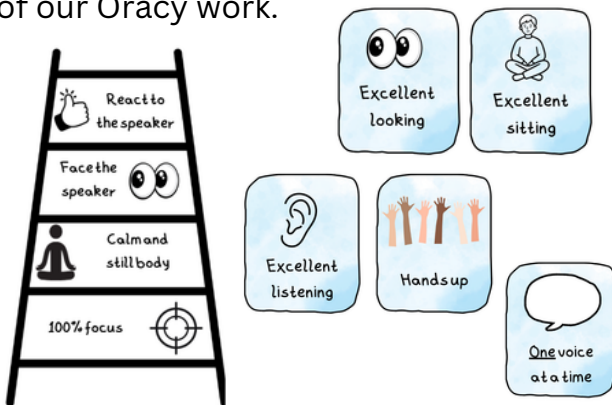
What's been happening?

This week the children have loved setting up and using a message centre as part of our English.

The children have been learning that our marks have meaning, and how to find their friends' names so that they can write a message to them.

We have been very impressed by how enthusiastic the children have been to start learning our phonemes in Phonics. We have learned **s a t p** and even read our first words!

The children have also been introduced to our 'Rules for Talk' and 'Listening Ladder' as part of our Oracy work.



Dates for your diary

- Macmillan coffee event - CL 25th
September 3:30-4.30

Important information

Thank you to those of you who made it to our Reading and Phonics meeting last night. The PowerPoint can be found here: <https://thelanes.school/curriculum-resources>

Beeston Library is running a free session on Saturday for Under 5s.



Looking ahead

In English we will be starting a 3-week sequence for developing our writing. The lessons will focus on a book and follow the pattern of Immersion, Skills, Independent Writing.

In Maths we will be looking at 'perceptual' subitising, knowing how many there are without counting, and 'conceptual' subitising, knowing that 1 can see 2 and 2 which makes 4.

In Phonics we will be learning the phonemes **i n m d**

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What's been happening?

In English we have discussed feelings that we experience when we lose our favourite toy!

The character Molly from our story lost her favourite rabbit called Tatty Ratty.

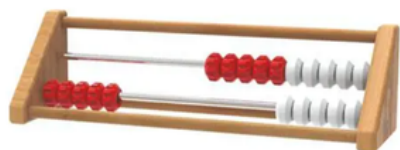
Did Tatty Ratty go on lots of different adventures?

The children have explored many ideas for adventures that their lost toy may have gone on.

In Maths we ordered a random set of numbers from smallest to largest.

We continue to work on correct number formation.

In mastering number we have started to use the rekenreks to find 10.



In ICT the children used the program 'Paint' and explored making different sized lines and used a variety of painting tools.

In RSHE we talked about people who are special to us and what makes them special. We also discussed what it means to belong and belongin, for example to a family, school community and club.

Important information

Everyone is welcome to join our Macmillan coffee event on Friday 25th September 3.30-4.30 at our Cator Lane site.

Our toy workshop will take place in school on Thursday 1st October. A letter was sent out last week with more details. Please send children in PE kits as normal as the children will be taking part in outdoor toy games.

Please record reading on Beanstack and let us know if you need help logging in.

Our stars of the week this week are;

1EH Phoebe and Leo D

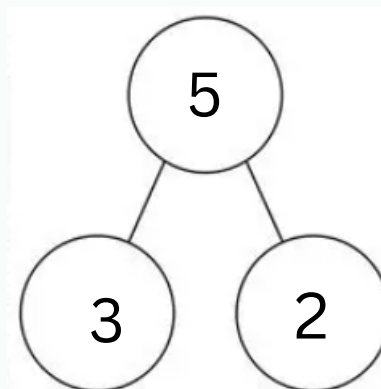
1PW Hannah and Theo

1JW River and Eliza

Looking ahead

Next week we will continue with our story of 'Tatty Ratty' and focus on _ed verbs eg Tatty Ratty jumped off the bus. He hopped on the train.

In Maths we will be teaching the children how to use a part whole model eg



$$2+3=5$$

$$3+2=5$$

$$5=3+2$$

$$5=2+3$$

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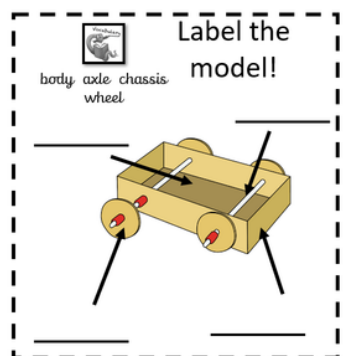
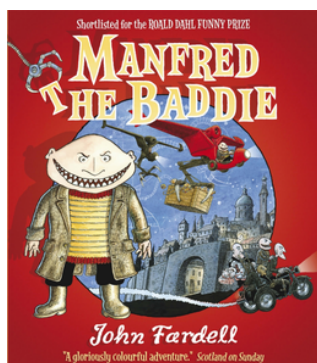
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What's been happening?

Thank you for all your engagement with our new book, Mamfred the Baddie! We hope our character descriptions next week will catch him!

We began our new DT project this week: designing our own diabolical car for Mamfred the Baddie.

Thank you for donating tissue boxes; these will be great for our making lessons!



Important information

Well done to our star of the week!

2MV: Wilf & Henry

2HP: Mae & Nico

2CO: Finlay & Stanley



Please remember 2CO is still Outdoor Learning on Wednesdays.

Spellings will be going home this Friday - children are to take their book home each Friday to complete and then return to school on the following Friday.



Looking ahead

We would love for you to join us for our parent event on Friday, 9th October, to support your child in creating their 'diabolical machines'.

Next week:

Science: healthy eating experiment.

DT: creating our base for our cars.

RE: Baptism

English: Creating wanted posters with descriptions of Mamfred.

Maths: Related number facts & number bonds to 100.



Dates for your diary

- Parents DT event: Friday 9th October 2:30 pm

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What's been happening?

☀️ What a Fantastic Week! ☀️

What a fantastic week! The children have shown enthusiasm and curiosity across their learning.



✍️ **Writing** – Completed our setting descriptions, using exciting vocabulary to bring them to life.

📖 **Reading** – Finished **Engelbert Sneem and His Dream Vacuum Cleaner**.

➗ **Maths** – Completed place value and developed 2 times table fluency. We also started addition and subtraction. Number bonds are great to practise at home – e.g. $1 + 9 = 10$, so $10 - 9 = 1$.

🎨 **Art** – started to sketch our dragon eyes.

🧲 **Science** – Investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

✝️ **RE** – Explored the importance of Easter.

🇫🇷 **French** – Practised French greetings.

Another brilliant week! ☀️ Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support.

Important information

Stars of the week

- Stars in 3CD: **Alex and Bhaskar**
- Stars in 3IM: **Meredith and Freddie**
- Stars in 3MS: **Evelyn and Jonah**

⚽ 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 Writing, we'll begin a new sequence, while in Reading we'll start exploring *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. In Maths, we'll develop our addition and subtraction skills, including exchanges.

In our wider curriculum, we'll continue investigating magnets in Science and get creative as we begin making our clay dragons in Art. 🐉🧲🎨

Homework: Spelling homework will be given on **Fridays** please can this 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.

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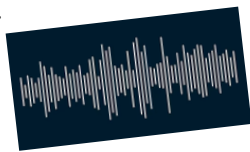
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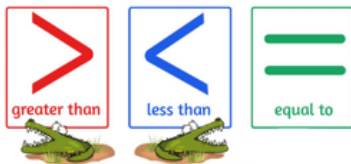
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What's been happening?

We enjoyed experimenting with loud and quiet sounds and found out about big and small vibrations.



We've been using place value to compare 4 digit numbers - and we're getting really good at it!



We've been busy bees writing our biographies and we're so pleased with how they've turned out! Year 4 are excellent writers!

Little People, BIG DREAMS

We've been exploring Kandinsky's abstract art a bit more and our final pieces are almost ready for us to add colour!



Dates for your diary

Important information

We need boxes!

Thank you for sending in cardboard for our D & T project. We'll be making our musical instruments next week so please send in anything you think will be useful.



Reading

The children are busy reading at school. Please ensure they're also practising reading at home. You can record this on beanstack.

Timestables

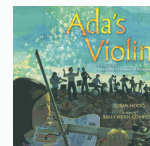
Don't forget to keep practising timestables at home. Here is the link to the website we like to use in Year 4.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Looking ahead

We're excited about starting our new book *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay*.

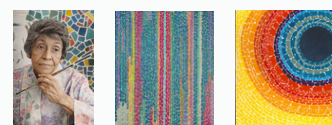
This book links really nicely with making our own recycled musical instruments in D and T.



We'll be learning about pitch in science lessons and noticing patterns about high and low sounds.



We'll be exploring the art of Alma Thomas and another way we can represent sound in abstract art.



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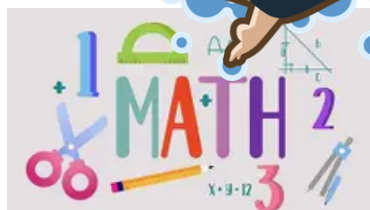
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What's been happening?

The children have produced some amazing pieces of writing this week as we explored figurative language and the impact of short sentences when creating peril.

Through maths, we have explored place value again and have been partitioning numbers up 1,000,000.

Swimming in 5PW has been a huge success so far and all children have conducted themselves with great maturity. The swimming coaches at the leisure centre have commented on their sensible behaviour and how they are a credit to the school.



Important information

Class homework is now being set. Please ensure that your child completes the spelling task (printed sheet), reads daily and competes on TT Rockstars throughout the week. These are skills that need to be sharp and practised regularly.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate email the year group and we will respond when appropriate.

year5@thelanes.notts.sch.uk

We are asking for voluntary contributions of £6 towards the cost of the Animal Magic visit on Tuesday - this can be paid online via MCAS - School Shop, or by cash to the office. Thank you

Looking ahead

Parents evenings:

14/10/26 - till 7pm

15/10/26 - till 6pm

Bookings will become available soon.

School disco - Wednesday 7th October

Wild animal visit: 29/9/26

Art show - 12/10/26 @ 3:30



Dates for your diary



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What's been happening?

What a great week we've had in Year 6. In maths, the children have been doing lots of work around division and using the bus-stop method to divide numbers by 2 digits. This has been tricky but they have worked very hard and are close to mastering it.

Any extra practice at home would be amazing and it is the first time where the children have really felt the benefits of having good times tables recall.

In English, we have written our own survival guides for surviving Campp Green Lake - they are absolutely fabulous and full of informal language and nuggets from the text.

In science, we have been looking at the different vertebrate groups and how to classify organisms.

In art, it's been very exciting for the children as they have been creating their own David Hockney-inspired art on Ipads.

Important information

Stars of the Week

No star of the week for our Year 6s - they're all stars in our eyes of course.

Thank you to those children and parents who are already doing this but please remember to encourage your children to:

- Read for at least one hour each week and log reading on Beanstack.
- Practise times tables regularly using TT Rock Stars

SATs revision books and homework will begin later in the year.

Looking ahead

PE Days

- 6LS – Wednesday
- 6DW & 6MH – Thursday

Next week, we will continue our work with calculation and problem-solving, as well as moving on to writing our own Camp Green Lake survival guides.

We will be starting our design and technology unit.

We will be starting a new writing unit. We will be learning all about the notorious outlaw, Kissin' Kate Barlow and her gang of outlaws.



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)