

### MASTERING NUMBER WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all those who joined us this week to see what we do in our Mastering in Number sessions in EYFS and Key Stage One. We hope you enjoyed playing the games with your children and will continue to play them at home. Each week, your child will come home with two new activities to complete with a new diary sheet that needs to be returned to school. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher. We hope this approach makes helping your child with their maths fun and engaging!

### UNIFORM REMINDER

As we enter the summer term, please can you ensure your child comes to school wearing school uniform and appropriate school shoes. We have noticed since returning after the Easter Holidays some children are in white or coloured trainers and sandals with open toes. Here is a reminder of the uniform policy and a link to the page on the website <https://usworthcolliery.co.uk/about-us/uniform>

#### UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

Gold or yellow 'polo' shirt

Navy, black or grey skirt or pinafore

Navy, black or grey trousers,

Navy, black, grey, white or cream plain socks or tights (not leggings)

Black flat school shoes, trainers or boots (no stripes/logos or canvas shoes)

All shoes must have filled in toes for health and safety reasons.

School summer dresses/skirts in either blue or gold/yellow checks

### UCPS FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

Last night, UCPS FC entered into the group stage of the Columbia Cup. Up first was Holley Park. In a very uncharacteristic display, the players struggled to get a foothold in the game, with very few chances at either end. Unfortunately for us, Holley Park were extremely clinical with the chances they had, leading to a 3-0 defeat, which even the opposition manager couldn't really believe. A bit of team bonding during the break between games seemed to fix the problem for the second match which, in theory should have been much harder against runaway league leaders, Lambton. A devastating through ball from Jayden L split the opposition defence in the first minute, leaving a tap in for Harrison, albeit from a very tight angle. Some dogged defending from Jayden B kept the opposition strikers at bay. Shortly before half time a penalty was awarded to Lambton after a clear foul in the box. VAR refused to overturn the decision and, despite Gideon's despairing dive, the teams went in to the break at 1-0. A slight reshuffle at half time saw Jack come in to shore up the midfield, which freed up Alastair to roam and cause havoc in the defence. A breakaway goal saw us go behind but it wasn't long before Riley rifled a shot into the roof of the net to level the scores. The highly entertaining match swung back and forth with neither team able to find a winner. The highlight of the match was undoubtedly the performance of Joey, who, in his unusual position of centre-half, had opposition strikers twice his size in his pocket throughout with some bone jarring challenges and excellent positional play earning him a well-deserved man of the match award. Sadly, only Lambton were able to move to the knockout stages but we proved we can compete with the best.

We still have 4 league matches to be re-arranged if possible before the half term. All of the teams have been messaged and I will keep you updated as and when I get replies. Mr Millett

### YEAR 1 DISCOVERY MUSEUM TRIP

Year 1 are due to visit the Discovery Museum over the next couple of weeks. Please note change of dates due to staff training. 1RD will now go to the Discovery Museum on Thursday 2nd May and 1EP will go on Thursday 9th May.

### SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH



Our Spotlight in English focussed on Oracy. Children engaged in opportunities to develop and refine their language skills. Through active participation in discussions, presentations, and conversations, our children enhanced their vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. They practised articulating their thoughts, expressing their ideas clearly and coherently, and listening attentively to others. You can find out more about what they did on our website:

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

### MESSAGE FROM THE RECEPTION TEACHERS

This half term Reception are learning about recycling and reusing. If you have any of the following, please can you wash them out & send into school for us to use so we can repurpose them.

- Plastic milk cartons
- Plastic/ metal bottle tops/caps
- Corks
- Tins (which have had a ring pull lid so they aren't sharp around the edge)

Thanks for your support Mrs Walker, Mrs Burrell and Miss Davidson

## UNIFORM RECYCLING

It has been wonderful to have so much uniform being recycled and worn again by our children. Thank you so much to everyone who had brought in preloved uniform. Due to the huge success, we have had with our uniform recycling stand, we are now running out of items (especially the bigger sizes!). If you have any items of uniform that your child has out-grown, please donate it to school. We will sort, wash and refold it and it can be used again by others. Uniform can be given in at the office or to your child's class teacher or any member of staff and everything is greatly appreciated! Items we can recycle include:

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

Gold or yellow 'polo' shirt

Navy, black or grey skirt or pinafore

Navy, black or grey trousers

School summer dresses/skirts in either blue or gold/yellow checks.

## AND KS1 REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT UNDERWEAR

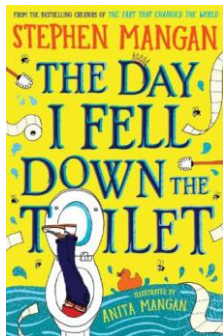
If you also have any girls and boys underwear for the KS1 spare clothes box please could you also send these items into school. We are ideally looking for sizes from 5 years to around 9 years old and again we will re-wash everything and sort it so if children in KS1 need a quick change we have clothing available.

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Indi 6JM** came to show me her alternative version of the three little pigs that she is currently working on in her English lessons. She has changed the characters to an axolotl and an otter with the axolotl as the baddie in her story. She came back to show me the finished story which was super. **Chloe 6JM** also brought me her completed story, she had changed the locations, the material and the ending. She had used some fantastic punctuation and high-level writing features. **Chiamaka 6JM** has used the most tremendous vocabulary in her story including words like 'conjectured' and 'abode'. Well done girls you are really developing as confident writers!

## RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES

### THE DAY I FELL DOWN THE TOILET BY STEPHEN MANGAN



Disaster!

The Queen of Dunny, the land where jokes come from, has lost her sense of humour and banned fun of any kind. Her subjects have one final shot at making her laugh otherwise NO NEW JOKES will be created EVER AGAIN!

Enter the hero the world needs. Timothy Trench: straight-talking, uber-decisive child genius. Oh, wait. In an unfortunate case of mistaken identity, the wrong Timothy - a boy who finds it impossible to make decisions - is fetched to make the Queen laugh.

Can he work out what will tickle Her Majesty's funny bone and save the day? A wildly imaginative, brilliantly silly adventure that's overflowing with toilet humour! Wildly funny, delightfully imaginative storytelling with a message that any kid can be a hero! Packed with pictures by Stephen Mangan's sister Anita Mangan.

## SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Y2 visiting Washington Wildfowl Park

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Y3 Water Workshop with Northumbrian Water

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Y5 School Nursing Team

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 1RD Discovery Museum

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Phonics Y1 Parents Meeting and classroom visits (9am)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - RDB visit to St Mary's Lighthouse

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - school closed for Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - RAW visit to St Mary's Lighthouse

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 1EP Discovery Museum

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 2CB Class Assembly

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 2CH Class Assembly

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Y4 Beamish 4VM

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Y4 Beamish \_4SB

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Y5 Athlete visit to school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - 4VM Class Assembly

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Green careers workshops

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Base Stay and Play 1:30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 4SB Class Assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Class photographs

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Kooth Mental Health workshop

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Geography Fieldwork Showcase

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Base 1 Beamish

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 1EP Washington library

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning

Friday 21st June - 5GS class assembly  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 1RD Washington library  
 Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit  
 Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic  
 Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light  
 Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit  
 Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits  
 Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance  
 Friday 12th July – End of Year reports  
 Friday 12th July - Summer Fair  
 Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS  
 Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM  
 Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly  
 Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Hilton	2CH Classroom
Monday	Review Crew	Mrs Kaur	Base 3
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3LC Classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	5GS Classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3RL Classroom/Wild Garden
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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These clubs start slightly later due to Terry's availability

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday STARTS 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Football Skills boys/Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field
Thursday STARTS 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	Football Skills Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field

## TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1\_UCPS or @TStarKS2\_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

## HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1<sup>st</sup> – 5JW 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3CL 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3RL

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 91.57%

EYFS/KS1 1EP- 96.25% KS2 5GS 96.92%

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