

Newsletter 17 – Spring 1



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Y5&6 Dodgeball festival 3:30pm-5pm	
Friday	U11 Girls football final 12pm-3:30pm	
Advanced Notice:		
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Esmae S (RA), Jocelyn (RB)

KS1: Dawn (1B) Jacob B (2B) Harley-James (2A)

KS2: Charlie (3A) Archy (3B) Mason S (4B)

The Hubs

Throughout Literacy this week, the children in Hub 3 have been exploring the different rooms in houses and thinking about what they do in there. One of our activities was to look in a bag of objects connected with a specific room, and use these clues to decide which room it is. Some of the objects were easy to identify and match to the correct room, but others were quite tricky.



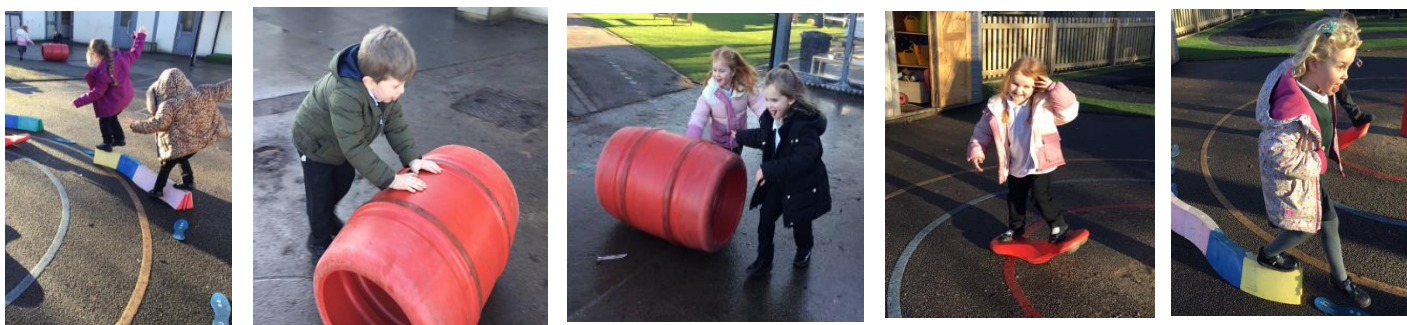
Nursery

This week in Nursery we have continued with the story 'Lost and Found'. The children have been working hard to help the Penguin, who is sadly still lost. After learning lots of information about penguins, they have been able to make posters asking if anyone has lost a penguin and placed them on display in the Lost and Found office.



Reception

We have been enjoying the different activities outside to develop our gross motor skills. We have been balancing, running and pushing in some of the activities with different resources.



Year 1

This week, we started our new topic 'The Toy Shop'. We brought our own toys from home in and showed them to our friends on our table. We discussed how these toys are 'modern' and can be found in lots of different types of shops (supermarkets, toy shops and online). We compared this with 'old' toys from the past and discussed how these toys would have been purchased from toy shops only, as in the past, supermarkets and the internet did not exist. We also visited some other 'shops' we would see in the 1950s.



Year 2

As part of our travel agents mission, Year 2 had lots of fun taking part in a Chinese dance workshop creating a traditional dragon dance. We found out information about how Chinese people celebrate Chinese New year and that this year is the year of the snake. We used parasols and a dragon to perform our dance.



Year 3

This week in RE we read the Christian Bible story 'The Paralyse Man'. As a class, we then acted it out.



Year 4

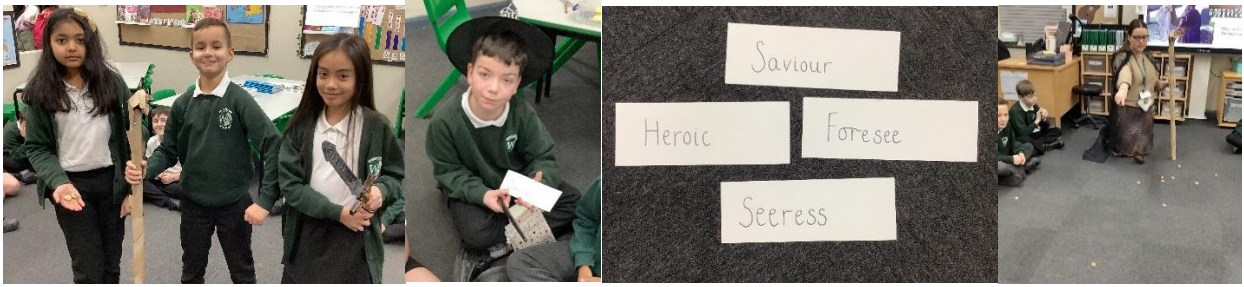
This week we incorporated drama into our reading lessons. We created a BBC News report using all our fantastic knowledge about rivers!



Year 5

In literacy, we explored different clues and vocabulary words to uncover what we will be writing about. We have learnt that we will be writing a character description of a hero like the seeress foresaw.

Miss Pennell got into role as a seeress and told us what she could foresee using the ancient Viking runes. We discussed how a brave, mighty and powerful hero was going to come from afar and help defeat the beast.



Year 6

In this week's science lesson, the children created a timeline of life on Earth. We looked at how long-ago life began and the way life on earth as evolved overtime.

To help us understand the time frame, we went outside to make our own timeline, using scaled measurements to help us show the distances between events.

It made us realise that, compared with earlier life forms, humans haven't been on Earth that long. Making the timeline helped us to make sense of this.

Modern-day humans –
present day

Single-cell bacteria –
3.6 billion years ago



Art News

Focus on Year 6

In Year 6 we are working hard to create our monochrome self-portrait stencils, inspired by Banksy. We have identified the highlights and shadows and we are learning how to cut away the shadows – which takes a lot of perseverance! This year, we have chosen to spray-paint our backgrounds, having enjoyed using spray cans so much when we completed our mural based on Jean-Michel Basquiat. We are having a lot of fun getting them ready for the final stage of spraying through our stencils!



Art Army

Mrs Walsh is recruiting an Art Army to help with naming and mounting artwork for the upcoming exhibition on 11th and 12th March. This will be comprised of volunteers who may be parents, arts ambassadors – or just helpful children! (Older children may be given preference as the jobs need to be done in a specific manner.) It will take place on Tuesdays after school until 4:15pm. If you or your child would like to help, please speak to Mrs Walsh directly to inquire.

THANK YOU!

PE News

Spring term is a busy term for sports competitions. Here is a list of the competitions and festivals coming up over the next few months:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>
Y5&6 Dodgeball festival	Thursday 23rd January
U11 Girls football final	Friday 24th January
Y3&4 Sportshall final	Tuesday 28th January
Y5&6 Netball competition	Wednesday 5th February
Y3&4 Gymnastics	Tuesday 11 th February
Y5&6 Basketball competition	Tuesday 11th February
Half Term	
Y5&6 Girls football festival	Friday 7th March
Hub 3 Games for all	Wednesday 12 th March
Y5&6 T75 Football tournament	Thursday 13th March
Y5&6 Timperley Shield Football tournament	Thursday 20th March

Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

NUMBOTS

