

# Newsletter 21 – Spring 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>		
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>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.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

**EYFS: Lilah-Jane (RA), Amelia (RB)**

**KS1: Renee (1B), Clara (2B), Adrian (2A)**

**KS2: Mia (3A). Naeva (3B)**

### The Hubs

After learning about The Great Fire of London this half-term and how the fire started in a baker's shop, the children have tried their hand at being bakers themselves today. They managed to make a very tasty loaf and not set anything on fire!



## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have finalised the story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children have been keen to help the penguin to build a boat to return to his friend. Using a range of different materials, we have been exploring sinking and floating.



## Reception

We had a great day at Peckforton Castle to celebrate Zog's graduation from Dragon School. First, we had a tour of the castle and created a celebration hat for the graduation. Then, we celebrated with some dancing and finished the day with songs from our Song Sack.



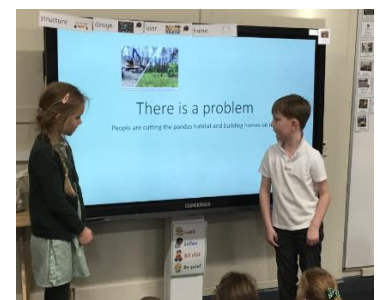
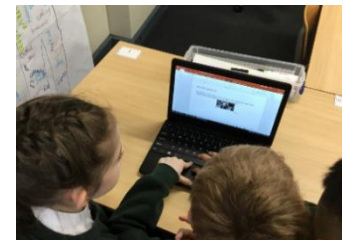
## Year 1

This week in Topic, in computing Year 1 used Purple Mash and the 2Go app. They had to use directional language such as forwards, turn right and turn left to direct their partner to the correct flower. They then used Beebots and playground mats. They learnt how to debug an algorithm when it went to the wrong piece of equipment.



## Year 2

As part of our research into China, we have learnt about the effect of climate change on the habitats of pandas. The children then created a PowerPoint presentation to teach other people about it too. We inserted images, typed the text and created a moving image by drawing a panda and exploring the meta sketch lab for the first slide of the presentation. Finally, presented our PowerPoints to the Year 1 thinking about using a clear voice and presentational skills.



### Year 3

In DT this week, Year 3 have been designing packaging for space food. It was lots of fun!





## Year 4

After learning about the negative effects humans can have on habitats, Year 4 students created PowerPoint presentations about three animals that face very different threats to their survival – polar bears, orangutans and black rhinos.

The children produced some really impressive work and were excellent at supporting one another as they learnt.

Their computing skills were absolutely brilliant and exceeded our expectations! They wowed their teachers and even learnt how to add animations to their slides – go team!



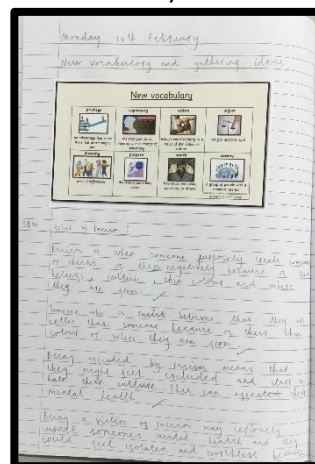
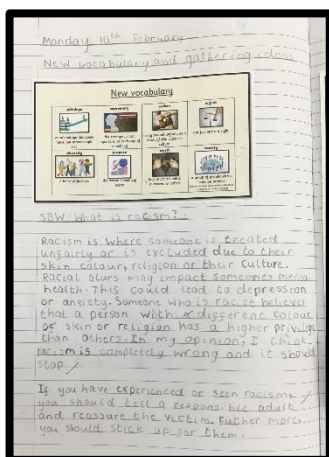
## Year 5

During our RE session, we continued to learn about the Hindu celebration of Holi. We read the story of Holi and created a 'story clock' to retell the events. Finally, we celebrated by throwing powdered paint over another as this is one of the traditional festivities.



## Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been writing a personal response to our session with Soulbox. We learnt so much about racism and how it impacts society. We have really enjoyed reflecting on this session and writing about the key messages and pieces of advice taken away from this session.





## Art News

### Focus on Year 5!

Year 5 have had the most wonderful time this week, taking part in a special art workshop with artist Victoria Turner. Together we created a collaborative mural that comprised of an elaborately textured background, overlaid with wing shapes that we painted, collaged, printed and drew on. This gorgeous mixed-media creation will form part of the celebrations for Crewe//Makes 2025 over Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be displayed in the old Clinton's Cards shop, where you can pose to have your photograph taken by it. There will also be many art workshops going on over that weekend in this venue, as well as the Crewe Makes ArtSpace. We are so proud of our creation and we had an amazing time!











### Mrs Walsh needs your help!

Year 2 will be working on some Kurt Schwitters inspired collaged work next half term. Any travel tickets or entry tickets into events that you no longer want would be very helpful if families could donate them to us. We also need some long-lasting greenery for a display. If families cut any greenery from their gardens over half term, it would be very useful if it could be brought in to school for use in art on the first week back.

Many thanks for your help! 😊

### PE News

#### Y3&4 Gymnastics

Well done to our 3&4 gymnastics team who competed at LS Gymnastics on Tuesday morning. Our teams finished in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Kaja, 4B also won an individual award for outstanding presentation. The children were fantastic and we are so proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Evanson for coaching them. Bring on the County finals in March!





## Spring 2 Clubs

Next half term clubs will continue to run from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. All clubs, including those delivered by outside providers, will be free of charge. All clubs, apart from invite only gymnastics, netball and sportshall athletics club will continue to run after half term. **If your child attended a club in Spring 1 they will continue to take part in the club in Spring 2, you do not need to sign them up again. If you no longer wish for your child to attend please let the office know and they will be taken off the list.** There are still places available in most clubs to sign your children up if they don't already attend.

Miss Brown's morning dodgeball club will continue to run each day from 8:20-8:40am on the all-weather pitch. Year 4&5 children can take part on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Year 5&6 children on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no need to book onto this club, children can join in when they arrive at school.

## Spring 2 Clubs

Week Commencing – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Lunchtime and after school clubs – KS1 & KS2

#### Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground/field
Boys & Girls Drumming (max 20)	4-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Graham Proctor (Outside provider)	FREE	Classroom
Boys and Girls Gymnastics Club	1-2 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4pm	Mrs Evanson WA Gym Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall

#### Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Sewing Club (max 15)	3 - 6	3:15-4:15pm	The Sewing Coach (outside provider)	FREE	KS2 classroom
Boys and girls Football (max 20)	3-4	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch/playground
Boys and girls Yoga (max 20)	1-2	3:15-4:15pm	Fiona (outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall

### Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Choir Club (max 30)	4-6	12pm- 12:30pm	Miss Latta & Mr Wilson WA Teachers	FREE	5A Classroom

### Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls dodgeball (max 30)	3-4	3:15-4.15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Irlam Hall/All weather pitch
Boys & Girls football (max 20)	5-6	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground

### Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Staff	Price	Location
Boys & Girls Town Sports Club (max 20)	5-6 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Adamczyk WA PE Specialist	FREE	Playground
Dance (max 15)	1 - 2	3:15-4:15pm	Sophie – Young Arts Academy (Outside provider)	FREE	Irlam Hall
Boys & Girls Town Sports Club (max 20)	3-4 INVITATION ONLY	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Brown WA PE Specialist	FREE	All weather pitch



## Y5 Swimming



All children from 5B will be going swimming after Christmas as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th January and will finish on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

The children will be travelling, by mini bus, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 5 team. Your child will need to bring in their swimming costume/shorts and a towel. If your child forgets their kit, we will contact you during the morning to try to arrange for their kit to be dropped off. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in the pool, so all must be removed before they enter. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come to school, if the children cannot remove the earrings themselves. In addition, long hair must be tied up.

If your child has a medical condition which prevents them from swimming, they will require a signed doctor's note; otherwise they will be expected to swim. If your child has a one-off medical condition on one of their swimming sessions, then please speak directly to their class teacher, or send in a signed note. We will not accept the children's reasons for why they are missing swimming, without confirmation from an adult.

## 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.



### Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?



## In the news this week

The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- > Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- > What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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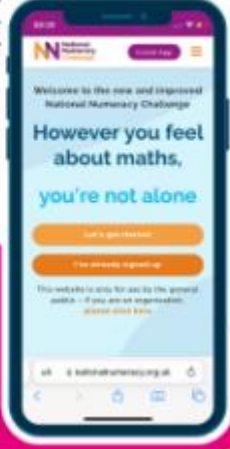




## Maths News

Calling **all** adults – Give the National Numeracy Challenge A Go!

Click this [link](#) to access the website or search 'National Numeracy Challenge' and begin to feel more confident with number.



The image shows a smartphone displaying the National Numeracy Challenge app interface. The screen text includes: 'Welcome to the new and improved National Numeracy Challenge', 'However you feel about maths, you're not alone', 'Let's get started', 'You're already signed up', and 'This website is only for use by the general public - if you aren't registered, please don't login'. The app is set against a background of a pink mountain range. In the top right corner, there are logos for 'National Numeracy Day 26 May 2024' and 'Founding Sponsor KPMG'. A green arrow points from the text 'Try the National Numeracy Challenge today!' to the app interface.

**Try the National Numeracy Challenge today!**

Start feeling better about maths in just 10 minutes with the [National Numeracy Challenge!](#)

- ✔ Practice in just 10 minutes
- ✔ Accessible on your phone
- ✔ Improve number confidence on the go!

Sign up and find out just how much your number confidence can grow ✨

## TTRS and Numbots Winners

This week, any child who has completed a Stage (rust/iron/tin etc) in Numbots or achieved a new Rock Status in TTRS (by playing 10 or more studio games) will have received their certificates. We will continue to hand these out every half term. Well done to everyone!

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

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

# NUMBOTS

