



NEWSLETTER

10th May 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week we took part in a Read Write Development Day, which allowed for an external school review of the teaching of phonics and pupil progress in our school. I am delighted to report that the review was entirely positive with all staff going above and beyond for our pupils, ensuring pupils make very good progress on their reading journey. Well done and thank you to Mrs Garnett, for leading phonics with such passion and determination. We are super proud of our pupils for working so hard to achieve such positive results.

Next week is Key Stage 2 SATs week and our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests. Our children really have worked their socks off and we are confident they are in the best position to enable them to do their very best next week. Good luck Year 6, we are so proud of your hard work and dedication to your studies this last year!

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information – or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](#)

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](#)

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	93.9%
Year 1+2	99.2%
Year 3+4	87.5%
Year 5+6	95.2%



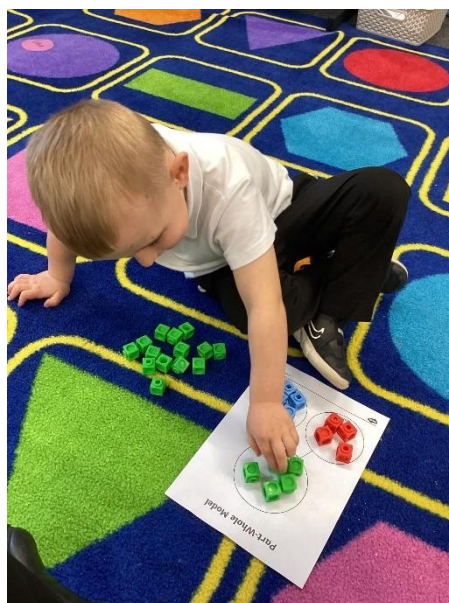
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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Miss Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

This week's story has been, 'Yucky Worms' and our nursery children have been all wormed out! They could not wait to make their own wormery; they collected soil and then went on a worm hunt, finding a worm each! Nursery compared the sizes of the worms they had found, dangling them next to each other to compare the length.

In Reception this week, we have been investigating floating and sinking. We made predictions and used different classroom objects to test if we were right. It was great fun playing in the water and learning at the same time. We have also been painting and carefully placing the pasta shapes onto string to make some amazing African necklaces, as we continue our work, 'On Safari'.





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

This week, we have continued with our English topic, 'Instructions'. We have been looking at the key features to enable us to write instructions for, 'How to make a Bird Feeder'. The children were introduced to sub headings, bullet points, time adverbials, adjectives and conjunctions so that they could create a clear set of instructions for someone else to follow.

In maths, Year 1 have started their new chapter based on multiplication. We have been using a range of resources and the knowledge of repeated addition to support our learning. Year 2 have been looking at 2D shapes, identifying them by looking at the number of sides and vertices, as well as finding their lines of symmetry.

On Wednesday 8th May, we commemorated VE Day by explaining to the children what happened on this day in 1945, and that this is why we recognise this day as a day of celebration - to mark Germany's surrender to the Allied forces in the Second World War. We designed our own medals based on the knowledge we learnt.

As part of our art lesson, we observed and sketched thumbnail pictures of the street view we had in Middleton. We looked closely at the buildings and the detail on them. We then looked at a range of artwork showing different places and buildings. We discussed how the images were similar to, or different from each other, using artistic vocabulary.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

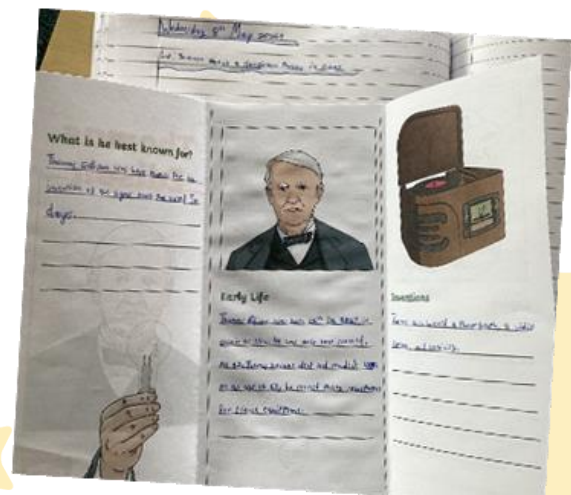
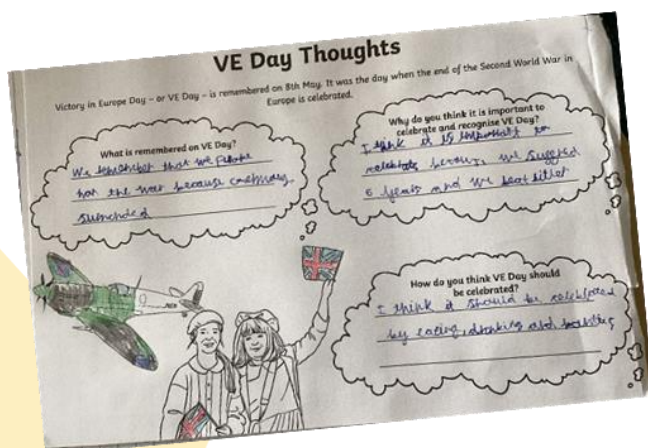
This week, Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying designing their own exciting rooms for Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. They have drawn them and used expanded noun phrases and the senses to describe their setting in preparation for writing their missing paragraph to the story. The children have come up with some very inventive ideas, from a bubble room to a marshmallow and ice-cream room.

In history, the Year 3's have been learning about the formation of the Roman Empire and the Year 4's have been learning about what aspects of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation were important to making them so successful.

In maths, Year 4 have been focusing on solving problems involving money, while Year 3 have been busy learning how to convert 12-hour time (including analogue) into 24-hour time.

In science, the children have learnt all about Thomas Edison, who was a great inventor and invented the lasting lightbulb for domestic homes, and many other things that have changed our lives.

For VE day the children thought about why it is an important day to celebrate and what this meant for people who were living through the challenging times of WWII.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, Year 6 have been working phenomenally hard in their final push ready for their SATs next week. It has been noted by all members of staff how determined and resilient this cohort of Year 6 have been in their preparations for KS2 tests. Well done Year 6!

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been enthusiastic about writing their non-linear narrative! I have loved reading each and every story to see how all children have changed the narrative. I'm also very proud to see that lots of Year 5 children are beginning to apply a range of grammatical features taught across the year in their writing.

On Wednesday 8th May, children learnt what VE Day is, its significance and how it was celebrated by thousands of men, women and children across the country. To reflect upon this moment, some children in the class decided to write a diary entry, as if they were a soldier, child or citizen amongst the crowds of London hearing the news of Winston Churchill, that the war had come to an end. Others decided to write a fact file explaining what VE Day is.



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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing to Rof 59
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 rd June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 th June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 th + 20 th June)
Friday 7 th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
Monday 10 th June	EYFS Trip to Wharton Park
W/C 17 th June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 th June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Years 1 and 2 Class Trip to Beamish
Wednesday 19 th June	Sport's Day
Friday 21 st June	Yr 3 Trip to Binchester Fort
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Tuesday 25 th June	Yr 4 Trip to Centre for Life
Monday 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wednesday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am