



NEWSLETTER

10th January 2025

A message from our school leaders:

Our first week back to school at Middleton, has been a great success. The pupils have returned happy and eager to begin the new term.

A few reminders as we start the year:

- A reminder that school shoes should be plain black (no stripes or other colours please).
- Children should wear their tie for school. Replacements can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £5.00.
- PE kit must be inline with the uniform policy. If you are unsure, please check <https://www.middletoninteesdaleacademy.co.uk/school-information/school-uniform>
- Only Y5/6 pupils will be allowed to walk home from school, following completing a school walking home consent form.

My door is always open, so please do come and see me if you have any queries, questions or feedback.

Mrs Harris

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.

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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 to images and videos you share to. 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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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 to 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~

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| Reception | 100.0% |
| Year 1+2 | 94.5% |
| Year 3+4 | 100.0% |
| Year 5+6 | 100.0% |



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This half term in nursery we will be learning about different explorers. Nursery enjoyed exploring the snow and ice outside on Tuesday.

This week we have been learning about people who explore space. We have built space rockets using junk and different types of blocks. We have looked at pictures of the moon. We have played in moon dust making different sized stars and finally walking in paint to make foot prints on the moon.

RECEPTION

Happy new year to you all! We have kick-started the new year with our new topic, 'Dinosaurs' for this half term. On Monday, the children had an introduction to dinosaurs; what they eat, where they lived and how they became extinct. They even designed their very own dinosaur masks, after carefully observing different dinosaurs' appearances. Reception is very excited about this new topic and have engaged brilliantly with our dinosaur themed provision.

This week's focus story is, 'Are we nearly there yet?'. Reception have enjoyed this story about a family's trip to Grandma's house and a forgetful family that has to return home several times. The children have re-told the story to an adult using some brilliant detail and quotes from the story.

In RE, the children have discussed things that are important to them and how Christians believe that everyone is unique and special to God. The children were given a photo of one of their classmates and shared what is wonderful about them.

Reception have had a lovely first week back! Well done Reception.





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislalie and Miss Spenceley

Happy New Year to you all! The children came back to school, keen to tell us all about their Christmas break. It is lovely to hear that they had such a fantastic time.

We have slowly been settling back into our daily classroom routines, by refreshing our phonics knowledge to ensure the children haven't forgotten any of their sounds, and all children have been given new reading books.

In maths, Year 1 children have been looking and counting numbers to 20. They have been using a range of resources to find numbers that come before and after a given number, as well as counting on from 10. In Year 2, the children have been focusing on multiplication facts from the 2, 5 and 10-times table. They have been recognising how these can be represented using arrays, number sentences and in word problems.

In English, we have been looking at poetry. We have read a range of poems, some of which include rhyme and alliteration. We looked at what we mean by rhyme and alliteration. We were then introduced to acrostic poems and used these features to create our own acrostic poem.

Our new geography topic this term is, 'Our Wonderful World'. During our lesson, we talked in detail about the world, what it looks like and the resources we can use to find out more about it. This led us to discussing the continents of the world. We sang a song relating to this and looked at the shape of each continent to help us remember their names.



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What have we been up to?

Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful Christmas and have recharged ready for 2025. We have lots of exciting things happening for the rest of the year.

We will be starting our swimming lessons every Wednesday for the term, beginning Wednesday 15th January, so the children will require their swimming kit on those days. They can also wear PE kits on Monday (for our usual PE lesson) and Wednesday (for swimming and ASC-Sports). This will hopefully help them change easily before and after their swimming lesson.

In our writing lessons we are starting with the fantasy genre before also delving into history, looking at the Battle of Hastings and 1066.

We are learning about Vikings in history, where we will have some special visitors coming in at the end of the month.

In science, we have started looking at electricity; where it comes from, what it is and how we use it.

In art, we will be learning all about weaving productions that have been used throughout history.



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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term! We have enjoyed having the children back in the classroom and hearing all about their exciting Christmas break!

We have begun our new topic; Britain at War WW2, which encompasses our writing unit. Our first writing cycle is a non-linear, five-part story which includes a flashback. We have used, the Literacy Shed video, Beyond the Lines, to develop and support our ideas for our story. So far, the children have explored figurative language, using similes, metaphors and personification in their writing.

In French, we are learning how to speak about our families. Our first lesson comprised of learning the nouns of our families and how to use la and le.

We look forward to developing our knowledge of World War 2 further as we progress through the half-term.



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Upcoming
Events:

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| JANUARY | |
| Monday 13 th Jan | ASC Gymnastics for Years 1+2 commences |
| Monday 13 th Jan | SATs Booster Club for Year 6 pupils commences |
| Tuesday 14 th Jan | ASC School Choir commences |
| Wednesday 15 th Jan | Swimming Lessons commence for Years 3+4 |
| Tuesday 21 st Jan | WW2 Rationing Workshop for Years 5+6 |
| Thursday 23 rd Jan | SATs Information Meeting for Parents, 3:30 – 4:00pm |
| Friday 24 th Jan | Sportshall Athletics Competition, Yrs 5+6 |
| Thursday 30 th Jan | Viking Workshop for Years 3+4 |
| FEBRUARY | |
| Monday 10 th Feb | Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4 |
| Friday 14 th February | FOMS Valentine's Disco |
| Friday 21 st February | School Breaks Up for Half Term |