



NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

A message from our school leaders:

This week, Mrs Garnett and I visited Maths lessons across the school. In these observations, we were delighted with the excellent enthusiasm for learning, the children's behaviour and the super progress and understanding in lessons. It was delightful to see children taking part in lessons so confidently and using their mathematical language well in context. Even our youngest children in Early Years put their mathematical skills to the test. Well done to all our pupils!

Thank you for your patience with the lane closure on Gas Lane this week. We are expecting the next round of works and the demolition to take place during the half term break.

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.

[Friends of Middleton School \(FOMS\)](#)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	97.5%
Year 1+2	94.4%
Year 3+4	96.8%
Year 5+6	100.0%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

We have had a fabulous week learning all about the Amazon rainforest and the different types of animals that live there. The children have loved looking at all the different animals that live in the rainforest, with the sloth being their favourite. The children have had great fun matching cards as well as making their own green tree frogs and fingerprint snakes; we also transformed our home corner into a rainforest where the children have enjoyed exploring and looking for the different animals.

RECEPTION

Reception have read 'Dinosaur Safari' as their book of the week. They have enjoyed reading a non-fiction text and learning new facts about dinosaurs! They used their new knowledge in writing lessons to fill in the blanks of a dinosaur text and answer some comprehension questions about the book. Reception have also learnt the definition of a carnivore, omnivore and herbivore. The children have learnt how to identify different dinosaurs by looking at their physical features.

In maths, the children have been learning about number bonds to 5. They began by looking at two groups of objects in 5 frames and then progressed to using a part-whole model to show the number bonds.

During our topic lessons the children have learnt what a palaeontologist is and have studied Mary Anning (a fossil hunter). After studying images of fossils, the children made their own fossil from salt dough. We made the dough together as a class and each had a turn at kneading the dough! The children then used a tool to carve a fossil shape into their dough.





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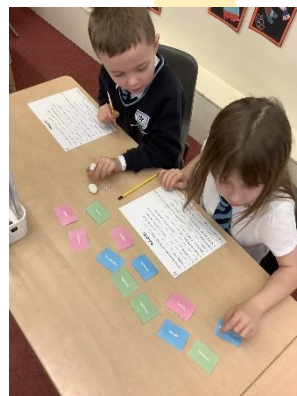
Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week, in English, we have been learning all about instruction texts. To begin the topic, we followed instructions to create our own paper snake. We then looked at the key features of instructions and designed our own trap to capture the Big Bad Wolf.

In our maths lessons, Year 1 have completed counting numbers to 20, number patterns to 20 and finding numbers more and less than. Year 2 have been learning about measure - in centimetres and metres. We have measured objects around the school using metre sticks, and used rulers to measure smaller objects in the classroom. The children have homework relating to measure (cm) this week, and should have been given a ruler in their folder to help complete this.

During our geography lesson, we recapped what the equator is and discussed what the climate is like in countries further away from the equator. This led us to talk about Inuit people and how they live.

In science, we continued to look at materials and their properties. We thought about what materials are suitable to make particular objects and why.





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

In maths this week, Year 3 have been doing some measuring of millilitres – the children got lots of different containers to see how much they could hold, while Year 4 have started looking at equivalent fractions.

Electricity is still the topic of the term in science and the children are continuing to explore how to make circuits. We even used our own bodies to become a circuit with an energy stick.

The children have been really enjoying our history unit, where we are looking at the struggles England faced with the Anglo-Saxon and Vikings. We have had a look at the Bayeux Tapestry to see if we could learn a bit more about the Battle of Hastings.

In computing, we have completed an online safety lesson where we discussed the difference between fact, opinion and beliefs. They learnt how it is sometimes hard to tell the difference when opinion and beliefs can be presented as facts online.

Our swimming lessons have been a continued success with the children's behaviour being exemplary again. Thank you, and have a lovely weekend.



.....a nice moment of calm after a very busy and active week!





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, we travelled back in time to World War 2, as we made a rationed sandwich. Jane, from the Dales Countryside Museum, visited us to deliver a rationing workshop, fitting in beautifully with our history and DT unit. In this session, children learnt what foods were rationed (including how many sweets you would have in a week), how to make their own butter and children also made their own rationed sandwich, that would have welcomed evacuees following their long train journey from the cities. Sandwiches included: banana, sweet, sardine and spam. Much to everybody's surprise, the sardine sandwich was a firm favourite in the classroom!

In maths this week, both Year 5 & 6 have started a new unit, Year 5 have begun their work on fractions (finding and ordering equivalent fractions), and Year 6 have begun their unit on algebra. Though Year 6 were anxious about starting the algebra unit, they have found to love it and have commented on how simple it is to understand!

We have also started a new writing unit; a non-chronological report on World War II. This week, we have researched information on the unit, created our own WWII dictionary, filled with technical vocabulary and started the first draft of the writing. All children are engaged with the unit of work due to its interesting historical nature.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
JANUARY	
Thursday 30 th Jan	Viking Workshop for Years 3+4
FEBRUARY	
Monday 10 th Feb	Gymnastics Festival, Yrs 3+4
Tuesday 11 th Feb	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Friday 14 th Feb	FOMS Valentine's Disco
Friday 21 st Feb	School Breaks Up for Half Term
MARCH	
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
w/c 10 th March	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
Wed 19 th March	Scholastic Book Fair in school (until Monday 24 th March)
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day
Monday 24 th March	EYFS + KS1 Mother's Day Family Brunch
Monday 31 st March	Tennis/Raquets Festival – Yrs 3+4
APRIL	
Mon 7 th - Thurs 10 th March	Parent's Evenings
Tuesday 8 th April	KS2 Easter Crafts
Friday 11 th April	FOMS Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 11 th April	School Breaks Up for Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Wed 11 th –Fri 13 th June	Residential Trip to Robinwood