



NEWSLETTER

7th March 2025

A message from our school leaders:

There is something quite magical about World Book Day in school as pupils fill the classrooms dressed as their favourite book character. From wizards, creatures and footballers to mythical creatures; there really is a book character that inspires the imagination of all our pupils.

Throughout the day, children engaged in online interactive lessons, they learnt more about some significant authors and even produced their own wonderful stories. We were blown away with some of their work, inspired by authors writing styles. The day was an opportunity to listen to some new stories and find different genres to captivate their interests, in the hope they will be encouraged to choose a new author to explore the next time they choose a book.

Thank you for your support with our portrait competition. The children have produced some wonderful character portraits and the winners will be announced in assembly on Monday.

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 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.

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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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

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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	100.0%
Year 1+2	89.6%
Year 3+4	95.8%
Year 5+6	86.5%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

What a busy week we have had in Nursery! We have been reading, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'Aargh, Spider'. The children had lots of fun drawing pictures of spiders, making sparkly spider webs with glue and glitter and made spider webs using string and masking tape. As it was Shrove Tuesday this week, the children were very excited to make their own pancakes; they got stuck in mixing all of the ingredients together, ready for Mrs Dobson to cook them. With the different toppings, they all agreed how delicious they tasted!

Thursday was World Book Day and it was lovely to see our nursery children dressed as their favourite book character.

RECEPTION

What an exciting time we've had in Reception this week! Our maths focus, this week, has been number 9 and 10. We have looked at different formations of the numbers and number their bonds.

In English, we have had two stories of the week; The Hungry Caterpillar and Caterpillar to Butterfly. The children have been very enthusiastic when learning about a butterfly's life cycle. They have ordered a butterfly's life cycle and used the correct vocabular to describe each step. We even have our very own caterpillars! The children were very careful when handling the caterpillars and enjoyed investigating them. We will watch them make their cocoons and turn into butterflies!

We have also celebrated pancake day and tried some different yummy toppings! The children were able to choose from lemon juice, sugar, golden syrup and bananas.

Another great week of learning.....happy weekend everyone!





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

It has been lovely to welcome our Year 1 and 2 pupils back to school after our weeks holiday.

During English, the children have enjoyed their new class text, 'Supertato'. The children had lots of imaginative ideas about what the villain, Evil Pea, in the story had done. They then went on to create a 'wanted' poster.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning the names of 3D and 2D shapes – they then identified these shapes around the school. Year 2 have continued to read and interpret pictograms, using a range of increments.

For World Book Day, the children all looked fantastic in their character outfits. Throughout the day, we completed a range of reading activities, including designing our own book cover. We have some super artists in our class! Also, some of the children in our class have created 'egg-cellent' book character portraits, made out of cardboard egg cartons – we eagerly await for the winners to be announced on Monday, of next week.

In RE, the children have been learning about the Easter story and why we celebrate this occasion. The children ordered the events of the story and were able to retell it to one another.





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Its Spring, Term 2 and the weather is finally cheering up! Year 3 and 4 have had a very busy first week back, getting into the swing of school once more.

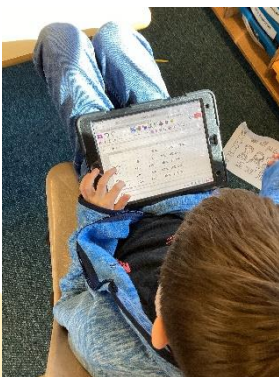
We have had the music man in on Monday; using their ukeleles, the children were 'riffing' with Mr Elliot and his guitar, which they all really enjoyed. They have had another great swimming lesson and enjoyed some World Book Day activities, of which there were some excellent costumes on show this year, well done everyone!

In maths, Year 3 have been answering the question, "What change should I get?"

It would be great to see them practicing getting change at home (we used various amounts such as £10 up to £50). Year 4 have moved onto decimals and are currently exploring decimal tenths and how to convert these from fractions.

Our writing unit has started with a formal letter to persuade Mrs Harris to make some changes to the school (many of the children are asking for a class pet..... 🐾)

We have also started our new geography unit where we are looking at land use and settlements.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Welcome back! Mrs. Emery and I, hope that you all had a wonderful half-term filled with lots of happy memories.

This week has been a busy one, especially as we celebrated World Book Day. We were astounded by the children's commitment to dressing up as their favourite character's. We began the day by participating in the 'Big Footy and Booky Quiz' - a series of book and football related questions asked by premier league stars. Children then had the opportunity to make their own bookmark and complete a book review on one of their most recently read books. The final activity of the day was to design their own book cover; children either took inspiration from one of their favourite books or redesigned the cover of a book that they had already read. It has been fantastic to see the classes creativity run free!

In science this week, we have continued with our unit on Evolution and Inheritance, exploring what genetics are and how they affect the traits that offspring receive. Children in the class thoroughly enjoyed analysing the Wesley family tree to see what traits each child received, and how grandparents and family members are also able to influence physical traits.

We have also begun our new writing unit this week; a narrative. This video unit comprises of writing a narrative in the perspective of another character. The video clip that we have chosen to use is The Girl and The Fox; a portrayal of a poor young girl who goes in search of the fox that has killed her ducks. What happens surprises us all...when she becomes lost and collapses in the snow, the fox acts as a protector and pillow until her parents find her. The class have already generated a lot of descriptive language for the opening of their narrative as they prepare to continue to write next week.





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Upcoming
Events:

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MARCH	
w/c 10 th March	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
Wed 19 th March	Scholastic Book Fair in school (until Monday 24 th March)
Fri 21 st March	Comic Relief Day
Mon 24 th March	EYFS + KS1 Mother's Day Family Brunch
Fri 28 th March	Tennis/Racquets Festival – Yrs 3+4
APRIL	
Mon 7 th - Thurs 10 th March	Parent's Evenings
Tues 8 th April	KS2 Easter Crafts
Thurs 10 th April	NELT Athletics Festival, Gateshead Sports Stadium
Fri 11 th April	FOMS Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 11 th April	School Breaks Up for Easter Holidays
Mon 28 th April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
MAY	
Thurs 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary Celebration
Fri 23 rd May	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th May	School Closed for Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 2 nd June	School Re-Opens to pupils
Wed 11 th –Fri 13 th June	Residential Trip to Robinwood
Mon 16 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 – Years 3+4
Tues 17 th – Fri 20 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 + 2 – Years 5+6
JULY	
Tues 1 st July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Wed 16 th July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair
Fri 18 th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday