



NEWSLETTER

14th March 2025

A message from our school leaders:

This week, our children delved further into science, as we explored and Celebrate British Science Week. British Science Week is entering its third decade in 2025, and the theme to mark the start of this new era is, 'Change and Adapt'! Changing and adapting plays a big part in science, and our pupils this year have looked at how plants and animals change and adapt to their surroundings, in order to survive. They have also explored how technology has changed exponentially and adapted to our new, busier lives. Well done to all our super scientists!

Our EY/KS1 Family Brunch will take place on Monday 24th March. This will be a lovely session in which our younger children can enjoy brunch with someone from their family. Tickets will be available from our school office from the beginning of next week, at a cost of £5. The ticket will include brunch for one adult and their child/children in KS1. We hope to see you there.

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.

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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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

Reception	94.4%
Year 1+2	93.1%
Year 3+4	96.8%
Year 5+6	95.2%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

We have had a lovely week in nursery, reading the book, 'We are Family'. After reading this book the children all talked about their own families and who lived in their house, as well as looking at different types of families. We also talked about the different pets we each have at home, which led to the children looking after the (toy) animals we have in the home corner – which was transformed into a vets role-play area. The children have also been using their sense of touch to feel different objects in a feely bag – they used words like soft, hard, lumpy, smooth, rough and squidgy!

RECEPTION

This week, we have continued our learning journey of butterflies. We have focused on the Monarch Butterfly and learnt about their journey from America to the UK. The children have enjoyed looking at their journey on a globe and flat map. We have also been checking our class caterpillars every day and noticed how they have changed!

In maths, the children have been identifying bigger and smaller numbers to 10. The children have also ordered 3 amounts, from smallest to largest.

Our story of the week has been a non-fiction book, 'Grow Your Own Butterfly Farm'. The book has taught us all about the lifecycle of a butterfly in further detail. The children have finished sentences about butterflies and recalled lots of interesting facts about the insect.

Super work this week Reception!





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

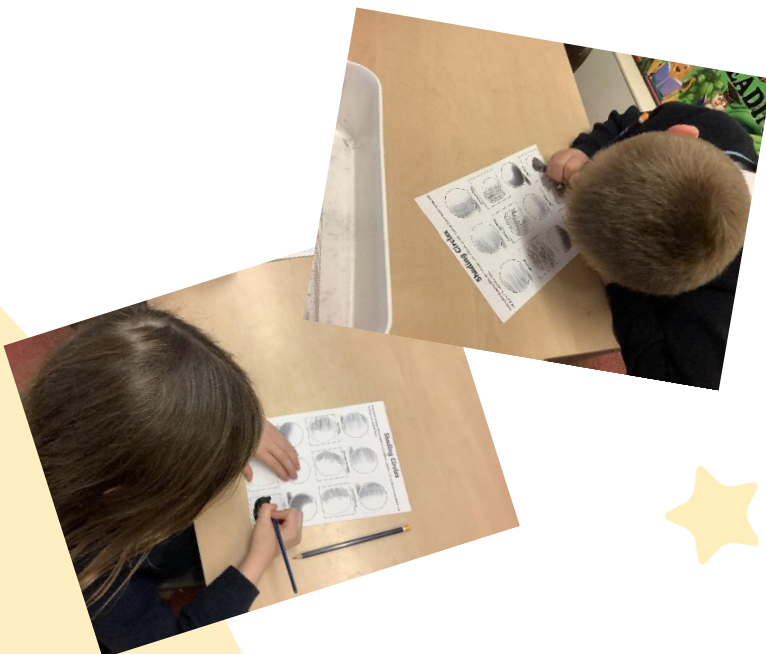
During our English lessons, we have focused on character descriptions. We used expanded noun phrases to create a character profile of Supertato. The children were encouraged to include conjunctions, to give reasons why they thought the character had certain personality traits.

In maths, Year 1 have been counting numbers up to 40; they have used their knowledge of counting in tens and ones to help them. Year 2 have been solving word problems, including addition and subtraction. They broke these problems down, to ensure they knew which calculations to apply to solve them.

As part of our history topic - Magnificent Monarchs, we looked in detail at the life of Queen Elizabeth I. We found out all about her life and what it was like during this era. The children were presented with a range of images from Elizabethan times and from the present time, to compare how things have changed.

This week, we have also celebrated British Science Week by learning about animal adaptations. We did this through a range of yoga poses, while an explanation of adaptations for each animal was given. Then, we completed a matching activity, where we had to read some facts and find which animals they applied to.

During art this week, the children practised a range of shadowing techniques, before applying these skills to create their own stick figures.





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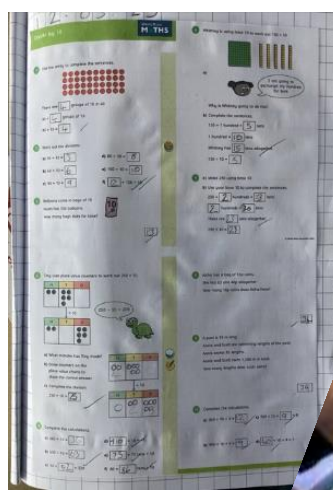
Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Another exciting week for Year 3 and 4. We have been celebrating British Science Week by looking at our own successes. We discussed what we are good at and what skills we have, then applied these to the Universal Framework that contains the eight essential skills to succeed. Once we decided what skills we have, we created some jobs that would suit someone like us. Specifically, we looked at 'Green' jobs that will help to save the environment or help reduce the amount of waste we produce as a society.

In maths, Year 3 have finished looking at money (although we will continue practicing finding change) and they are now studying time. Reading a clock is an essential skill that we can weave the learning into our daily lives. It would be great to know that they are practicing this at home. Year 4 have continued with their understanding of decimal tenths and hundredths.

In geography, we have continued to study the local area and thought about why we might settle in any given location. We will be completing some questionnaires soon too, so be ready to answer some grilling questions about Middleton!

Have a lovely weekend!





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Upcoming
Events:

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MARCH	
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