

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Termly Reports

We have had a very positive response to the new termly reports that we have shared with parents. The reports were sent via email last week and I know some parents have already engaged in further conversations with staff about the content.



Dogs

We do have a number of parents arriving at school for collection and drop off with dogs. It is important to remind people that dogs are **not permitted** on the school site. They must remain behind the boundary fence and away from the school vicinity.



Trainers & Hoodies



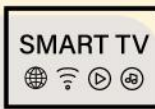
We are seeing a number of children coming to school in various trainers. These are not part of the school uniform. School Hoodies are for PE sessions only - they should not be worn as an alternative to a school jumper!

Payments Overdue



We have a number of school meal accounts that require topping up. It is really important that meals are paid for and that you ensure you keep on top of your payments.

Squid Games



I am really concerned about the number of children talking about Squid Games and trying to enact elements of it. This is across all areas of the school including children in our Nursery!

Squid Game has a rating of 15+ as the visual content includes high levels of violence and death. It also has graphic depictions of suicide, murder, and sexual assault.

It is clearly **NOT APPROPRIATE** for Primary School aged children and we urge you to ensure your child understands this.

Whites Wolves at the races

Class 5W had the fun of going to Catterick Racecourse to develop their maths skills



Achievement Assembly



Well done to all the children who
were recognised for
their effort and hard work in class



Fantastic



The Retreat Coffee & Cake



We would like parents to come along and share any ideas you have on ways you can get involved with things going on around school and build on our relationships with you and our links to the community

If you would like to attend please complete the online form that will be sent to you by the end of the day on Friday.



Drop in Session

29th January

1:45pm - 3:10pm

Mrs Gilpin, Miss Priestley & Mrs Burrows

FS1 & 2 Year Olds



FS1 will be reading 'Don't wake Up Tiger' by Britta Teckentrup. The children will be learning new words and preparing for a party. Look out for the NELI newsletter.

Check out the story here



The children in the Caterpillars will be exploring different foods, making snakes and using chopsticks and tweezers to work our fine motor skills.



Check out the story here

Dates for your diary

Forest school
Wednesday and Friday



FS2 Bear , Cheetahs & Hippos

In FS2 next week, the children will be finding out lots about the Chinese New Year which falls on the 29th January. They will produce some lovely art work in a Chinese style. We will introduce the story of 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds, discussing what we think and asking questions. In Maths, we will look at 5 and 10 frames in a fun and practical way.

On the 6th February, we are holding our 'When I Grow Up...' day. Please do remember to get in touch if you are available that day to come and talk to the children about your job.

A gentle reminder for the following items:
Book bags & reading records every day
PE kit on a Tuesday
Waterproofs & wellies in school every day

News from the Nest



The children will be Reading 'Dragon Noodle Party' and exploring different foods. They will try noodle and rice. The children will be pouring and scooping rice.

Check out the story here





Year 1/2 Ewes, Chameleons, Rainbow & Bluebirds

In English we will continue to use the story 'Beegu'. We will be writing a recount on Beegu's visit to Le Cateau School.

Year 1 will be including 'and' and 'because' to join their sentences and using time connectives to start them.

Year 2 will be showing an awareness of the reader by using a range of sentence types and adding lots of detail. They will also be learning how to write a list sentence.

In Maths Year 1 will be focusing on ordinal numbers and identifying positions in races and games.

Year 2 will be focusing on subtraction using the column method. We are encouraging the Year 2 children to apply their knowledge of number when subtracting.

PE continues to be on a Thursday and Friday. Please send your child in their PE kits. Thank you

Special Shout Outs for Y1/Y2

1 / 2 E - Malachi, Lincoln

1 / 2 B - Coby, Freya, James

1 / 2 C - Bobby, Rusi, Alex

1 / 2 R - Mivika, Teddy, Henry



Year 3 Hedgehogs & Impressive Llamas



This week we have been learning all about Pharaohs, the mummification process and Tutankhamun tomb. We have been exploring the discovery of the tomb and all the interesting possessions buried with him. Next week we will be archaeologists, exploring the tombs of Ancient Egypt. We will be creating our own diary of our experiences and documenting our findings. This will link closely to Geography as we look at counties on a map. In Maths, we will be looking at division, exploring how this links to multiplication and creating fact families. In computing we are continuing to programme and create on Scratch.



Well done to... George, Noah and Zohra in 3H, for working hard in maths, as we have moved onto division it can be a bit tricky.

Don't forget...

Indoor PE - Monday morning

Outdoor PE - Wednesday afternoon.

Children need to bring their reading books into school daily. When they have finished their work, they have the opportunity for quiet reading.

Some of the work in Year 3 can seem tricky as the children have moved into KS2. In maths we are moving onto division, if your child is finding anything tricky please let us know and we can provide some extra support.



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



This week, our pupils discovered how Rome was formed and how the Roman Empire began. The children are so enthusiastic about this topic and really excited to learn many more facts. In maths we are beginning to recognise mixed numbers and also compare fractions. In PE, we completed a Pentathlon challenge with some fantastic results.



Next week, we will continue to develop skills in gymnastics and basketball.

In maths we will continue to recall 6 times tables and see how much progress we can make across the week. In science we will continue to carry out experiments that demonstrate changes of state.



Well done!



Congratulations...

Butterfly of the Week: Amy for being ready for learning and always trying her best.

Tiger of the Week: Deon for perseverance in drama lessons.

Don't forget...

Wednesday pm - indoor PE.

Friday pm - outdoor PE.

We have several spare kits in the block so pupils will be encouraged to take part in PE unless we receive a specific message with a reason why they cannot be part of the lesson.



Year 5 Adventurers & Wolves



5W had a fantastic day at Catterick races on Wednesday, we got to see behind the scenes and some of us even got to present trophies to the winners. Everyone had a great day, definitely a trip 5A can look forward to in the coming weeks. You will have hopefully received a letter explaining about the different trips we will be doing this term.

In English, we have all written a diary as if we were the main character in our Class Novel, *Kensuke's Kingdom*. Everyone has done an outstanding job and the standard of work has been very impressive. Well done everyone.

Shoutouts this week go to Lola in 5A and Finn in 5W for excellent ideas and great work in our recent Environmental Art lesson. We look forward to showing you the end results in the near future.



Year 6 Stars, Hawks & Heroes



We would like to watch sections of the movie *Titanic* – it is rated a PG (Parent Guardian), therefore, if you do not want your child to watch, please advise your class teacher by Monday 27th January. We do not watch the whole film, just sections to inform and inspire our writing.

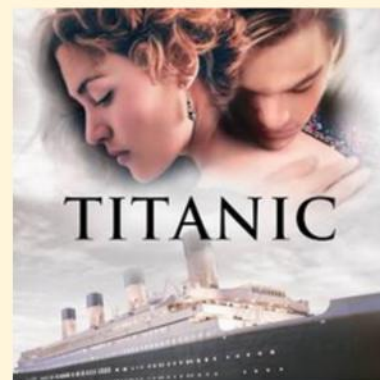
Monday 3rd February - Titanic dress up day – don't buy anything new, school trousers and a white top, maybe a flat cap or a waistcoat, even a bit of dirt on your face - imagine Jack Dawson in the Titanic. School uniform required if you are not dressing up.

Shout outs

6RH: Eroni - Working hard
Lydia: great contributions in English

6JH: Luke and Jenson great contributions in English and Science.
Amira, Summer and Charlie A for Maths reasoning work

6S: Gemma for brilliant fraction work.
Emily and Theo for using inverted commas correctly in dialogue!



Reminders:
Monday PE (Outdoor)
Thursday PE (Indoor)