

NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are coming to the end of a very busy term.

Our focus since September has continued to be on quality teaching, as well as making sure that children's attitude and behaviour in class is right for learning. We think the introduction of the pupil planners has had a big impact.

On 17th November we had our first monitoring visit from HMI, Mr Bamber Loizou. I am pleased to let you know that he judges the school to be taking effective action on the priorities outlined during our 1st July inspection. He has recommended further actions to support the school's development. These continue to focus on teaching, learning and pupil progress.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you have an enjoyable and peaceful break.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to working with all of you in 2015.

Mr Lambert - Headteacher

Attendance is
95.10%

A Big thank you to all parents in their continued support

'Missing School Is Missing Out'

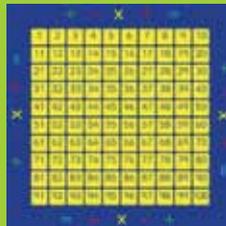
YEAR 1 English

It has been a very exciting half term in Year 1! In ENGLISH, we have been looking at Stories from a range of cultures. We have learnt how to use amazing adjectives and connectives to write character and setting descriptions. In poetry, we have used our senses to generate exciting vocabulary to write autumn poems. Our 'AUTUMN WALK' around the school helped us to gather ideas for our sensory poems.



Maths

In MATHS, we have compared the weights of objects using appropriate vocabulary. Did you know that we have been using 100 squares carefully to find numbers that are 10 more and 10 less. We love practising our 2 and 10 times table and applying it to solve number problems.



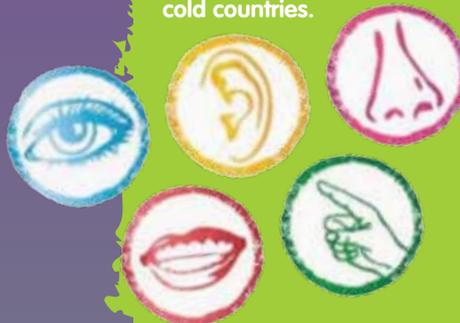
Topic

In Topic, we have been learning about the countries in the United Kingdom. The interesting part has been comparing the weather between different countries in the world. To support our learning, we are looking forward to visiting, 'DUDLEY ZOO' to look at animals living in hot and cold countries.



Science

Our science work has been all about 'HUMAN BODY AND THE SENSES'. We have looked at our internal and external body parts and how our senses help us in different ways.



YEAR TWO'S FLAVOUR OF INDIA!

5th November 2014

Children learnt how to speak in Hindi. They learnt numbers from 1-10, how to say their name and how old they are.

New Topic Unit

To introduce the new Topic unit, Year 2 experienced a wow day about India where we explored the different religions in India, festivities and food. This was linked through various subjects such as RE, art & MFL.

Throughout the unit children have also identified the world's continents and oceans compared similarities and differences between our schools, homes and clothes. As well as this, children received a letter from a child from India and wrote a reply telling him all about our school!



YEAR 3 English

This term the children have been learning how to write a good set of instructions. We have looked at lots of different examples of instructions and they have even had a go at making their own fruit salad and shortbread biscuits. These practical experiences have greatly improved the children's writing and we are very pleased with the final set of instructions they wrote.

Maths

Some of the Maths objectives that Year 3 have covered this term include drawing 2D and 3D shapes, recognising the angles in these shapes and describing different turns.

The children have enjoyed making their own 3D shapes from 2D nets and working with their partners to instruct them on the different turns they need to take. For the rest of the term we will be focusing on number and times tables.



Science

Our Science focus for the term was all about rocks. We have looked at the properties of some common types of rocks such as, granite and slate. The children have also walked around the school to see the different types of rocks that buildings and objects are made out of.

Geography

Our Geography focus was all about the different countries that make up the British Isles and the continent of Europe. The children have enjoyed learning about some famous cities and tourist attractions in our continent and have completed lots of map work.



YEAR 4



In year 4 this half term we have been studying:

English

Writing a recount based on a diary entry of a girl from Tibet who has to make a 6 day journey along a frozen river to get to school. We have also been learning how to write a non-chronological report, based on the film 'How to Train Your dragon' and inventing our own dragons.



Maths

- Counting in multiples of 10, 100
- Partitioning 2, 3 and 4 digit number
- Mental addition of 2 and 3 digit numbers (simple adding of hundreds, tens and units)
- Comparing and ordering 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100
- Compare and classify 2-D shapes
- Name the features of 2D shapes
- Classifying triangles and naming the different types
- Right angles in 2-D shapes
- Identifying acute and obtuse angles in shapes
- Lines of symmetry in shapes

Topic

Brazil and its geography

In year 4 we have also been undertaking an exciting project called 'Enabling Enterprise' which links skills such as listening, problem solving, leadership, and sharing ideas, with business. The project this term is called 'Brilliant Books' and is about year 4 promoting reading in school. We will undertake a new project each term this year.

The children are really enjoying it!



YEAR 5

We have had a very exciting half term in year 5.

In English we looked at explanation texts and created our own robot so we could explain how it works and the features that it has. Children were very excited to plan and design their robot and tell everyone what it does.

In Maths we looked at shapes, decimals, ordering numbers and roman numerals. Children became code breakers, attempting to read the roman numerals and convert them into numbers.

In science we have been looking at the life cycle of plants and other living things. We also investigated how plants disperse their seeds by looking on the playground to see what seeds we could find.

In Geography we have been researching countries, continents and oceans of the world and learnt a song about latitude and longitude so they can correctly identify the locations of different countries of the world.



YEAR 6



Year 6 are working hard and growing as individuals preparing themselves for SATS later in the school year.

In English this term we have been looking at persuasive writing. Children had the opportunity to visit Tvyccross zoo with the focus on whether it is right for wild animals to be kept in captivity. This really engaged and enthused the children's learning attitudes resulting in some fantastic pieces of writing across the year group. We are now moving onto instructions where children will be given the opportunity to carry out market research and design their own chocolate linked in with Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory.

In maths, we are still very focused on improving the children's number knowledge, particularly their times tables and corresponding division facts. All children are involved with our 'Back in Ttimes' scheme and we hope you at home are too on-board with this, encouraging and supporting them as much as we do in school.

In afternoon sessions we have been covering; Science, Geography and French. Our French learning is still in the basic stages of number, colours, days of the week etc. but children seem to be enjoying the experience and we hope to have them speaking in answer/question by the end of the school year. Geography we are focusing on 'Global Dimensions' where children are becoming familiar with location of continent and countries and how we can distinguish between these countries when looking at their physical and manmade features. Finally in Science we are looking at 'Living things and their habitats,' where children are learning about adaptation and micro-organisms with a particularly gruesome investigation into the development of mould on bread in different condition over this half term.



RECEPTION CLASS

In Reception class we have had lots of fun this half term and we are settling into our new school very well.

We have learned lots of new movements in P.E. We have travelled in many ways and we are learning different rolls and jumps.

We have also been involved in a wonderful project with Andrew the artist. We made 3D dinosaurs using weaving techniques and these are displayed in the classroom.

Don't be scared!



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014 - 2015

SPRING TERM 2015

Tuesday 6 January to Friday 13 February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February
Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

SUMMER TERM 2015

Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May

HALF TERM

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Monday 1 June to Monday 20 July

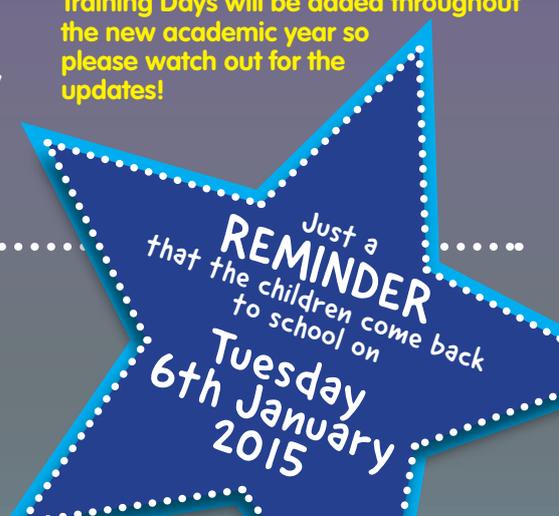
SUMMER HOLIDAY

Starts Tuesday 21 July

TRAINING DAYS

Monday 5th January 2015

Training Days will be added throughout the new academic year so please watch out for the updates!



Just a **REMINDER** that the children come back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2015**



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