



News & Events

I hope you had a lovely break and a Happy New Year to you all! The children have made a really positive start back and I am pleased to share that we have arranged a number of lunch time clubs for the children to sign up to in school. They will change each half term, if successful. These are entirely optional and are as follows;

Monday: Art club for Years 1-4

Tuesday Board games for Year 1 and 2. Chess club for Years 3 and 4

Wednesday: Clockenspiel club for Year 4. Art club for Reception

Thursday: Book club for Year 2-4

Just a quick reminder that children should wear full school uniform including black school shoes or boots on non-PE days. For health and safety earrings should be studs and make-up including nail varnish should not be worn.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Georgie

Reception Cyrus

Class 1 Corbin

Class 2 Sophie

Class 3 Brooklyn

Class 4 Ruby

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Wednesday 8th January

After school yoga begins for those who have signed up-places still available

Monday 13th January

After school sports club begins for Year 1 and 2 children who have signed up.

Friday 17th January

Swimming begins for Year 3 pupils

Wednesday 22nd January

KS2 Indoor bowling session-Swan Centre

Thursday 23rd January

Year 4 visit The Barracks to take part in a film for a light installation. Colourful clothes needed.

Friday 24th January

Burns lunch

Wednesday 29th January

Chinese New Year lunch-Wear something red!

Thursday 30th January

Chinese circus skills workshops-whole school

Monday February 3rd

Year 4 visit Berwick library for a fossil hunting storytelling session.

Wednesday 5th February

Pyjama day for National Storytelling Week

Thursday 6th February

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m. An opportunity for you to come into school to view your child's work.

Friday 7th February

NSPCC Number Day;

Parent and child game creation session 9 a.m. Children wear an item of clothing with a number on it!

Tuesday 11th February

Parent workshop on supporting behaviour and emotion. 2-3 p.m.

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

After school disco 3.20-4.20 p.m.

Friday 21st February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

Nursery and Reception

A very warm welcome back to nursery and a happy new year to you all! This week, we've had a busy and exciting time settling in our eight wonderful new starters and their families. It's been lovely getting to know everyone and we're so pleased to welcome them to our nursery community. To help our new friends feel comfortable, we've enjoyed some fun settling-in activities, including lots of play and exploring our wonderful indoor and outdoor spaces. We've been busy learning our nursery routines, such as handwashing, snack time, and story time. We've also been chatting about our Christmas presents and sharing stories about our holiday adventures. It was lovely to hear about everyone's exciting experiences. The children created unique New Year finger painting posters to welcome in 2025, the children enjoyed exploring different colours and textures. This week, the children have participated in a Yoga session with Rhiannon from Yogi Bairns, which helped calm our bodies and minds. Yesterday, we had a fantastic PE session with Nicole, where we enjoyed lots of energetic games and movement. Finally, our gardening group had a wonderful time exploring the garden and filled containers/water balloons with water and natural materials to investigate what the items looked like in ice.

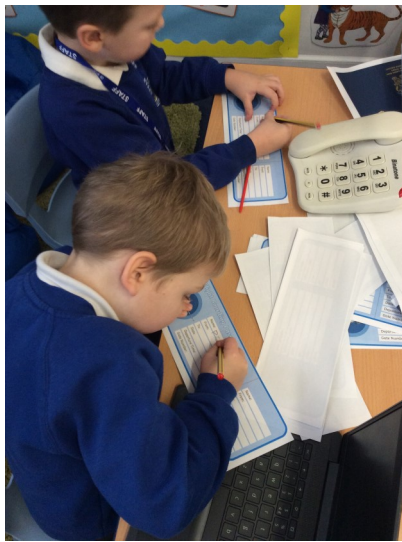




Class 1 and 2

Year 1 have had a busy start to the Spring term. In Literacy the children have written a letter of advice to Rabbit using adjectives and contractions to improve their work. In Numeracy the children have practically grouped numbers in to groups of tens and ones to partition numbers to 50. During Science the children named everyday materials and discussed what they are used for. In Geography the children looked at the differences between the town and the countryside, identifying key features. To finish the week the children enjoyed a ball skills session in PE.

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the Spring term. This week they have finished writing their leaflets about protecting the earth. They used questions, commands, exclamations and statements in their leaflet and used the conjunctions so that, in order to and because to extend their sentences. They discussed small



changes they could make to protect endangered animals and help to save the world. In Numeracy the children have continued their work on 2D shape, sorting shapes in to groups using Venn diagrams and finding vertical lines of symmetry on shapes. They have started to name and describe 3D shapes using their faces, vertices and edges. During Science the children named and identified everyday materials and objects that are made of them. In Geography they started their new topic 'Weather' and looked at how it changes during each season of the year



Class 3 and 4

In numeracy we've been developing our understanding of multiplication by diving into the world of column multiplication. Students are learning to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with confidence, using this essential skill in a range of problem-solving activities. In literacy we've embarked on a magical journey through Helen Ward's captivating book, "The Tin Forest." This beautifully illustrated story has sparked lively discussions about environmental issues and the importance of nature. In our literacy lessons, we've been focusing on mastering different verb tenses (simple past, perfect present, and present). Students are learning to use these tenses accurately in their writing, making their stories and descriptions more vivid and engaging. Our French lessons have been centred around the theme of "Je Peux," allowing students to express their abilities and interests in the French language. They've been practicing vocabulary related to daily activities and hobbies. In Religious Education, we've begun an introduction to the Islamic faith. Students are learning about key beliefs and practices of Islam, fostering respect and understanding of different religions. Year 4 have had a thrilling, busy first week back. In PE we took part in 'Restart the Heart' training. The children were enthusiastic and engaged. They thoroughly enjoyed the practical aspect of practising compressions on a dummy. The children were also amazing at remembering the DRS ABCD if they were ever to witness an accident; Danger, response, shout, airway, breathing, compressions and dial 999. In literacy we started a new book called 'Winter's Child'. Instantly we recognised the illustrator of this book is the same as our previous book 'Farther'. In maths we have continued to learn about multiplication and division. This week we have focussed on factors and factor pairs. In PE on Friday, we worked as teams to invent our own ball skills games. We had to create rules, write down a list of equipment that we needed and instructions that would be easy for another child to follow. We are excited to teach our classmates these games next week; hide ball seek, elemental tag and indoor sprint hockey.

