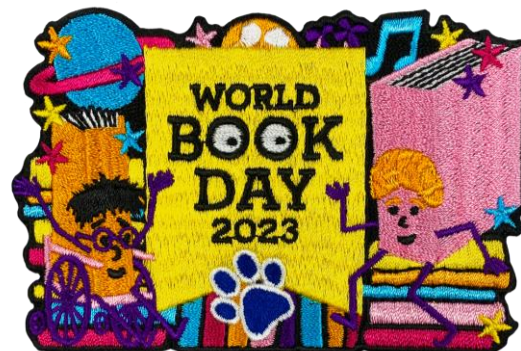


NEWSLETTER

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on **Thursday 2nd March** and the theme is 'Reading for Pleasure'. We will be focusing activities around this, but also celebrating diversity and individual liberty by reading some fabulous picture books about hair. We are asking that children come to school dressed in clothes that show their own diversity and individual liberty, but by also rocking a fabulous hairdo that expresses who they are!

We would also love it if you could join your child - either at the start or the end of school day - to enjoy a book, and simply read for pleasure. At the end of the day, each child will be given a book voucher which they can exchange in most supermarkets and books shops for a free book where you can both continue to enjoy reading for pleasure at home.



Reading Spine

We have developed a reading spine of books that are fantastic reads for each year group. The spine can be found on the school website, and it is now on the back of the reading journals. All of the books have been selected as they are simply amazing books designed to challenge and engage, and reflect a range of genres as well as inclusivity and diversity. All of the books have been purchased and are available in the LKS2 and UKS2 libraries now. The KS1 books will be available in the new half term when our fabulous new library has been installed.

School Forest

School have been working with Tiny Forest and iDigTrees who have both kindly donated over 1000 trees/hedgerows to school to help improve our local wildlife and the school environment.

Mr Makin, Mrs Maddox and Mrs Healy-Bullock have been working super hard with some of our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils to begin the tree planting. Watch this space as we involve more pupils over the coming weeks to continue with the planting process and then begin the maintain phase. Our younger pupils in EYFS will really have the chance over the next 7 school years to watch our Tiny Forest grow and explore the amazing wildlife that comes with it.



**Uniform reminder:**

- ✓ usual navy-blue sweatshirt (for outdoor PE, school logo optional)
 - ✓ usual white polo shirt (school logo optional)
 - ✓ navy blue/black sports shorts (no logos)
 - ✓ navy blue/black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE, no logos)
 - ✓ plain trainers
- ✗ Hooded jacket / jumper
 - ✗ Coloured t-shirts
 - ✗ Sports jackets / jumpers / joggers with sports logo

P.E. Days

Reception – Children should bring their P.E. kit to school on a Monday and take home on a Friday. Throughout the week, children will practice getting themselves dressed and undressed, including learning buttons & zips. **Please note that some classes have had a change to their PE days.**

Year 1: Tuesday & Friday

Year 2: Monday & Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday & Friday

Year 4: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 Swans: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5 Toucans: Wednesday & Friday

Year 6: Monday & Thursday

**Reading expectations**

All children are expected to read at least 3 times per week. This should be evidenced by a parent or carer signing your child's reading diary. We expect children to bring their reading diaries to school every day in case an adult listens to your child read during the week. If children either do not have their reading diary in school on a Friday, or have failed to read 3 times that week, they will spend part of morning break in the classroom catching up on missed reading time.

The reading diaries have been updated this academic year to include lots of useful tips to help with your child's reading and comprehension. They also include a list of spellings which your child some aim to be confident with by the end of the school year.

EYFS: Bookbags are to be returned Monday for new books to be issued by Wednesday. Bookbags should be brought to school every day.

Homework expectations

All children are expected to complete homework set by your child's class teacher. This will either be via Tapestry, for Nursery and Reception children or via SeeSaw for children in Years 1 to 6. Children who do not have access to a computer/tablet can request a paper copy of the homework from the class teacher. Homework will be set on a weekly basis and should be completed and handed in by the following days:

EYFS: Please make sure you are engaging with Tapestry to keep up to date with important information and to see your child's achievements!

Year 1: Please refer to SeeSaw for your child's personalised homework assignment which will include the due by dates

Year 2: Thursday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Wednesday

Year 6: Thursday

As well as homework set via SeeSaw, children in Years 1 to 6 are also expected to complete 30 minutes each week on TimesTable Rockstars/Reflex Maths and children in Year 3 to 6 are expected to do an additional 30 minutes each week on Reading Plus.



Our learning this term

Nursery have been learning all about people who help us. They have had some brilliant visitors in like the police, a fire fighter, a nurse and doctor and even our own Principal and Site manager. They have been role playing doctors, nurses, builders and ice cream shop keepers and have talked about what they want to be when they grow up.

Reception have been focussing on "The World Around Us". They have enjoyed visits from lots of people who help us, including the police, a firefighter, a doctor, and Mr Makin our site manager. They have been learning about London as our capital city. Ask them about things you might see in London!

Year 1 have been learning how to write a letter to describe their toy. They have enjoyed sharing many stories; their favourite story was 'Arlo.' In maths, they have been learning about numbers to 20, using addition and subtraction to solve problems. They have enjoyed reading and drawing maps to record and find different locations within our community.

Year 2 have loved learning about robot algorithms using Lego in their computing workshop. The children enjoyed building their models and learning how to control them using technology. They have taken a trip oversea to Africa in reading and writing, learning about Anna Hibiscus and her life and culture as part of a large, happy African family. They have learnt how to decode a map using the key, and had a go at drawing some maps of their own in geography!

Year 3 made a great start on their new book, 'The Wild Robot', and have enjoyed learning about the Romans in history. They have also enjoyed learning about levers in DT and forces in science as it's meant they have been very practical.

Year 4 started reading their new class novel 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and the children are loving it! In English, the children have written their very own newspaper article inspired by characters and events in the novel. In their wider curriculum lessons, geography has been a key focus as they have been learning about longitude and latitude.

Year 5 have been busy starting lots of new topics for the new year. A favourite of theirs has been their 'Earth & Space' topic in science where they have looked at the lunar cycle of the moon, the different types of moons which occur and how the positioning of the Earth on its axis determines our seasons. Their teachers were also really pleased with the artwork produced by the children surrounding their 'Nature' theme which allowed the children to experiment with a range of materials for a range of techniques such as applique to show texture; warp and weft using wool and raffia; and oil pastels and charcoal to show light and shade.

Year 6 have been learning all about volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes in geography, as well as the human body and the circulatory system in science. Their class novel, Pig Heart Boy, has linked really well to their science and the children have enjoyed writing an alternative chapter to the book.



Our learning next term

Nursery will be looking at plants and trees outside as well as things they can grow. They will be going out to look at our pond and hopefully going on a local walk to the park.

Reception are looking forward to a woodland walk in Sandall Beat as part of their 'In the Woods' topic. They are going to spot different woodland animals and make nature crowns! They are excited to read The Gruffalo as their core text.

Year 1 will be learning about animals including humans and the monarchy in Great Britain. They will be reading many more stories including 'Where the Wild Things Are,' and learning how to write a fantasy story.

Year 2 are looking forward to using their next class novel, Bill's New Frock, to inspire their reading and writing. They will be learning all about multiplication and division, as well as length and height in maths, so get a head start on times tables rock stars over the holidays! They will be creating using textiles in art and continuing to learn about the Muslim faith in RE.

Year 3 are looking forward to finishing their novel. They also have their trip to pizza express and Eureka to look forward to. If you have not paid for this yet please do so by Wednesday 1st March to ensure the trip goes ahead.

Year 4 will be learning about the Vikings and their conflict with the Anglo-Saxons. Their school trip to Jorvik's DIG experience was absolutely incredible and the children had such an exciting day. They even got to see Clifford's Tower and Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma Gate! Hopefully, this will spark lots of enthusiasm in the next term.

Year 5 will be learning about Mayans and Anglo-Saxons in their new History topic, which will involve learning about these historic groups of people, their inventions (some of which we still use today) and comparisons between them both. They will also be using their knowledge of computer programming from this half term to create an item in DT which will light up.

Year 6's learning will centre around World War 2. They will be visiting the National Holocaust Museum in Newark as part of this. The children will be looking at how the war affected Doncaster, and thinking about major events - such as the Battle of Britain - and how our lives might be different if the outcome had been different. Their English learning will link to World War 2 and evacuation.

SATs Boosters

Some parents have also been asking about SATs boosters. Some SATs boosters will take place within school. If your child had been chosen to attend an after-school SATs booster club, you will be notified the first week of next half term.

P.E

This term, Sandringham have had lots of opportunities for PE and Sport!

Year 3 have been working extremely hard in their Royal Ballet lessons and some children have been given an amazing opportunity to perform a routine in front of an audience at XP in Doncaster!

Year 3 and Year 6 have been working with the coaches from Active Fusion working hard on their gymnastics skills. The children in Year 3 have been extremely brave, conquering the top of the climbing frame and facing their fears!

UKS2 and KS1 have also been working on their gymnastics skills in After-School Clubs and have come up with some amazing sequences - the coaches were so impressed!

We have also tournaments beginning on Fridays at lunch time run by Mrs Maddox. These will allow the children to participate in different activities for prizes!

Attendance – What we expect from our pupils & families

- 97 % attendance
- Pupils to arrive in school on-time ready to learn
- Gates open at 08:40 & close at 08:50. Pupils arriving after this time must enter through the main office and be signed in by an appropriate adult, providing a reason for lateness
- No holidays to be taken in term-time
- Holidays taken during term-time may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)

**It's a Girl!**

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mr Metcalfe and his family on the safe arrival of their new baby girl, born on Monday 30th January. Mr Metcalfe is currently enjoying his time at home with his new baby girl but will be back in school on Monday 20th February after half-term (and hopefully some sleep!!)

Term 2b Dates 

Date	Event
Friday 10 th February	Last day in school for pupils
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February	School closed for half-term
Monday 20 th February	School reopens to pupils
Monday 27 th March	Orchestral Concert – parents will receive invite closer to the time
Wednesday 29 th March	Rock Steady Concerts - parents will receive invite closer to the time
Thursday 30 th March	Year 3 visit to Eureka Science Museum
Friday 31 st March	Last day in school for pupils – Easter half-term