

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 19th January

NEW STARTS

I have been very impressed with the children who have risen to the challenge of their new phonics groups. We have utilised rooms across the school and children have been with new teachers/ teaching assistants in new classrooms and they have really focussed on their learning and shown a great attitude. Reception, Year 1 and 2, start their groups at 9:00am and get their learning off to a great start.

Year 1 have been looking at Antarctica, and they have been finding out all about Emperor Penguins. We do our best to give children real experiences and we could say that they have experienced Antarctic weather, with the cold frosty weather we've had this week.

Mrs Hookway has set up the gym equipment in the hall this week, and she has been pleased to see children challenge themselves on the apparatus. Some children have climbed higher than they thought they could manage.



NEXT WEEK

We have maintained our current attendance of 93%. Let's see if we can raise that with everyone making an effort to be at school on time and only being absent when necessary.

Please ensure that your lunch payments are up to date as Independent Catering will be chasing up debts.

Monday 5th February – Nominations deadline for Parent Governor

Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February End of Term 3

Monday 19th February Start of Term 4



What a novel and interesting way to explore online safety for year 5. The mystery boxes represented potentially harmful and shocking things on the internet.

FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



YR	This week, we have been looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs in literacy and the children have written some lovely captions and sentences. We have started Drawing Club this week and we've been doing helicopter stories. The children decided to make one of our roleplays into a pizza shop so this week we made healthy pitta pizzas. They were delicious.
Y1	Year One have been working on writing poems about penguins this week. They have looked at how adding the suffix -ing changes the verb. They have used these words to create wonderful poems, and then added music to their poems using instruments! In art, the children have explored using different techniques to create penguin pictures, including collage and drawing.
Y2	Year 2 have been planning and writing a recount about the sinking of The Titanic. We have tried to use lots of descriptive language and conjunctions. In science, we had fun squashing, bending & stretching materials, and making predictions about what would happen. In RE, we have been thinking about why Christians pray, and what they pray for.
Y3	Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the life and work of Mary Anning, examining fossils and finding out about how they were formed in their Science lesson. In ICT, we used PowerPoint to make fruit bowl pictures and in PE we have been putting together, practising and performing gymnastic routines.
Y4	This week in year 4, we have been shocked by the research we have done about plastic pollution and as a result we are beginning to write our own persuasive speeches to tackle the use of single use plastic in our homes. In DT, we have been upcycling plastic bags into a re-useable item. In RE, we have looked what the parable the Good Samaritan teaches Christians about being a good neighbour.
Y5	This week, Year 5 have continued to learn more about Hurricane Katrina, retrieving information from a text. In Literacy, we learnt about the many features of news articles to prepare us to write our own, next week. During PE, we practised gymnastic skills, and worked together in teams to perform a routine.
Y6	Year 6 have been busy learning more about life for women in the 1800s and in particular, the rise of the Suffragettes. In science, we have been carrying out a comparative fair test and in RE thinking about what a community is.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4B

Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB
3TWB
4VC
4B
6W
6H

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL (THURSDAY)

5B