



A message from Mrs Tweed

Happy New Year! We are really looking forward to working with you and your children in 2025. The term has started seamlessly with excellent behaviour and learning across the school.

This week we have started our pupil leadership work and listening to their voices. Each class have started a solution circle. They have thought about an issue within school and possible solutions to make it better. The children have been buzzing with ideas and enthusiasm. I know they are very passionate about involving parents in this work so I am sure they will be in touch with you if they haven't already done so. During Friday Assembly we look forward to hearing more about their innovations each week.

Enjoy your weekend.





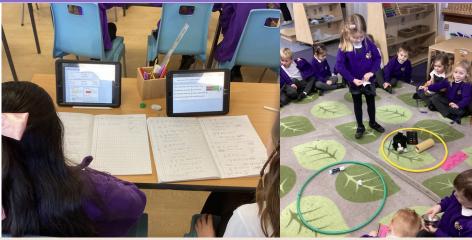
This week our class spotlight is Year Six

It has been a busy first week of Spring term in Year 6. In Reading we finished our class book 'How to live forever' and had some interesting reflections on the idea of living forever and how it links to our previous book 'Pig Heart Boy'. We are looking forward to starting our new book 'All Aboard the Empire Windrush' which links to our next History topic. In Writing we finished our explanatory texts on the Circulatory system, using our Science learning to include technical vocabulary and descriptions. We have been continuing our work on fractions in Maths, finding fractions of a whole amount. In Science we are moving on to investigate the digestive system. Researching inspirational individuals from different faiths has been the focus of our new RE topic, starting with the Sikh marathon runner Fauja Singh - aged 101! We have been testing our own fitness in PE. In DT we are investigating how to make structures strong and stable - we will be using spaghetti and marshmallows to build towers and put our ideas to the test.

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This week our subject spotlight is Maths

This week early years have been exploring length and height. They have compared real life objects and made long and short snakes from play dough. Year 1 have been looking at counting forwards and backwards from a number within 20. They have also revisited number bonds of 10 by each child making a number between 1 and 9 in cubes and then finding another child with the matching pair to make 10. Year 2 have been working hard on recognising coins and their value. Year 3 have started learning about multiplication and division by using their times tables knowledge to help them. In Year 4, pupils have learnt about factors and multiples this week. Year 5 have started using formal written method to multiply a 4-digit number by 1 digit. They have focused on clear presentation of calculations, using 1-digit, 1 square. Year 6 have continued their work on fractions by finding fractions of an amounts.

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House Points

This Week's House Points Winner is:

Palace House - 283

Tattersalls House - 325

Severals House - 280

Hyperion House - 270





Attendance



This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 98.28% Year 1 - 95.97% Year 2 - 98.33%

Year 3 - 100% Year 4 - 97% Year 5 - 94.64%

Year 6 - 95.54% Whole School Attendance - 97.11%





Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th January - Year 1 Forest School
Tuesday 21st January - Year 2 Forest School
Tuesday 28th January - Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 4th February - Year 4 Forest School
Tuesday 11th February - Year 6 Forest School
February Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Tuesday 25th February - Year 5 Forest School
Tuesday 4th March - Year 1 Forest School
Tuesday 11th March - Vision Screening for Reception
Tuesday 11th March - Year 2 Forest School
Week Beginning 17th March - Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 18th March - Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 25th March - Year 4 Forest School
Tuesday 1st April - Whole School Forest School
Friday 4th April - Last day of Term





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Happy New Year!

We look forward to updating you soon on events for this half term.