



### News & Events

Thank you for those who have returned the Christmas reading challenge forms. Prizes will be awarded next week. As this is the National Year of Reading we are encouraging children to read at home as regularly as possible as we get back into routine after the holidays. Thank you for your support with this.

### Stars of the Week

- Nursery Esme
- Reception Olivia
- Class 1 Tommy-Lee
- Class 2 Maya
- Class 3 Isaac
- Class 4 Mila
- Class 5 Hayden

### Diary Dates

#### Spring Term

Friday 23rd January

Burns lunch

Tuesday 27th January

Year 5 Dodgeball team festival

Monday 2nd February

National Story Telling week

Wednesday 4th February

Pyjama Day

Thursday 5th February

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

Friday 6th February

National number day. Come dressed in number themed clothes. 9 a.m. Parent/child maths activity session.

Wednesday 11th February

Valentines disco 3.20-4.30 p.m.

Friday 13th February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

### Nursery and Reception

We have had a wonderful, "troll-tastic" week in nursery! Our learning has been inspired by the classic tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have fully immersed themselves in the story, practicing their storytelling skills and exploring some big mathematical concepts through play. Our role-play area was transformed into a rocky hillside! The children used masks and props to act out the story, focusing on the correct order of events. We heard lots of "Who's that trip-trapping over my bridge?" echoing through the classroom as they practiced their different character voices. In the construction area, our little engineers used different sized bricks and planks to build sturdy bridges. They had to test if their bridges were wide enough for the "big" goat and tall enough for the troll to hide underneath! In Numeracy, we compared the different sizes of the three goats. The children practiced ordering objects by size, using language like "This goat is smaller than that one" and "This is the biggest goat of all." We have also practised counting three objects, recognising and counting aloud to 3.



It has been another busy week in Reception. We are all really enjoying our literacy book - Super Milly and the Super School Day - and have been ordering pictures from the story and retelling it in our own words. Everyone then created a story map that retold the story and we used our phonic sounds to spell out words, captions and sentences. In our topic lessons we have been learning more about people who help us and have been finding out about different emergency vehicles. Did you know that airport fire engines have a hose that is attached to its roof?! In maths we have been practising subitising to 5 and made our own subitising flashcards. We have also been practising our handwriting, making sure we form our letters correctly. This week we have been concentrating on 'a', 'd', 'c' and 'o'.





### Class 1 and 2

This week the Year One children continued reading 'Iggy Peck Architect' and enjoyed comparing the two characters in the story using adjectives. When writing they focused on using accurate capital letters for proper nouns and at the beginning of a sentence. They then designed their own home and labelled the different parts to make it sound exciting! In Numeracy the children ordered numbers to 20 on a number line and used tens frames to make the numbers to 20 by partitioning into tens and ones. During PSHE the children worked together to complete a class challenge and described how they felt afterwards. They then discussed an achievement they were proud of and shared this with the class.



This week, Year 2 has been very busy. In Literacy they have continued reading their book 'Tadpole's Promise' and looked at using noun phrases to describe the setting of the story. They looked at using alliteration in their description and then became detectives to find verbs used by the author in the story. To end the week the children wrote in the first person to describe how the frog was feeling in the story. In Numeracy the children have used Venn Diagrams to sort and classify 2D and 3D shapes according to their properties. During Science the children continued to look at the words used to describe the properties of different materials, including the words opaque, translucent, brittle and rigid.



### Class 3, 4 and 5

This week, we immersed ourselves in our new text, The Pied Piper of Hamelin. rather than just reading, we brought the story to life through drama. The children acted out various work roles within traditional German households to understand the setting. Things got exciting when we acted out the scene of discovering a rat in the kitchen! We used these drama activities to sharpen our inference skills, working out what characters would be thinking and feeling. The children then used these insights to write speech and dialogue for the scenes they acted out. In Maths, we have been reinforcing our understanding of multiplication. We revisited arrays to visually understand how multiplication works. We focused heavily on multiples of 2. The children applied this knowledge to solve some tricky word problems. We have begun exploring Islam, specifically looking at the 5 Pillars that Muslims follow to guide their lives.

This week in Literacy, Year 4 pupils learned about antonyms and explored words with opposite meanings. They worked collaboratively to create a list of antonyms and applied this knowledge within their learning. In Science, pupils studied the five key classification groups of vertebrates. They were introduced to and used key scientific vocabulary, including organism, vertebrate, invertebrate, and metamorphosis. In History, pupils began their learning about the Ancient Greeks. They examined a timeline of significant events and practised organising these events into chronological order.

We have had a fantastic week in Year 5. In English, the children have delved deeper into our new text, learning about the lives of African Americans working on plantations, and they have asked thoughtful questions and contributed well to discussions. Mr Moscrop was extremely impressed with the class's finished Google Slides presentations on the American Civil War, which showed excellent listening skills and creativity. In Maths, the class have been adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators – a tricky concept that the children have understood well. We also completed our North America Geography topic, with some fantastic comparisons made to our local area. Despite the cold weather, the class took part in hockey for P.E., demonstrating great skills, teamwork and listening, before finishing the lesson with small-sided competitive games. These are just some of the highlights from another brilliant week – well done, everyone!