



News & Events

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely Easter break. New dates have been added to the list. Next week we are marking VE day with all children welcome to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. Year 4 children are attending a dance workshop at The Barracks and themed activities will take place throughout the day ending in a tea party outside (weather permitting). As the weather has heated up and we are spending more time outdoors, please ensure children have sun cream applied before school and they are welcome to bring in named bottle for further application if needed. Can you also ensure all sweatshirts are named to avoid any mix ups?

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Donnie
<u>Reception</u>	Braxton
<u>Class 1</u>	Asher
<u>Class 2</u>	Jaxon
<u>Class 3</u>	Louie B.
<u>Class 4</u>	Havanna

Diary Dates

Summer Term

- Monday 5th May**
Closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday 6th May**
Class Photographs
- Thursday 8th May**
VE Day-dress in red white and blue for our tea party
Year 4 visit The Barracks for a dance workshop
8 children attend VE Day service
- Monday 12th May**
Year 1 and 2 Library for author visit
- Tuesday 13th May**
Skipping workshops Year 3 and 4
- Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th May**
Singing club workshops
- Thursday 15th May**
'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.
- Saturday 17th May**
Singing club attend Sing Fest concert 6.30p.m.
- Wednesday 21st May**
Year 3 and 4 Quadkids
- Friday 23rd May**
School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.
- Monday 2nd June**
School reopens
Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mrs Mutch's class)
- Wednesday 4th June**
Sports Day 1.30p.m.
- Thursday 5th June**
Year 4 visit The Glendale Show'
- Friday 6th June**
Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.
- Monday 9th June**
Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class

Nursery and Reception

What a fantastic start to our new "Roarsome Dinosaurs" topic this week! We've had a roaring good time exploring the prehistoric world, inspired by the wonderful story of "Harry & His Bucketful of Dinosaurs." This week, we took our first steps back in time and introduced the exciting idea that dinosaurs lived a 'long, long time ago.' The children were fascinated to learn about these amazing creatures who roamed the Earth before us. We also began the thrilling task of naming some of these incredible dinosaurs! We've been practicing saying their sometimes tricky names and learning a little bit about what made each one special. Our role-play area has been transformed into a land before time, with children stomping around as mighty dinosaurs and creating their own prehistoric adventures in our small world setup. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life! We enjoyed exploring the concept of capacity using our water tray. The children enjoyed experimenting with filling containers to different levels, using the vocabulary 'full,' 'half full,' 'empty,' 'nearly full,' and 'nearly empty.' It was a great hands-on way to develop their understanding of these important concepts.

Reception have had a great first week back. On Monday we began our new Literacy Tree book, 'My Shadow is Pink'. Inspired by the author's own little boy, the main character likes princesses, fairies and things "not for boys." He soon learns (through the support of his dad) that everyone has a shadow that they sometimes feel they need to hide. We each created our own shadow puppets to show what we like and went outside to make shadows. On Tuesday we had a brilliant day at The Hirsell. We made healthy pizzas and explored the estate. We found out about the crops that grow on the estate and planted some beetroot. It was a beautiful day and everyone displayed a high level of interest in the activities, behaved well and were very polite. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 and practising accurate counting. On Friday afternoon we really enjoyed working with Year 1. We potted seeds and planted out pumpkin seedlings in the school garden. (Thank you Mr Straughn for the pumpkins).



Class 1 and 2

This week Year 1 continued reading their book 'The Seesaw' and wrote a diary entry that included the days of the week and wrote a letter to the sea using the conjunction 'and'. Afterwards, they discussed the character's feelings at different points in the story. In Numeracy the children have recognised and made equal and unequal groups and have been adding equal groups. They recorded their work using number sentences. During RE the children retold The Creation Story and in Science they learnt about deciduous trees and evergreen trees. They then planted their own seeds in the little garden. All the children enjoyed our visit to The Hirsell where they looked at different crops in the field and made their own pizza. A super week, well done everyone!



This week Year 2 have continued reading their book 'If all the world were...' and discussed how the little girl, Sophie, felt at different parts of the story. They wrote a diary entry imagining they were in space and the things they did with grandad to make them happy. After, they looked at using commands with bossy verbs to make a list of activities Sophie could do to make herself happy when she felt sad. To end the week the children wrote a letter to Sophie to cheer her up and make her feel less sad. In Numeracy the children looked at halving shapes and finding half an amount. They then looked at quartering shapes and used arrays to find a quarter of an amount. During RE the children discussed who the 12 disciples were and learnt the important messages they told people about Jesus. In Geography they started their new topic Deserts and located different deserts on a world map and in the Atlas. All the children enjoyed our visit to The Hirsell where they looked at different crops in the field and made their own pizza. A brilliant week, well done everyone!



Class 3 and 4

What an exciting week it's been in Year 3! We've dived headfirst into our new book, "How to Live Forever," sparking some fascinating discussions about the pros and cons of immortality. The children have been incredibly creative, even designing some rather intriguing wanted posters for the lost book, imagining the potential dangers it might hold! In Maths, we've been tackling the world of fractions, learning how to add and subtract them. The children are now becoming familiar with important vocabulary like numerator and denominator. Our PHSE

lessons have focused on understanding stereotypes and exploring the diverse range of job roles people have. It's been great to see them challenging assumptions and broadening their understanding of different careers. Finally, we've embarked on a new History adventure, learning all about the Mayans. This week, we've introduced where and when they lived, setting the stage for an exciting journey into their ancient civilization.

On Tuesday morning, KS2 went to Berwick library to take part in a storytelling session. We listened to stories shared by Chris Adriaanse and used our imaginations to picture what each character looked like. In maths we have been learning about decimals. We have been finding out how to divide single digit and 2 digit numbers by ten. In literacy we started our new book 'Ever-Changing Earth'. We listened to a soundtrack and used this to predict what we thought the story was about. On Thursday Year 4 had a visit from Linda Bankier, she taught us about VE day and its importance.

