



News & Events

We marked number day last Friday with a really well attended board game making session. Thank you to all parents who attended. On Wednesday this week we have our Valentines disco straight after school. Please send in disco clothes in a bag for your child to change into and a donation of £2 per child. The disco will finish at 4.20p.m. and children can be picked up from the playground as usual. The money raised at the Christmas fair has been used to purchase 2 new l-pads.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Autumn
- Reception William
- Class 1 Riley S.
- Class 2 Morgan
- Class 3 Ollie
- Class 4 Emiya

Diary Dates Spring Term

- Tuesday 11th February
Parent workshop on supporting behaviour and emotion. 2-3 p.m.
Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12th February
After school disco 3.20-4.20 p.m.
- Tuesday 18th February
3 p.m. and 5.30p.m. Move to Primary meeting.
- Friday 21st February
School closes for half term 3.20p.m.
- Monday 3rd March
School re-opens
- Thursday 6th March
Reception-Year 4 trip to Lillidoerei
- Monday 10th March
Science week.
- Tuesday 11th March
Year 1 parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.
- Week Beginning 17th March
Parent's Evenings
- Friday 21st March
Comic relief; Dress up in red!
- Wednesday 2nd April
Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.
- Friday 11th April
School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter. No after school club.
- Summer Term
School re-opens Monday 28th April at 8.50 a.m.
- Monday 5th May
Closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday 6th May
Class Photographs
- Thursday 15th May
'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.
- Friday 23rd May
School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

Nursery and Reception

We've had a fantastic time exploring the world of fairy tales this half term, and one of our favourite stories so far has been "The Enormous Turnip"! The children have been thoroughly engaged in all the activities, and we wanted to share some of the exciting things we've been learning and offer ideas for you to support their learning at home. We've been learning to put the events of the story in the correct order, understanding how the story unfolds. We've used picture cards and acted out the story to help us with this. The children have been working on retelling the story in their own words, remembering the key characters and events. We've encouraged them to use descriptive language. Our classroom has been transformed into a turnip field! The children have loved acting out the story, taking on the roles of the different characters and pulling that enormous turnip! We've had lots of messy fun digging for "turnips" (and other vegetables!) in our tuff tray, developing our fine motor skills and exploring different textures. We've learned the names of different vegetables, including turnips, carrots, potatoes, and onions, expanding our vocabulary. The children particularly enjoyed printing with a range of vegetables!



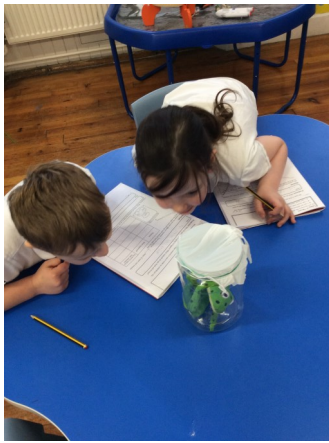
We have had another creative week in reception. Everyone is really enjoying our Literacy Tree book, 'The Magic Paintbrush'. At the end Shen scares the Emperor away by painting a dragon that comes to life! This week we created a texture print and then used this as a basis for our own dragon head collages. They look fantastic! In maths we have been exploring the composition of the numbers 6 and 7. We have used Numicon, counters and the Numberblock resources to help us deepen our understanding of these numbers. During the week we enjoyed our Boogie Beats session and Yoga (which was even more relaxing in pyjamas). On Friday we had a very successful maths game making session.





Class 1 and 2

This week Year 1 have been investigating a crash site after something strange happened in the classroom. The children have asked questions using the question words who, what, why, when and how to investigate the scene and found out that a friendly alien called Beegu was hiding in school. The children have created 'How to Look After an Alien' posters that included commands and imperative verbs. They wrote letters to Beegu to give her advice and created silly poems using rhyming words to ensure we could all understand her in school. In numeracy the children have been subtracting numbers up to 20 by using a number line and number facts within 10. In science the children carried out an investigation to find out which material would be most suitable to make an umbrella for Fred. The children enjoyed working together and experimenting with a range of different materials. In geography the children have been learning about important landmarks in the UK and used aerial photographs to identify them from up above. During PSHE the children discussed how to face new challenges and ended the week by making sock puppets of aliens in design and technology.



This week Year 2 have completed their book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and wrote factual reports about bears using real facts. They sorted the information under sun headings and included exclamations and questions. On Wednesday they started their new book 'The Minpins' and used the conjunctions 'or' and 'and' to write school rules starting with bossy verbs. In numeracy the children started work on multiplication, recognising equal groups and writing repeated addition number sentences. They have also drawn arrays to solve multiplication number sentences. During science the children looked at the process of recycling and what happens to plastic. They then discussed why recycling is important. In geography the children looked at extreme weather and made posters to explain how to stay safe in the sun. To end the week the children continued their work on observational drawings, looking in detail at fruit and drawing them carefully.



Class 3 and 4

On Monday, Year 4 visited Berwick library to participate in a palaeontology workshop. We explored fossils and found out about how they were created. We got an opportunity to be palaeontologists and dig for fossils. Whilst half the children were digging for fossils, the other children created their own out of clay. The fossils will be displayed in Berwick Library and the children have been invited to go and view them with their family. In science we have been learning about animal classification. We created an animal classification poster and found out some facts about the different types of animals. In maths we started to explore the length and perimeter of shapes. We had to work out the perimeter of certain shapes and

draw our own! In literacy we wrote a letter to the Selfish Giant telling him what we thought about him. We had to use adjectives that described attributes. As part of our art sessions this week we focused on using different types of lines in our work. We created Van Gogh inspired drawings and also looked closely at flowers and animals to develop our observational drawing. In history we investigated Sparta and found out about what it daily life would have been like for a young boy or girl living in Ancient Greece. In PE Year 4 finally got the chance to teach Year 2 PE games that they had invented. Finally, to round off another busy week, all children thoroughly enjoyed making board games with their friends and family.

