



# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

It has been another busy week here at Middleton-in-Teesdale! The children have settled back into their routines and are working incredibly hard. Assembly on Monday introduced the significant figure of Martin Luther King Jr as it would have been his birthday. Over the week, children have been learning about his work and why he is still acknowledged as an important influence in our world today.

Our after-school sports clubs have returned and we have had a good uptake in our after-school clubs. It is wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic.

We would like to thank you for your support and understanding with drop off and end of day collections, due to the icy weather this week.

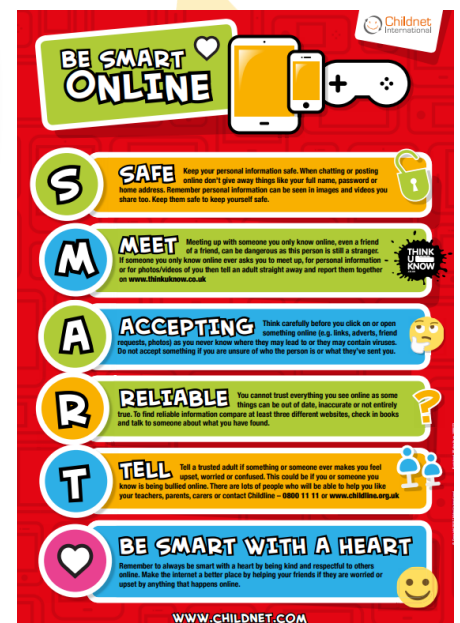
## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### ~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	87.5%
Year 1+2	96.9%
Year 3+4	98.8%
Year 5+6	94.7%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

Nursery have had a busy week this week, learning all about our story of the week, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have had some fantastic story re-tells.

We have some budding mathematicians who have identified numbers, 1-5 and 6-10.

Our week in Nursery ended by making our own shopping list, to buy the ingredients we need to bake cakes. We baked cakes just like the ones Little Red Riding Hood took to her grandma's house. The children took a cake home to their chosen special person.

In Reception this week, we have continued the Dinosaur topic, by learning about fossils and how they are formed. The children made their own fossils by printing in playdoh. We have also been learning about herbivores and carnivores through our book, 'Dinosaur Safari'.

In Maths, we have been exploring different ways to make 5, using cubes and numicon.





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## **Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven**

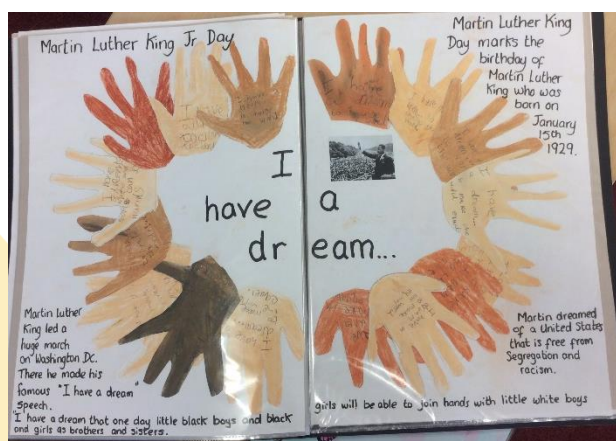
This week, we have been reading the text, 'The Ugly Duckling'. We described the ugly duckling using a range of adjectives, and described him again when he turned into a beautiful swan. We have also looked at making our writing more interesting, by using conjunctions to join sentences.

In Maths, year 2 have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and division and finding fact families. In Year 1, we have been adding by partitioning our tens and ones.

Earlier in the week, we celebrated 'Martin Luther King Day', by learning all about his life and his stand against racism, including his, 'I have a dream' speech. We then made our own joining hands poster, explaining what his dream was.

In Science, we have continued with our Seasons topic. We have had an in-depth discussion about why we have seasons, then we focused on what happens in the Summer.

During Geography, we have recapped which countries make up the UK and named the capital city of each country.





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## **Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock**

This week, the children have enjoyed returning to their swimming lessons. They all had a brilliant first lesson back after the Christmas break and showed off their ever-growing confidence in the swimming pool.

The children have been developing their mathematics skills in multiplication and division, they are making important connections involving their inverse operations and building their repertoire of methods to support them in solving problems.

In Science lessons, the children have been studying the properties of rocks and soils, and this week they set up an experiment to test the permeability of different types of soils, ensuring that it was a fair test, by using the same volumes of water and soil for each test.

During English lessons, they have been learning how to punctuate speech and planning their stories, to create tensions and suspense for the reader.





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## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

This week, we have had the opportunity to write our own gothic fantasy narrative, using inspiration from our class novel; Clockwork. Myself and Mrs. Emery have been enthralled by the children's stories. It was obvious that all children were captivated by their own writing as they let their imagination run free.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Emily, from Durham's Agency Against Crime, where she introduced Year 5 & 6 to the Police Crime Commissioners Challenge. All pupils will receive a challenge booklet to complete a bronze, silver and gold award. If all three challenges are completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> April, children will receive a reward. Next week we will send children home with a UV marker pen so that they are able to complete part of their challenge.

In Music, we listened to and appraised music by Adele, before practising our rhythmic skills on the glockenspiel. All children showcased their skills beautifully!

Our forces unit in Science, resulted in the class investigating friction. In this lesson, we observed and recorded how long it took for a car to stop on various surfaces (cardboard, carpet, bubble wrap and sandpaper). Children were eager to see whether their predictions were correct!





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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
FEBRUARY	LGBTQ Month
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	TTRS (Times Table Rock Star) Dress-Up Day for NSPCC
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS 'Chinese NY' Assembly for Parents/Carers
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Women & Girls in Science Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Festival - Years 3+4
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco (dress in pink/red)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
MARCH	International Women's History Month
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Tennis Festival - Yrs 3+4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1