



NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful half term break!

We would like to thank the FOMS for hosting our coffee morning today, it was a lovely opportunity to get together and have a chat about upcoming events. Those who attended had an opportunity to see our new school uniform and meet our Head Boy and Head Girl, who shared ideas from around the school.

On Monday, we will have a professional photographer in school to take images to capture the wonderful learning taking place. These images will be used for our new school website. Please ensure that children are in full school uniform, apart from Y1/2, who are required to wear their PE kits.

Just to remind you, it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children can come to school in their pyjamas as part of our 'Bedtime Story' theme.

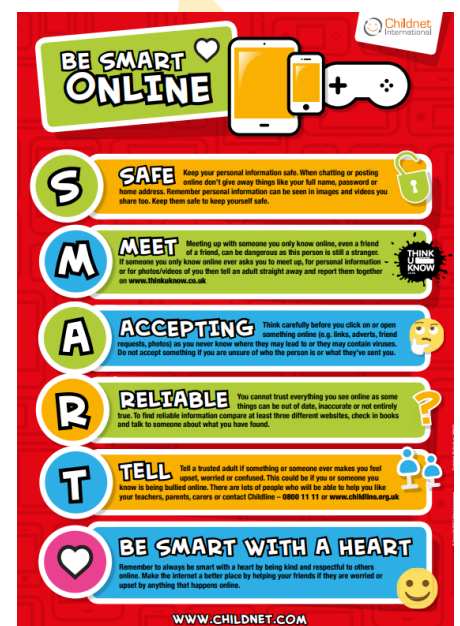
Reminders and Messages

- 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	91.7%
Year 1+2	96.3%
Year 3+4	96.6%
Year 5+6	90.8%



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What have we been up to?

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

This term, Nursery are learning all about space and have well and truly started off with a blast into space! Our story of the week has been, 'Zoom, Rocket, Zoom'.

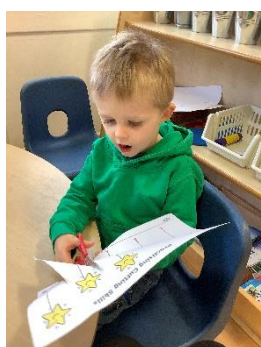
Nursery's faces beamed with excitement as they explored our space station area, with shouts of, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!". They have really tried hard using our wondrous words, 'astronaut, descending, blasting, launching', in context.

Nursery have explored our different areas within the setting, starry foam, cutting shapes and threading rockets.

In Reception this week, we have been learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have enjoyed reading and sequence of the story, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

In Maths, we have been learning about the number 9 and have explored the different ways to make it, using numicon.

We have also created posters to show how we can look after our world.





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislalie

This week, Year 1/2 have come back from half term raring to go! We have been introduced to our new text in English – Paddington at the Tower, which links really well with our Geography topic about London landmarks. We created a character description of Paddington, thinking of different ways to open and extend our sentences.

In Maths, Year 1 have been continuing to look at height and length, using a range of measuring units. Year 2 are continuing with their mass topic looking at items in kilograms and grams.

Our Geography lesson involved looking at aerial maps of London and labelling any landmarks we could spot. We also had fun looking at the London landmarks, using google earth.

In our Design Technology lesson, we have been designing a London taxi or a London bus and making and assembling these using a net template. We can't wait to add the axels and wheels to see if they will move!

To complete our Science topic on seasons, we looked at the amount of rain that had fallen over the last 7 days. We put this into a table and compared each day.

During our PSHE lesson, we talked about stretching ourselves and to persevere to reach our goals. We made a stretchy flower to represent how we can stretch and grow.



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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

This week, in Year 3 and 4, the children have been introduced to, 'The Iron Man', during reading and writing lessons, thinking about how Ted Hughes has described the character and what impressions this gives them, which they used to make some predictions about what might happen in the rest of the book.

The children have been developing their computer coding skills and learning how to write, test and debug the codes. They have also challenged themselves to use the skills they have learnt to design and create their own codes, to create short animations.

In Maths, the Year 4's have been learning to add and simplify fractions and are becoming much more confident with their work in this topic. While in Year 3, the children have been measuring volume and capacity. They enjoyed using different measuring beakers and noticing the differences and similarities between them and how the different shapes still held the same volume of liquid.



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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term!

We have had a fantastic first week back, launching our writing unit of, 'Three Little Pigs'. Although this may seem rather basic for Year 5 & 6, the story has been retold with a change of focus on the narrative; the three little pigs are guilty of framing the wolf! All children have enjoyed revisiting the traditional tale and making comparisons with the modernised version, which will aid them in writing their own narrative from a different viewpoint next week.

We continued to develop our DT knowledge on architecture, testing strength of structure with columns and bricks, ready to build a grand Greek building using all the acquired knowledge from the unit.

In P.E. this half-term, we made the most of the (nearly) spring sunshine, and began learning the skills needed for tennis outside. It was great to spend some time in the fresh air and meant there was plenty of space to practise their ball skills.

In computing we have been using Ipads to learn the basic skills of using a spreadsheet, converting metres to centimetres and vice versa. Most children picked up this skill quickly, which we will develop further in the coming weeks.

Next week we celebrate World Book Day. Remember, our theme this year is 'Bedtime Stories', so don't forget your pyjama's!





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
MARCH	International Women's History Month Value of the Month
Tuesday 5 th March	All Stars & Dynamos Cricket Taster Day with Darren Brown from Durham Cricket Club
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (dress in pyjamas)
WC 11 th March	British Science Week
Monday 11 th March	EYFS Mother's Day Stay & Play, 2.00-2.45pm
Monday 11 th March	Tennis Festival - Yrs 3+4
Friday 15 th March	Badminton World Cup Competition (teams from Yrs 5+6)
Monday 18 th March	World Down Syndrome Day
Thurs 21 st – Tues 26 th March	Scholastic Book Fair - being held in school
Friday 22 nd March	Girls Football Competition – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
WC 25 th March	Parent's Evenings being held
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 15 th March	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils