



# Newsletter

Friday, 1st March 2024

Term 2 Week 9

## Partnership

One of our core values is 'partnership' and we recognise the importance of collaboration and being part of a team. Dearham pupils exemplify this quality and we are very proud of the way in which they work together. During the recent Y5/6 trip to Robinwood, it was wonderful to see how they supported and looked out for each other as they united to push themselves beyond their limits and solve challenges. We were delighted by their attitude and behaviour and were extremely proud to receive compliments from Robinwood staff who were impressed by their kindness, their wonderful manners and their enthusiasm.



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This week in Nursery we have been learning all about our new season - Spring. We have enjoyed hunting for signs of Spring up on the big field, we searched around forest school to find insects, new buds, daffodils and birds. We listened to some classical music all about Spring time and found out which baby animals are born in this season.

Our sound for this week is 'k' and the children have been working hard all week to recap our sounds and have played lots of sound games like 'Bertha Bus' and 'Can you do the action? I have been really impressed with their listening this week! Some children have also been making letters out of stickle bricks and Duplo blocks!

In Maths we have been enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic. We have been practising our counting, making sure that all the bears had the right number of plates, cups, cakes, fruit and drinks. The children spotted lots of counting mistakes made by Mrs Norman and showed her how to correct them! At the beginning of the week we also spent time tidying up the outdoor area and the children helped to do some gardening. We planted lots of new seeds, which we are very excited about! We can't wait to watch them grow over the next few weeks. Well done Nursery!

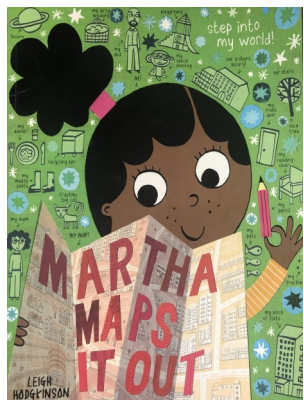


This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

**Alfie Burns and Ellie Ross**



# Reception



As part of our 'Journeys' topic, this week we have been looking at the story 'Martha Maps it Out'. We have been talking about the different journeys we have been on and the different forms of transport we use. Some of the children decided they wanted to create maps. Some decided to draw maps of Dearham and some children chose to draw a map of their bedroom.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to:

**Evelyn Clark and Violet Morgan**



## Year 1

This week we have continued reading 'The Storm Whale'. We watched a video about whales being beached and we heard lots of new vocabulary. The children then wrote sentences about how Noi could help the whale. In Maths, we have been looking at counting in tens. The children have grouped objects into groups of ten to help them count the objects. They have also looked at how many tens are in a number and how many ones. In Science, we have been sorting animals into groups. The children had to decide if the animals were mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds or fish and put them under the correct heading. They have also been looking at the structure of some sea creatures and labelling them. In Geography, we looked at British beaches and recapped the four countries that make up the UK. The children looked at photos of beaches and labelled human and physical features.

Well done Year 1, another super week.



## Year 2



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Y1 go to:

**Cohen Parker and Roni Peat**



We have had a fun week in Year 2 this week. In Maths, we have perfected our 5 and 10 times tables and have used these to divide by 10 and 5. In English, we continued reading 'Flat Stanley', we wrote letters to Stanley's friend, Thomas, as we get ready to visit him in California. We then wrote postcards to go back to Stanley's Mum and Dad, whilst enjoying our holidays. In DT, we made our own Flat Stanleys, ready for them to be put into envelopes and posted somewhere very exciting... more to be revealed soon. In Science, we looked at different ways that animals are born and their life cycles. In History, the children recreated 'freeze frames,' showing the moment that the first flight took place and in PSHE/ICT, we looked at how to communicate online safely; we made some online safety posters.

Great week Year 2, well done!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

**Mila Hetherington and Joey Dickinson**



# Year 3

This week, Year 3 have continued to build effective sentences towards their stories using 'The legend of Black Rock' as a prompt. We have looked at using adverbs, precise verbs and onomatopoeic words to make our writing exciting for the reader. In Maths, we have been looking at measuring length using mm, cm and m. We practised measuring and drawing lines accurately using a ruler. Our final lesson on The Romans was this week. We found out why and when they left Britain and what was their legacy left behind. We discovered that lots of things we use today are from Roman times. In Science, we loved learning all about Mary Anning, the fossil hunter, and discovering why isn't as well-known as she should be!

We are all very excited for World Book Day next week!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

**Poppy Hindmoor and Tommy Cosgrove**



# Year 4

Year 4 have had another very busy week. On Friday, in Design Technology, the children made some biscuits using their own designs. They took the finished product home in biscuit packaging which they had made in a previous lesson.

In Geography, we continued our topic on 'Rainforests' and described the characteristics of each layer of a tropical rainforest. In PSHE, the children learnt lots of facts about asthma and carried out an experiment using paper bags and straws to see how our lungs work, with some interesting results. In English, continuing with our Sicily theme, we wrote a diary entry to a loved one (from Sicily). In Maths, we worked on division, using two and three digit numbers. During our Dance session, rehearsals are starting to take shape for our Summer Show.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

**Ben Bromley and Rowan Jackson**

# Year 5 & YEAR 6

Many of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have had a very exciting week at Robinwood Activity Centre. On Monday, we arrived at the centre after a short hike and settled in our dorms. Shortly after lunch, we started our first activity of the trip. School staff were very impressed by the courage, resilience and communication skills of every one of our pupils, as they wholeheartedly took part in every activity.

Pupils were very enthusiastic about Robinwood's many 'escape room' and problem-solving activities. In the 'piranha pool', groups had to work together to crack the code to the exit door, before the time ran out and the 'piranhas' were unleashed for their lunch-time feed. In 'Knight's Quest', pupils had to work together in medieval inspired puzzle rooms, to reach the exit and complete their knights' training. Pupils also paired up to explore a mysterious crash site on Robinwood's grounds, investigating rumours of alien lifeforms being seen in the area!



Back in school, the Y5/6 children did a fantastic job of planning activities for next week's Book Day. They worked in groups to design book covers for doors and organised a book trail. They also took on a leading role in the Cricket lessons on Tuesday and demonstrated excellent leadership skills.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

**Emily Bishop and Gracie-Mae Lawson**



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

**Zac Sadler and Lacey Morris**

**PE Timetable—Spring 2 2024**

The PE timetable has changed for this half term. The following shows which classes have PE on which days. Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit, only on these days.

**Reception—Tuesday (PE)**

**Year 1—Tuesday (PE) and Wednesday (Cricket)**

**Year 2—Tuesday (PE) and Wednesday (Cricket)**

**Year 3—Tuesday (PE), Wednesday (Cricket) and Thursday (Dance)**

**Year 4—Tuesday (PE) and Thursday (Dance)**

**Year 5—Tuesday (PE) and Thursday (Dance)**

**Year 6—Tuesday (PE) and Thursday (Dance)**

**March Madness!**

There is a lot going on this month and so I would like to remind you of some key dates (as illustrated in the calendar that you received last week.)

**Wednesday, 6th March—FODS meeting 6pm**

**Thursday, 7th March—World Book Day—Dress up and potato**

**Friday, 15th March—Red Nose Day (Noses available to buy)**

**Courtesy Cups**

It was lovely to award the Courtesy Cups in assembly this morning to the following pupils:

Early Years — **Sonny Barker**

Key Stage 1 — **Jonny Frankham**

Lower Key Stage 2 — **Chloe McKenzie**

Upper Key Stage 2 — **All Y5/6**

**Community Cup**

This week the Community Cup is awarded to **Oscar Hindmoor** in Year 3 for showing care and concern for others. When a Year 1 pupil fell over, on his way home from school, Oscar ran over, gave him a lovely big cuddle and asked him if he was ok. He then proceeded to blow all the muck off his grazes on his hands. He double checked he was OK before walking to meet his own father at the bottom. Thank you for your kindness Oscar.

**Attendance**

Attendance for week ending 01/03/24

<b>Nursery</b>	100%
<b>Reception</b>	89.84%
<b>Year 1</b>	93.85%
<b>Year 2</b>	97.65%
<b>Year 3</b>	93.08%
<b>Year 4</b>	95.71%
<b>Year 5</b>	100%
<b>Year 6</b>	99.35%

Whole School Attendance = **95.99%**

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