



Newsletter

Friday, 19th April 2024

Term 3 Week 1

WELCOME BACK!

It was lovely to welcome everybody back to school on Tuesday morning. There was lots of excitement in the corridors as children caught up with their friends and talked about their holidays and all of the chocolate that they had eaten! We are now ready for our final term of this academic year and are looking forward to lots of learning and special events. We were also delighted to welcome some new people to our Dearham Primary School community. There were seven new pupils who joined us in Nursery and another two new children in Year 1. They are already settling in really well and as you would expect, are being made to feel at home by our kind and caring pupils. I am delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our teaching team; Mrs. Lucey has joined Early Years and will be working with Reception class every Wednesday and Nursery on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Brown, who has worked with us on supply, throughout last term, is now one of our Year 5 teachers. I know that they are going to make a valued contribution to our school.



Attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. Any absence from school

will disrupt your child's learning and they will miss out on invaluable teaching that their peers will receive. Children returning from a leave of absence are unprepared as their learning will build upon the teaching they have missed; this will inevitably have an impact on their progress.

Of course, if a child is sick, then their absence is unavoidable, but in all other cases, children should be at school during term time.

Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to maintain outstanding attendance and attainment at Dearham Primary School.



Mrs. Lucey joins the Early Years Team



Mrs. Brown joins the Year 5 Team

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This term in Nursery our focus will be on 'Traditional Tales'. We have started our Summer Term off with 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and have been completing a number of different challenges over the week. They worked hard to build a new chair for Baby Bear and have been retelling the story of the Three Bears with their friends, using props and puppets. The children have been learning how to use 'talking tins' to explore different sounds, including characters' voices and to order parts of the story. We have been exploring the outdoor area and have been using lots of resources to transport water and build on our problem solving skills in the water area and the mud kitchen. The children have enjoyed building their own assault courses and encouraging and challenging each other.



Mrs. Jackson has been doing some gardening and the children have been helping to plant new flowers and tidy up our outdoor area.

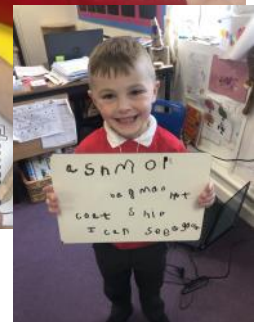
This week has also been very exciting as we have welcomed our new starters into Nursery and we are all really looking forward to getting to know them. Our older children have been fantastic role models and have been really supportive of the new children. They have had a wonderful first week!



This week's Headteacher's Awards go to: **All new starters**
Well done Nursery—a brilliant start to the Summer Term.

Reception

We have been so pleased with how well the children have settled back after the holidays. They are excited and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead which is so lovely to see. This week sees the start of our 'Spring and Growth' topic. We have been looking at one of our favourite stories 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we have been learning all about the different parts of a plant. We have decided that we want to try and grow our own beanstalks so we are looking at what plants need in order to grow well. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of odd and even numbers and are now exploring numbers up to 20.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to: **Ava Donachy and Freddie Varty**



Year 1

This week in Maths, we have been learning about counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. 5's can be quite tricky so if you could practise these at home too, that would be really helpful.

In English, we have been reading our new book, 'Handa's Surprise'. The children enjoyed learning about all the new animals and fruits that they haven't heard of before. They drew story maps to show what happened in the story.



Our topic this term is 'Kenya'. In Geography, the children labelled the seven continents and then located Kenya. In Art, we looked at pictures of 'The Big 5' and the children drew their own. I have seen some amazing rhinos, buffalos, lions, leopards and elephants. In Science, we started learning about plants and we are carrying out an experiment to see if a seed needs water to grow.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Y1 go to:
Nevaeh Adams Little and Alex Chinyama



Year 2



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:
Abby Penn and Ember Scott

We have had a lovely week back in Year 2. It was so nice to see the whole class together again after lots of absence on the run up to Easter.

We started our week continuing our 'Mass, Capacity and Temperature' topic. We compared capacity and volume and used jugs and water to measure in ml; we recorded our answers. We began our new English unit based on the book 'How to Hide a Lion' and learned to understand the difference between exclamations, questions and statements. In Geography, we started 'What's it like to live by the Coast?' and used maps to locate the seas and oceans surrounding the United Kingdom.



The children also did some wonderful non-fiction writing this week. In role as Neil Armstrong, the children wrote diary entries reflecting on their recent, successful mission in Apollo 11 and how it feels to be the first person to set foot on the moon. The children really showed their historical knowledge on the moon landing and they were fantastic to read.

Well done Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting week! They all came into school on Wednesday to their own iPad! These will go through the school with them to the end of Year 6. The iPads will be used to aid and support their learning.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, understanding the whole and comparing and ordering. We finished our work on 'The Legend of the Black Rock' and are looking forward to writing our own stories next week. In Geography, the children found out about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton and we used 4-figure grid references to plot his final expedition to Antarctica in 1914. The class were very excited to start our new French topic, 'Au salon de thé' and we have lots of ideas about how we can share our new language skills with the rest of the school!



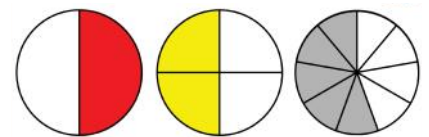
This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:
Reece Cook and Sophia McKenzie



Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the Summer Term. We started our new maths unit on 'Fractions' this week. Although understanding mixed numbers has been a challenge, the class have shown great determination and effort in their learning!

We have also started a new History topic, which is 'How have children's lives changed?'. To start this unit, the children were given sources from various different times in history to discuss and compare the life of children. They had some fantastic ideas about the continuities and changes shown in the images. The class were all very shocked to learn that some Tudor children had to go to work at the age they are now!



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



Jack Gibson and Scarlett Chilton

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term!

In English, we have been looking at the 'World of Pandora' and fact finding to enhance our research skills and enable us to use different clause structures in our writing.

In Maths, we have been looking at Statistics and how to create line graphs to display information. We have also been interpreting and extracting information from our line graphs. In computing we have created 2D and 3D house designs, which are all fabulous!



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

Amber Todd and Zoe Gaskell



YEAR 6



What a busy first week back! We have spent most of our mornings revising to prepare for our upcoming tests. We played whole class games, took part in Kahoots; completed challenging LBQ's; worked with a partner to complete past papers and worked independently. We are very proud of how many of the children have used online platforms, such as BBC Bitesize, to revise over the Easter break.

We also started our new Music topic, which is 'Theme and Variation'. We used Pop Art, created by Andy Warhol, to inspire us when creating our own rhythms. We looked at the colours to decide on the pace and volume of the rhythm we created.

We continued to work on our dance in Thursday's PE session. We remembered all of the moves and added to, whilst perfecting the part we already knew. We are working well as a team to support each other.



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

Oscar Frankham and Isaac Jackson



Courtesy Cups

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

Early Years — **Daisy-Bell Haynes**


Key Stage 1 — **Jax Young**

Lower Key Stage 2 — **Mykyta Aboimov**

Upper Key Stage 2 — **Ozzy Gorst**



Musician of the Month

 We recognise that Music is an important part of a broad and balanced curriculum. We will now be celebrating a different musician each month. During April, we are focusing upon 'The Beatles'. We listened to some of their music during our assembly this week and sang 'All You Need Is Love' together, as thought about their message of 'Peace'.

Term Dates

Autumn Term

6th September—19th December



Spring Term

4th January—28th March



Summer Term

16th April—19th July (1:30pm)

(Half Term: 27th May—31st May)



Attendance



Attendance for week ending 19/04/24

Nursery	100%
Reception	95.97%
Year 1	95.09%
Year 2	98.16%
Year 3	93.50%
Year 4	91.96%
Year 5	98.83%
Year 6	97.98%

Whole School Attendance = **96.39%**

Useful Information



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