



Newsletter

Friday, 12th January 2024

Term 2 Week 2

Thank you

The theme of our assembly this morning was 'Kindness' and I have certainly seen plenty of that since I arrived. I would like to express a big thank you to all members of the Dearham Primary School community for the wonderful, warm welcome that I have received. It has been lovely getting to know the children and meeting many of you at the school gates this week. Please come and say hello if you see me around.



Fire Drill

On Thursday afternoon we had a fire drill. The children were very calm and sensible and we were able to evacuate the building and account for everybody on site in under four minutes.

Well done all!

Parking—The Went

Thank you for your cooperation with parking this afternoon, following the letter that I sent regarding The Went. I appreciate that this is difficult and am looking to find solutions. If you have any ideas about how we can alleviate some of the congestion at pick up times, please do let me know.

Thank you to those parents who have already called in and shared their thoughts and ideas.

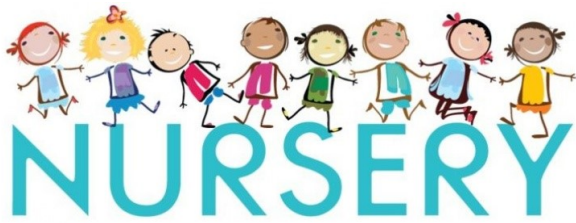
Birthday Cakes

Birthdays are a special time and we are always happy to celebrate with the children and to sing 'Happy Birthday' to them in class. However, the safety of our children is paramount and so I cannot allow birthday cakes to be shared in school as we cannot risk any allergies. You will have heard in the news recently, about the man who died following a severe allergic reaction to a pizza which he ordered, as this had been contaminated with peanut traces!

You will also appreciate that the cost of living at the moment means that many people are struggling and so do not need the added pressure of having to buy a cake to feed 30+ so that their child does not feel left out. Birthday cakes will not be shared in school and are best saved for celebrations at home. Thank you for your understanding.



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This week in Nursery we have been welcoming the children back after our Christmas break and talking about what we have been doing over the holidays. We had a very exciting Circle Time, where the children talked about their favourite things, which they got for Christmas and the time they spent with their families. We have also been looking for signs of Winter and the changes we have seen from Autumn. We spent yesterday afternoon decorating snowflakes.

In Phonics, we looked at our new sound 'n' and played lots of games to practise this. The children also had fun practising their cutting skills and writing their names.

The children have settled back in to Nursery very well and we have really enjoyed welcoming in our new starters!

Well done everyone! Another wonderful week.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Nuirserly go to:
Brody Lawrence and Harry McGraffin

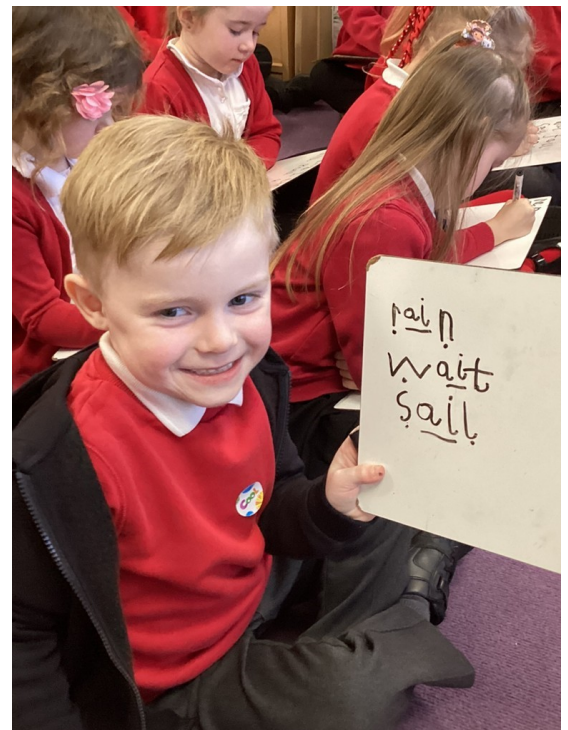
Congratulations!

Reception

Another busy week in Reception! We are learning some new digraphs in Phonics and have been continuing to work hard on letter formation. It is a joy to see the children practising their writing in all areas of the classroom and seeing how proud they are of their achievements.

Our topic this half term is 'Winter' and we have been reading lots of stories together, with a winter theme. One of our favourite books is 'Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kohara and we were so excited to see lots of frost around the school grounds this week! The children had a great time using the mash cams to turn themselves into a snowman! We have displayed them on the Reception door so come and have a look!

In Maths, we are working hard to consolidate the children's understanding of numbers 1-5 and we have really enjoyed playing games together, which not only help to build maths skills, but are ideal for working collaboratively and turn taking. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled back into routine and the enthusiasm they continue to show towards their learning. A huge well done to them all.



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

Daisy-Belle Haynes and Joey Denwood



Year 1

This week we have started reading our new book, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have been predicting what they think will happen and answering questions about the story. In Maths, we looked at numbers to 20 and focused on understanding 'number 10'. In Science, we started to learn about 'The Human Body'. The children really enjoyed drawing round each other and labelling their bodies. Our new topic is 'The Seaside'. This week we looked at the different features of the seaside and were detectives, looking at old photos to find information about the past. In Art, the children looked at step by step diagrams of drawing a lighthouse and then drew their own. They have all done such an amazing job.

What a super first full week back!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

Oakley Robertson and Isaac Smith

Congratulations!



Year 2



A new term means starting exciting new topics in Year 2.

In English, we are reading 'The Colour Monster' and are carrying out a writing-based unit on the book, including character descriptions and poetry. We described the happy monster and came up with some similes for it. They were all fantastic but 'happiness sparkles like the brightest gem on earth' (Ember's words) stuck out to me. In Geography, we are looking at 'How our world is wonderful' and we are investigating 'Materials' in Science. We are continuing to look at health and wellbeing in PSHE and this week we focused on relaxation; we practised some breathing exercises to help us do this.

Over all a great first week back, well done Year 2!



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

Matthew Ireland and Alice Adams

Congratulations!

Year 3

We have had a fantastic second week back in Year 3. In Maths we have been focusing on using problem solving and reasoning to gain a greater understanding of our 3 and 4 times tables. We are now all feeling much more confident in using inverse operations and division. In English, we started our new class book, 'The Green Ship'. On Wednesday, we created art work of our predictions using a range of resources - there were so many exciting ideas and we discovered that we have some secret artists in the class! We also started new topics in RE and Music - 'Is scripture central to religion' and 'Ballads'. We will be learning a well known song in the coming weeks which I think lots of the parents at home will know and love! We ended a busy week with our first Year 3 cross country lesson!



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

Rowan Brathwaite and Alex Cox

Congratulations!



Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to the New Year in Year 4 and have been very busy with our new learning units this week.

Firstly, our new History topic is all about the Vikings! Our hook for this topic was to be 'awesome archaeologists' and to dig to find some Viking artefacts. The children worked in groups to find and piece together several items, including a Viking shield, coins and even a longboat!

In English, our new topic is writing to persuade someone to visit a hot country. We will be working towards creating a persuasive holiday brochure over the next few weeks. To begin this topic, the class created some art for the children to include in their brochures. We used oil pastels with blending techniques and pencil crayons to create our masterpieces. The Year 4 staff were amazed by the skills, effort, and determination the children showed when making these!



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

Chloe Tubman and Stacey Nasadiuk

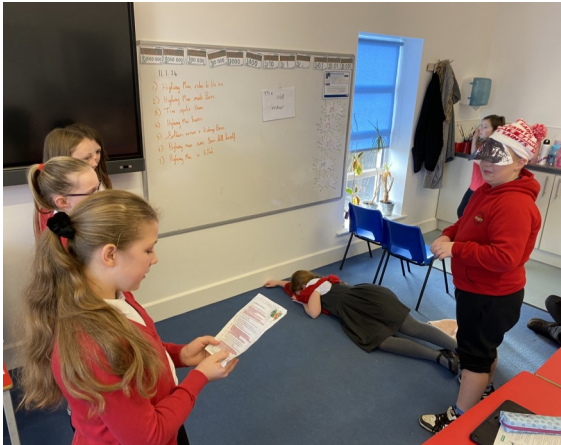
Congratulations!



Year 5



This week, Year 5 have been studying Narrative poetry. We read and analysed the poem, 'The Highway Man', and performed our own dramatic readings and plays inspired by the story. In Maths, we practised long multiplication, before applying what we had learned, in order to solve a variety of word problems. We also began our new Science topic, 'Space', where we looked at different models of our solar system from across history, from the Ancient Greek's geocentric model, and how we came to our current heliocentric view of the solar system.



We enjoyed finishing our 'Retro-futurism' topic in Art, where we developed our sketching skills, looked at how to use perspective to create dynamic and exciting drawings. We have greatly enjoyed painting our creations in a variety of vibrant colours, to contrast the darkness of space.

We have been very impressed with pupils' recall of how to say the days of the week in French, as well!

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

Raife Morgan and James Stuart

Congratulations!



YEAR 6

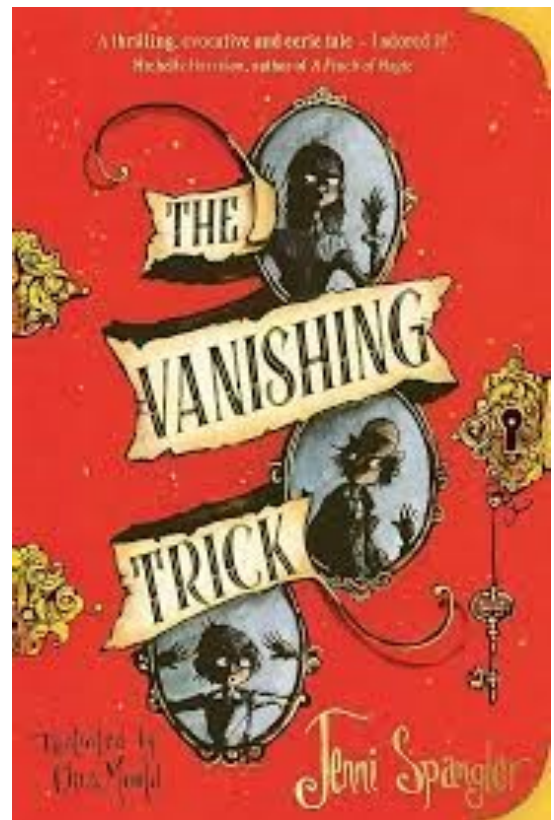
This week, in Year 6, we started our new class book, 'The Vanishing Trick'. So far, we have been introduced to Leander, an orphan, who is navigating his way through the busy world. Based in Victorian times, we are following Leander as he meets some unnerving characters. We have made many predictions using the blurb and front cover to support our ideas.

We have also started our new History topic, 'What does the census tell us about our local area?'. We used an extract from the census to make inferences about people from the past.

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

Caleb Scott and Cooper Hetherington

Congratulations!



School Uniform

Please be reminded that school uniform is compulsory for all children attending our school. Many non-uniform items of clothing have crept in recently and this needs to be redressed. If you need support with acquiring items of uniform, please contact the school office.

The uniform consists of:

- Grey or black Trousers/Skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan



School Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts and Cardigans with the school logo are available to purchase online but uniform **does not** have to have the school logo.

Courtesy Cups

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

Early Years— **Violet Morgan**

Key Stage 1— **Zachary Fidler**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Nancy Shileds**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Sam Johnson**



Well done to these pupils for embodying the school values and being kind, caring and helpful.

Term Dates

Autumn Term

6th September—19th December



Spring Term

4th January—28th March



Summer Term

16th April—19th July



Attendance



Attendance for week ending 12/01/24

Nursery	100%
Reception	95.31%
Year 1	96.92%
Year 2	94.12%
Year 3	95.10%
Year 4	98.08%
Year 5	82.19%
Year 6	99.35%

Whole School Attendance = **94.83%**

Useful Information



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