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Highlands Primary School

HIGHLANDS NEWS



Highlands Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and has rigorous procedures in place to do so

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and managed to spend some quality time with your children. This half term is very short but we have a range of activities planned. There are school visits planned by some year groups as well as World Book Day, World Down Syndrome Day, an egg decorating competition and our termly parental consultation evening. Additional information about each of these will be sent out separately. We have recently taken delivery of some new playground equipment which the children are able to use at playtimes and lunchtimes. This was funded by money that had been raised by our school council last year. We continue with our push to improve attendance - this half term we have launched an attendance challenge - ask your child about it. Prizes will be given to those who achieve it.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4 March - Parental Consultation Evening

Wednesday 4 March—Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 5 March - World book Day

Friday 6 March – Year 3 to Art Gallery

Wk beginning 9 March - Letters confirming places for 2s and F1 children

Thursday 19 March—Year 1 to East Park

Friday 20 March - World Down Syndrome Day/Comic Relief Day (more details to follow)

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 March - Egg decorating Competition– (more details to follow)

Friday 27 March - Easter Service and end of term assembly- details to be confirmed

Friday 27 March - Break up for Easter

Tuesday 14 April - Children return to school

Monday 20 April - Year 3 Pedestrian skills

Monday 27 April - Year 3 Pedestrian skills

Tuesday 28 April - Road Safety Assembly

Wk beginning 11 May - Key Stage 2 SATs



Attendance Whole School - 94.3%

EG/CH 91.1% DS 89.9%

AG 95% CC 93.9% EE 93.6% JW 94.8%

ZE 93.6% HH 95.8% SC 95.4% BA 92.2%

ER 96% GS 96.9% HR 94.3% HS/SA 95.6% LM 93.7%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Foundation Stage - Mrs Harris & Miss Greenham, Ms Schiele and the key worker groups in FS1

It has been a great start to the new half term in F2. As part of our geography lessons we have been learning about Africa and talking about how it is different to where we live. We tasted some different fruits from the story Handa's Surprise and made a graph to show which was our favourite. Ms Schiele's class preferred the tangerines and Miss Greenham and Mrs Harris' class preferred pineapple. The children in F1 have also had a great start and have been learning a farmyard poem. As part of this they have enjoyed going to the woods to search for farmyard animals. They love going to the woods on a mini adventure.



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

We have come back after the half term to such an exciting time! We had sweets left in our classroom and went on an adventure around the school to find more. In the woods we found sweets and a book to read called Hansel and Gretel. In maths we are learning about length and height. We have enjoyed measuring lots of different things around the classroom. We are continuing to develop our phonics skills. Mrs Green and Miss Clark will be sending home phonics information to support your child. Please do these at home and if you have any issues don't be afraid to ask.

The children are so happy this week that the sun is out and they can enjoy playtime without hats and gloves on!

Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

This term the children in year 2 have been learning all about London. We found out about many famous landmarks. We looked at aerial photographs and maps and compared living in Hull to London. In DT, the children designed and made their own London buildings. In writing lessons, we were inspired by the text *Katie in London* to create our own journey tales. We are looking forward to learning about the Great Fire of London this half term when a real life time traveller will give us his eye-witness account of the Great Fire of London. In computing lessons this half term we will focus on 'algorithms' and how these instructions can sometimes contain bugs. Did you know, the first bug in a computer system ever found was a real life moth!



Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

Welcome back to our shortest half term—only 5 weeks! This means that the multiplication check is fast approaching, so **please, please, please** practise as much as you can. TTRockstars is a fun and engaging way to do this and we still have our weekly battles ongoing. Mrs Corcoran has had great satisfaction in beating Miss Appleyard's class over the last few weeks. Can you knock her class off the top of the leaderboard? In maths, we are continuing our unit on fractions and being fluent in times tables is crucial.

We have started our new unit in English, learning our new text 'Elf Road' which is a portal story and the children will soon be writing their own with a focus on description.

Even though we have only started it this week, the children have been so enthralled with *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and this will be a focus in our shared reading lessons. They are keen to find out what is inside the wardrobe!



Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

The Year 6 children are continuing to work extremely hard as their SATs draw closer and we are incredibly proud of the determination, focus and maturity they show each day. In English, we have begun our new unit, *Red*, which has already inspired some brilliant discussions and imaginative ideas. We are excited to see how the children use these when writing their own versions of a traditional tale and their enthusiasm for storytelling is wonderful to see. In Maths, we have started our unit on area and perimeter. Although this can be challenging, the children have shown fantastic resilience, approaching new concepts with positivity and perseverance.

In Humanities, we are continuing our work on migration. This week, the children explored significant historical events involving migration and showed great curiosity and empathy while learning about people's experiences.

Thank you for your continued support. Please encourage your children to complete homework and to practise on TT Rockstars as this makes a real difference to their SATs preparation. We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening.

Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

This week we have begun exploring our artist Thomas Somerscales who painted 'The Lame Duck'. We will be using his painting as inspiration for our own seascapes and will be visiting the Feren's Art Gallery next Friday, where this painting is currently on display!



The children have also started to research the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and how this is a significant part of history.



We will use our knowledge from our literacy text

'Escape from Pompeii' to help us sequence the events and how the eruption affected the people living in the local area.

Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

The children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm this week which has created a fantastic environment for learning! We hope to see as many of you as possible next week for parents' evening to discuss your children's achievements and any areas of development they may have. We have just started our next narrative unit in writing, 'The Caravan', which is a warning story. The children will be working on including sentences of three within their writing and also using the technique of showing the scene through the character's eyes. In maths, we continue to work on fractions and the children are showing great resilience when adding, subtracting and multiplying mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have also started our DT unit this week in which the children will be working in small groups to design and make a humane animal trap. Thank you for your continued support!!!

Messages

Wednesday 4 March
Parental Consultation
Evening

