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**Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 24/01/22**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! Your children have started back to school in the new year as ever in excellent form. They are focussed hard working and respectful. We are very proud of them.

Thank you for your patience with our playground works on the KS2 yard. The works should be completed in the next few days. Your children are super excited to play in the new pods and on the new climbing frames. Please be aware that there will be no staff supervision for the equipment before 8.50am and after 3.15pm, so please do not let your children climb on the equipment at these times.

Your children have also taken part in the design of a mural which will be painted on the KS2 yard in February, it will look amazing.

Thank you so much for all your support with school trips so far this year. These are excellent learning opportunities for your children. We have more planned in the Spring term and we look forward to the photos. Please like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We (hopefully) will be reinstating our Book Look sessions in March and we will write to you soon about that. It will be great to have parents and carers back in the building again. You have missed out on so much. Hopefully we will be back to normal very soon.

Thank you all for your continued support for our school.

Dr Louise Guthrie  
Head Teacher



In nursery we have been exploring shape. The full time nursery children began by exploring circles. We threaded circles, printed with circles and even made large circles in the air with ribbon or on a large sheet of paper. We explored the properties of circles as we noticed the tyres outside where round and found that they were the perfect shape for rolling so we set ourselves the challenge to see who could roll their tyre the furthest. We then looked at other shapes and made our own shape monsters. We also made some shape biscuits which were delicious!



Morning and afternoon nursery children have been having an amazing time at Forest School!



This half term, as part of our mini topic of Antarctica/penguins, Reception children have been investigating ice. We were keen to explore different states of water and were fascinated to see what happened when we placed trays of water outside overnight. We made predictions and loved exploring the ice that had formed! We quickly realised that the ice wouldn't last long inside due the heat and discussed how it melted back into water.





In Year 1, we love to get practical in our maths lessons. We have been using Dienes to partition teen numbers this week. The children have loved exploring the visual representations of numbers to 20.



The Year 2 Dinos are loving learning about The Great Fire of London. As part of that we have thought about timelines and how major events come in a particular order. Our task was to put the timeline in the correct order ourselves.



The Dragons are also loving learning about the Great Fire of London. They are absolute experts, ask them anything about it! When? Where? How? They know all the answers. They really enjoyed putting the events in chronological order. Here are their proud, smiley faces with their hard work!



Year 3 Turtles were networking to sort out facts and opinions.





In Year 3 Lizards Lizards had a brilliant session with NUFC last week! Look at us throwing, catching and networking in our teams.



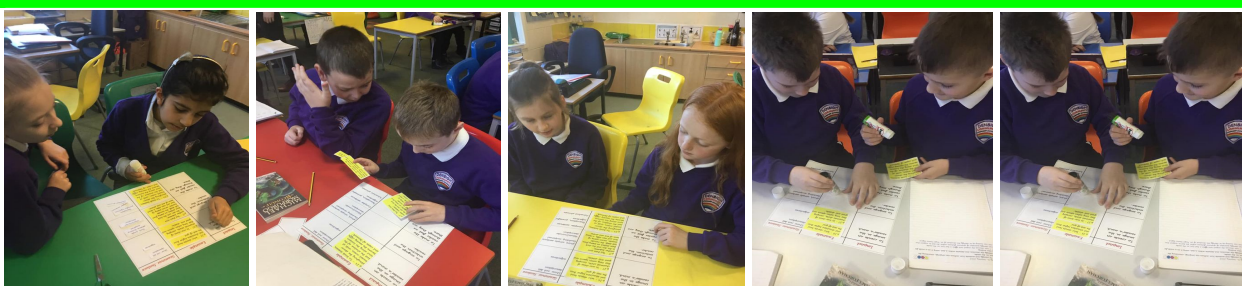
Year 4 Giraffes have developed their understanding of paragraphs and newspaper reports by reordering a report that had got a bit mixed up! We have to read each paragraph and then order these so that the report makes sense once again.



Some great work from our Year 4 Elephants yesterday as they started their Bike4Health programme.



The Year 5 Whales have been working hard on their new English unit - writing an Anglo-Saxon legend. The children have been using our WAGOLL text 'Beowulf' to create a writer's toolkit, focusing on the impact on the reader. Here they are finding examples from the text and matching them to the correct grammatical feature!





Year 5 have started using their new Maths programme 'Freckle'. They enjoyed working through the questions, collecting the coins and unlocking items in their shop. They all have their logins for this, so could do some of the maths games at home and impress you with their knowledge!



Year 6 visited Safetyworks to learn about how we can keep ourselves safe in different situations inside and outside of the home. The Lions took part in a range of different scenarios where we had to decide what to do and how the emergency services can help us. We learned lots of helpful tips that will help to keep us safe in the future!



Year 6 Tiger and Lion classes have worked hard to develop their sprinting and distance running. There have been some great races between the pupils!



## **REMINDER**

We would like to remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. This includes if they are being carried.

Can we also remind you that children should not bring their toys into school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Y5 Basketball tournament (selected children) - Friday 28th January

Y5 Jarrow Hall Visit - Monday 7th February

Y5 Newcastle Eagles Basketball Coaching - Wednesday 9th February and Wednesday 16th February

Y5 Netball competition (selected children) - Thursday 10th February

Y2 That History Bloke - Monday 14th March

Nursery Forest School - Monday 14th March and Monday 21st March

Nursery Stay and Play Sessions - Monday 14th March and Monday 21st March

Y2 trip to Gateshead and Newcastle Quayside - Tuesday 15th March

Year 1/2 Book Look - Monday 4th April 9:15-11

Year 3/4 Book Look - Tuesday 5th April 9:15-11

Year 5/6 Book Look - Wednesday 6th April 9:15-11

**February Half term - Break up Friday 18th February, return to school Monday 28th February**