School Newsletter: Friday 9th Feb 2024

In our classes this week…..

EYFS

This week we have focused on Chinese New Year; we have looked at how it is celebrated and the similarities to how we celebrate our New Year. We have made Chinese lanterns and designed our own red envelopes which provide good luck when giving money to loved ones for the New Year, we also enjoyed making a Chinese Dragon and created our own Dragon Dance too.

Nursery have explored lots of sensory learning this week including red and yellow jelly and spraying the fences with beautiful colours, all building strength in their hands.

We have also had an exciting visit from some of the Fire Crew from High Handenhold Station. The children had a go at using the hose and the Firefighter's hat. We also had a demonstration of the breathing apparatus they use and why it was so important. The children listened well and asked lots of questions.

Key Stage 1

This week KS1 have enjoyed taking part in the dodge ball event. They had to work as a team and follows the rules carefully.

In R.E we learnt about Buddhist holy book.

The children also wrote some fantastic predictions in Literacy.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week we have been finding how the Romans changed Britain and considered the benefits of using straight roads.

In science we looked at how the anatomy of humans is different or similar to other animals.
In art we have been using rollers to create prints with a partner.

Key stage 2 – Upper

In Class 3 this week we have enjoyed visits from two different organisations. On Tuesday we were introduced to the Durham commissioner's challenge and on Thursday we attended a I am a scientist workshop with the centre for life in Newcastle.

In history we have found out why the Ancient Egyptians built pyramids and used hieroglyphics to create artwork. In literacy we have continued to share our CLPE story the Skellig and have described the creature from the garage.

General

This week in assembly we have talked about *'What makes someone inspirational?'* This is in response to the story of Mar Galcerán from Spain who has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. In our assembly we looked at Article 23: a child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community.

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.

Week commencing 12th Feb

Monday – SATS After School Club – 3.30 till 4pm
Wednesday – KS2 - Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y3 + Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th February 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 26th February 2024 – Return to school
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Break up for Easter
Thursday 28th March 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Monday 15th April 2024 – Return to school
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 24th May 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024 – Return to school
Friday 19th July 2024 – Break up for Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 5th September 2024 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details