School Newsletter: Friday 10th Jan 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

What a wonderful first week back in nursery!

It has been great welcoming the children back, settling into routines and spending time with their friends!

This week we have been enjoying exploring our new topic 'space'. We read 'Aliens Love Underpants' and designed our own underpants for the aliens to wear!

Key Stage 1

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back this week and hearing all about their time off.

In Literacy, both Reception and Year 1/2 have enjoyed being introduced to their new CLPE texts, 'Bedtime for Monsters' and 'Pattan's Pumpkin'.

We loved programming the BeeBot during our computing lessons

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have had a good first week back at school and have even had the chance to enjoy the snow.

We have started our new class book for this half term, which is called 'One Plastic Bag' and deals with the problem's plastic can cause to the environment. I am so impressed with how much the children already know about this topic and how much they care about it too.

In Maths, we are learning the standard written method for multiplication and the children have worked really hard on this. Multiplication and division will be our topic for the next few weeks.

Key stage 2 – Upper

We have had a brilliant first week back!

In art we began collecting information about Van Gogh, who is a famous post-impressionist painter.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first gymnastics session with Paul.

In literacy, we collected information about Greek Gods and Goddesses and used this to create a fact file.

We ended the week with our first session from the Durham constabulary Mini Police program.

Week Commencing 13th January

Wednesday – KS2 – Gymnastics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y3+Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

Happy New Year!
This week we have started 2025 by thinking about our commitment to the environment with a story from Birdwatch as we discussed whether it is our responsibility to protect local wildlife. Birdwatch is an annual UK-wide citizen science project and held in January in which people help gather data to support the work of scientists. This assembly linked to Article 29: Aims of Education and the British Value of ' Rule of Law.'

In our Music appreciation we listened to Winter from The Four Seasons, the 2nd movement, by Antonio Vivaldi. This was written in 1723 and very appropriately depicts a cold, wintry day.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Return to school
Friday 24th October 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November 2025 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details