School Newsletter: Friday 14th Feb 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

In nursery this week we have been building our own towers! We have been comparing the towers using new vocabulary to describe them such as, 'lots', 'more' and 'same.

We also got creative by turning the floor into a canvas, where we had a large piece of paper to draw on and let our imaginations run free. The children enjoyed this activity, selecting their own colours to explore the different colours and express their ideas creatively.

Key Stage 1

This week Reception have learnt about Dentists and the importance of dental hygiene. They also enjoyed learning how dentistry has changed over the years, looking at photographs and discussing what they could see.
In science, Year 1 and 2 continued to learn about animals including humans. They looked closely at the similarities and differences between mammals and birds and recorded these in their books.
In P.E. the children began to create gymnastic sequences implementing skills they have learnt across the half term.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have continued to work hard this week. In English, we have looked at different ways people are reusing and upcycling plastic. The children created their own recycled plastic inventions and came up with some really imaginative ideas.
In Maths, we have continued to learn about Measurement and Perimeter. Year 4 have looked at how to find the perimeter of shapes and Year 3 have continued to learn about measurement.

Key stage 2 – Upper

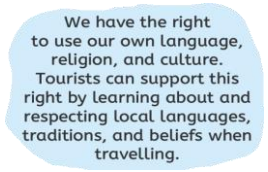
This week in literacy, we have enjoyed writing a diary entry in the role of the main character Odysseus as he travels into the land of the dead.

In art, we used paint to create our own artwork inspired by the post-impressionist pieces we have been looking at this half term.

In our Market makers session, we combined words from our brain storm to create potential business names. Following this we thought about catchy lyrics to represent us living in County Durham.

General

This week 'Waste aware' visited school to deliver an assembly on recycling. In our usual weekly assembly, we discussed travel and tourism. We thought about whether we should be allowed to travel anywhere along with both the negative and positive impact of tourism. Our assembly linked to Article 30: minority culture, language and religion; the British value of mutual respect and tolerance and the protected characteristic of religion or belief. The children shared some very insightful thoughts around this topic.



In our Music appreciation we listened to the Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream by Felix Mendelssohn. We discussed whether we had ever heard this piece of music before and where.

Week Commencing 17th February

Monday – Y6 SATs Revision Club - 3:15 to 4pm
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

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
Friday 19th December 2025 – Break up for Christmas holidays

Please check dojo for further dates and details