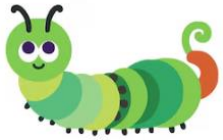
School Newsletter: Friday 14th Mar 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursery, we have been exploring jungle and rainforest animals! We have carried out various different activities which have helped us to recognize the different animals and also to develop our motor skills.
We have also celebrated Science Week making paper chain caterpillars! We used various different colours and discussed them choosing which ones we liked the most. We also talked about caterpillars and how they transform into beautiful butterflies. We then explored the nursery garden in search of real caterpillars!



Key Stage 1

This week, Class 1 have enjoyed taking part in activities for science week. Reception investigated camouflage and how a caterpillar's colouring helps them to hide from predators, whilst Year 1 and 2 created a wormery which we will continue to observe for the next two weeks.
In English, KS1 wrote some fantastic poems about sand, mud or water and Reception described what they would see or hear if they visited the forest.
Next Monday, we are going on a trip to Park View. Please send your child/ren to school in their P.E. Kit and with a waterproof coat. We will leave at 12:30 and return in time for home time.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week, Class 2 have read more of our class text 'Pugs of the Frozen North' and we have talked about the main character, Shen. We discussed how Shen chooses to help the pugs even though that will make things more difficult and dangerous for him, and we decided that Shen is brave. The children also wrote a diary entry from Shen's point of view.

In Maths, we have continued to explore fractions, with Year 4 learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions and Year 3 learning about fractions on a number line. They have done well with this tricky work.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have enjoyed collecting research about mountains in the UK during our geography session.
In DT we investigated how sensors are used in burglar alarms.
In literacy, we have been writing poems to match the introduction to our CLPE text Varmints.
As part of British Science week, we participated in an under the sea themed yoga and fact-finding session.

Week Commencing 17th March

Monday – KS1 – Invasion Games @ Park View (PM)
Monday – Y6 – SATs Revision Club – 3:15 to 4pm
Wednesday – KS2 – Athletics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Athletics After School Club*
Thursday – Y5/6 – Dodgeball (AM)
Thursday – Y3/Y4 – Swimming**
Friday – KS2 – Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we looked at the portraits drawn by the Princess of Wales and her children as part of the 'Shaping Us' campaign. We talked about the connections we make with others which linked to Article 15: Setting up or joining groups. More information on this campaign can be found here: https://shapingus.centreforearlychildhood.org/

In our Music appreciation we listened to 'Dance of The Cygnets' from Swan Lake by Pyotr Tchaikovsky. Swan Lake was the first of three ballets composed by Tchaikovsky, all of which are still world famous and performed regularly.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st March 2025 – Lockerbie Manor Trip (KS2)
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
Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Return to school
Please check dojo for further dates and details