School Newsletter: Friday 21st Feb 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursery, we've been having fun exploring a variety of instruments and discovering the different sounds they make. We've been using these sounds to imagine we're all going on a space adventure, creating the noises we might hear on our journey through space.
We have also been using a variety of materials to design our spaceships inspired from our favourite story, 'Here Come The Aliens!'. It's been a fun way to bring the adventure to life through our creations.

Key Stage 1

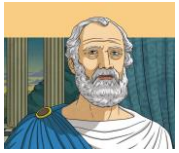
This week the children have been sequencing events from both our CLPE text; Bedtime for Monsters (Reception) and Pattan's Pumpkin (KS1). They have demonstrated a good understanding of key events and could talk about the things they liked about the story. We have continued to develop our understanding of the composition of number where children in Reception have been continuing to secure their knowledge of number bonds to 5, Year 1 have been learning how to create 10 using either two even or two odd numbers and Year 2learning how number bonds to 5 can help us to find the number bonds to 15.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week, Class 2 have finished their work on the class book. We have reviewed the book and talked about how the main character did what she could to help the planet. We have also learned about some other people who have helped the planet.
In Maths, we have completed our topic on Length and Perimeter. The children have all worked very hard this half term and I am very proud of them.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have enjoyed collecting facts about the great Ancient Greek philosophers. In literacy, we completed our CLPE text by reading another chapter and discussing if we agreed with a decision made by Odysseus to withhold information from his men. We enjoyed a live chat with three scientists who work in the Life centre in Newcastle. The children asked thoughtful questions about the different branches of science they work in.



Week Commencing 3rd March

Monday – Lockerbie Trip Parents Q&A Meeting - 3:20 to 3:40
Wednesday – KS2 – Athletics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Athletics After School Club*
Thursday – Whole School – World Book Day
Thursday – Y3+Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we have looked at a local news story. Amazon has announced its first UK drone deliveries will take place in Darlington as part of a trial. This opened our discussion around whether drones the future of delivery and linked to Article 16: Protection of Privacy as well as the British Value of Democracy.

In our Music appreciation we listened to the William Tell Overture (finale) by Gioachino Rossini. The children enjoyed the galloping rhythm, representing the horses charging to battle.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
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