School Newsletter: Friday 21st Mar 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursey we have been busy planting seeds! We have used our gardening tools to scoop compost into pots before carefully placing each seed inside. We discussed what plants need to grow and how we will care for them. Our plants are now in nursery, and we can't wait to watch them grow!
We have also been focusing on farm animals this week. We explored the different animals you might find on a farm, noticing their colours, sizes and sounds they make. Nursey had lots of fun creating artwork by dipping the toy animal figures into brown paint (mud) and making footprints along the paper, looking at the different shapes and patterns of their feet!

Key Stage 1

This week, we had a fun filled visit to Park View where the children took part in lots of different invasion games. Reception children have been observing the spring flowers in our yard and making observational drawings. We have also explored Ramadan and how Ramadan is celebrated around the world.
KS1 children have enjoyed learning about our sense of hearing and were fantastic investigators when listening to and identifying different sounds. We also enjoyed making our own salads from root vegetables, although we weren't all a fan of the radish.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have worked very hard this week on the last week of their Fractions topic. Next week, Year 3 will move onto Mass and Capacity, where they will learn about different units of measurement, and Year 4 will learn about Decimals.
In English, we have read more of our class book, 'The Pugs of the Frozen North' and we have met a new character, Sika. We have discussed the two characters, Shen and Sika, and we have thought about how they are similar and how they are different. The children shared some very insightful comments.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have had a brilliant time creating videos with Jenna, to use as online adverts to persuade people to visit our stall on market day.
In science, we have been investigating how our muscles help us to move and how we can help our muscles to stay healthy.
In DT, we have been planning how we can use circuits to create alarms and thinking about the items that we would want to protect.
In geography, we enjoyed finding out about the different parts of a mountain range.

Week Commencing 24th March

Monday – Y6 – SATs Revision Club – 3:15 to 4pm
Tuesday – Y5/6 – Rugby Skills Festival @Maiden Castle*
Wednesday – KS2 – Athletics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Athletics After School Club*
Thursday – Y3/Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we looked at the news story where world leaders from around twenty countries have agreed to join a 'coalition of the willing', where they will work together to support Ukraine. We looked at different leaders from around the world and discussed what we think it might be like to be a world leader. This linked into the British Value of Democracy and Article 28: Protection in War.

United Nations (UN):
A group of nearly all the world's countries. They meet to discuss and solve global issues, aiming

In our Music appreciation we listened to Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin, a piece that made Gershwin famous all over the world. With this piece Gershwin was satisfied that he had shown that Jazz music could be both serious and popular.

Market Day: Please save the 5th April to come along to Durham market and buy one of the products our year 5 and 6 children have been working hard to make!

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 5th April 2025 – Market 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
Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details