School Newsletter: Friday 28th Mar 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursery, we have been busy exploring minibeasts! Our baby caterpillars have been growing giving us an opportunity to observe the life cycle up close.
Outside in our nursey garden we worked together to create our own bug hotel! Using tubes, straw, leaves and mud we created cosy homes for the minibeasts to visit. As we made the bug hotel, we discussed what different insects might make it their home and how we can make it cosy for them. The children loved exploring and looking for different insects in our garden.

Key Stage 1

This week we have enjoyed developing our athletic skills during P.E. We worked with the coach to develop our throwing skills.
In Reception, the children have completed lots of activities linked to Mother's Day and they had a wonderful time developing a water track with Miss Smith.
In KS1, the children have continued to learn about the different parts of the body associated with our sense, in science. This week, they learnt about sight. In D.T. they discovered why fish is an important part of a human's diet and all the nutrients that it offers.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have worked really hard in their Maths topics this week. Year 3 have been learning to read scales showing measurements in grams and kilograms. They have also been comparing the weight of different objects. Year 4 have been getting to grips with decimals and have learned to write tenths as decimals.

In English, we have read a little more of our story and the children have learned more about the different competitors taking part in the race to the North Pole. They have made some very insightful comments about the characters.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we enjoyed a ruby skills festival hosted by Durham School Sports Partnership. The children showed brilliant resilience and concentration during the event.
In literacy, we have been continuing to explore our shared text Varmints. Throughout the week, children used work we had done in art and drama to write an argument for the development of land.
In geography we looked at the different types of mountains.
On Thursday, we enjoyed watching the promotional videos that we made with Jenna and putting the finishing touches on our products ready to sell at the market.

Week Commencing 31st March

Monday – Parents Evening
Tuesday – Parents Morning / Evening
Wednesday – KS2 – Athletics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Athletics After School Club*
Thursday – Y3/Y4 – Swimming**
Saturday – Durham Market – 9am to 3pm

*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.

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