



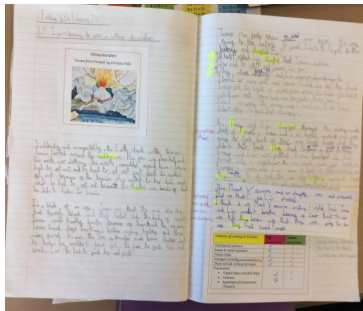
# SPRING 1 2022

## NEWSLETTER



### YEAR THREE

This half term, our learning theme was 'What makes the Earth angry?'. In Geography, we learned all about the Earth's layers, the formation of volcanoes and how they erupt. We created our own Play-doh models and volcano silhouette art work too! In English, we combined our learning of Geography, reading and writing together. We created our own setting descriptions based on the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We have



worked incredibly hard and learned so many new features that we can include in our writing. Well done Year 3!

### BLOSSOMS

In Blossoms class, we have started a new Geography topic all about Africa. We have been developing our map skills by finding different countries in the continent of Africa. We now know there are 54 countries in the second largest continent in the world. We loved learning the 7 continent song as well—you can watch it here!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

### DATES FOR DIARY

**Mon 28th Feb**—Children return to school  
**Thurs 3rd March**—World Book Day  
**Fri 18th March**—Red Nose Day  
**Fri 8th April**—Break up for Easter

### School Times

**Breakfast Club 8.00 - 8.30am**  
**School Gates Open 8.45-9.00am**  
**Morning Nursery 8.45-11.45am**  
**Afternoon Nursery 12.15-3.15pm**  
**EYFS / KS1 9.00am—3.15pm**  
**KS2 9.00am—3.30pm**

### YEAR FIVE

This half, we have been studying 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman in English. We have completed some super pieces of writing, including character descriptions and scene settings. In Maths, we have studied different topics, and together as a class, we all completed an excellent homework project on teaching others how to tell the time. Our Mathematician of the month for January is Tyler Ashby, who has been working really hard with his formal calculation methods! We have also been completing a DT project on masks, and have been creating our very own papier-mâché Ancient Egyptian Death Masks! They are not quite finished yet, but we are almost there!



## A RECIPE FOR A GOOD Y6 HALF TERM

175g Netball	90g Gardening
100g Swimming	90g Non-stop Fun
5 Heaped tbsp. fun	2 Large Tenses
210g SSOC	150g Manners
360g Maths	1tsp. Mental Health
120g School Values	50g Computing
100g Friendship	50g French
75g Love	20g of The Kite Rider
150g People's Republic of China	250g China's One Child Policy
90g Lexia	90g Smiling

Pour your values into a large bowl, sieving the happiness to prevent attitude from ruining the meal. Slowly add the manners while mixing. Crack in the Tenses, progressively shaking a perfect heaping tbsp. of netball into the bowl. Be careful not to get pool water into the bowl as you add swimming. Mix China, English and Maths in then combine reading. Chef's Tip—add in a couple of Miss Nobles!



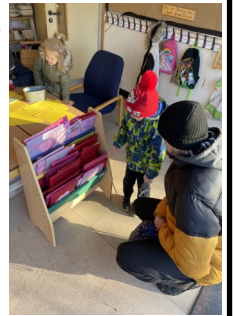
## BUDS

This term, we have been exploring the roles of authors and illustrators. We even met Axel Scheffler and became authors and illustrators ourselves! We have also been working with clay that is 14,000 years old, attended a multisport event and have been going on fortnightly visits to Jarrow library.



## NURSERY

This term in Nursery, we have been looking at ways we can be healthy. We have explored healthy diets and tasted different fruits, and we have been keeping fit by exercising and dancing. We also studied how we can take care of our teeth by what we eat and how we take care for them by regularly brushing them! We were also very excited to celebrate Valentines Day by sharing stories with our grown ups through our 'Share A Story' campaign.



## YEAR FOUR

In English, We have enjoyed finding out about the author David Walliams and we have read one of his fabulous books 'Grandpa's Great Escape'. Through this book, we have discussed families, and especially the relationship between a grandparent and a grandchild. In Maths, we have looked at division and finding a fraction of a quantity. Times tables are always a big focus in Year 4, so we have continued with various games and not forgetting our times table songs. In Science, we have looked at living things and how to characterise them. A fun lesson was making a characterisation key and we then got other teachers to answer it! During Geography, we have learnt about North America. We retrieved facts from non-fiction books and atlases to then quiz each other!

