

Monday 21st June

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy first two weeks back of this half-term. We have made the most of the fine, hot weather by taking learning outside whenever possible! Please do remember to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school and please remember a sun hat/cap to keep children safe from the sun's rays.

Congratulations to Mrs Bennett who got married on Sunday 13th June and is now Mrs Matthias - Year 6 are doing their best to call her by her new name!

Tomorrow - 22nd June - we are being visited by **Tempest Photography**. The photographer will be taking individual and family photographs. We will not be able to include younger siblings who are not yet at school due to the current government guidance.

Please can all children wear full school uniform, including cardigan/jumper.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Matthias and Miss Ellis



Reminders

Please can we remind you about school uniform and PE kit expectations. We appreciate it has not been as easy in the last few months to source new uniform but it is important that we maintain high expectations. Having a set uniform and PE kit safeguards our children and allows for everyone to be equal. If you are having difficulty providing or obtaining any of the uniform, please speak to a member of staff.

Reception - Year 6 Summer uniform

Royal blue polo shirt
Pale blue or royal blue gingham dress with white socks
Grey shorts, trousers or skirt
Royal blue jumper or cardigan
Black school shoes (no trainers please).

Reception - Year 6 PE Kit

White t-shirt
Navy blue shorts
Trainers or black plimsolls
Navy tracksuit bottoms (for outdoors)
Navy tracksuit top (for outdoors).

Special Celebrations for Fr Derek

This week we marked a special achievement for Fr Derek Turnham. On Wednesday 16th June, Fr Derek marked his Silver Jubilee - 25 years of service to the Priesthood. To honour this special occasion, we presented Fr Derek with a card and gift of a stole with our school badge and the date embroidered on. We are very much looking forward to Fr Derek being able to wear his new stole to celebrate mass in school in the not too distant future.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending Fr Derek to support and guide our school community through good times and challenging times. We pray that he will continue in his role for many more years. Watch over him and keep him safe. Amen.



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Nursery

Nursery have had a super week in the sunshine! The children have enjoyed sharing the story "*The Hungry Caterpillar*," it has been wonderful to see the children retelling the story in the role play area. We are very excited at the new arrivals in our classroom, the children have been amazed to see how much the caterpillars have grown in such a short time! The children have explored mark making outside and have enjoyed watching their writing disappear in the heat.

In 'Life to the Full' we have focused on friendships, recognising being kind and unkind, how to say sorry and how to forgive like Jesus. We shared a beautiful story about a Teddy Bear that found it difficult to share at a picnic. The children engaged with the story well and recognised how it is sometimes hard to say sorry and recognise our mistakes.

Thank you for your support, please remember to send your child to school in a sun hat and sun cream every day.

Mrs Gribbon and The Early Years Team.



Reception

Reception have had a brilliant first week two weeks back after our half term break. We concluded our topic '*Can we sail the 7 seas?*' by exploring travel. The children wrote lists and sentences to describe what Jack took on his journey when he travelled to the flum flum tree. The children read their work aloud to check it made sense.

This week we are exploring our new big question 'What makes our world so wonderful?' The children have shared their thoughts and ideas to answer this question and suggested that friends and animals make the world a better place. We have particularly focused on minibeasts and the life cycle of a caterpillar. The children have begun to explore this by observing our class caterpillars grow and by sharing the text '*The very hungry caterpillar*.'

In 'Life to the Full,' we celebrated our own unique talents and what makes us special. Some children led us in prayer to praise God for these things.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Brown and the Early Years Team.



Year 1

We've planned and written a sequenced story of *The Lighthouse* and innovated our own endings. In maths, Year 1 have been investigating multiplication and division by sharing out apparatus. In science, we have started our new learning - plants. Year 1 have investigated and found examples of common wild flowers on the field as well as identifying which common plants/trees come from seeds or bulbs. In RE, the children have learnt about the Bible Scripture of Zaccheus and Levi; thinking about how being sorry had changed their lives for the better. In computing, the children combined their science data collection of wild flowers and created simple graphs. In Art/DT the children have created sea scape pictures- looking at the different textures, colours and mixes of the sea. In PE, Year 1 have really enjoyed their basketball sessions led by the Teesside Lions coach. In geography, we have explored the Northumberland area virtually to see where Grace Darling lived as well as discussed the physical and human features of the area.

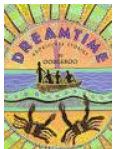
Year 1 Team



Year 2

A super start to our last half term in Year 2. We thoroughly enjoyed searching for minibeasts in their microhabitats and conducted an interesting investigation involving woodlice. In English, we have read a number of '*Dreamtime*' stories from the aboriginal culture. We have enjoyed and worked hard to retell them in our own words, developing our own narrative skills. In maths, we have been revisiting some of the concepts previously covered this year including division, data handling and using pairs to ten for calculations. Our PE has been with James from the Teesside Lions and we have been learning about different stances and passes. In RE, we have been talking about making wrong choices, how to build our friendships with God and each other and how we can forgive people who hurt us.

Take care from the Year 2 team



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Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have begun to explore our new book 'Dear Greenpeace'. The children used the front cover and blurb to predict the plot of the story. We have also developed our dictionary skills by defining unfamiliar words from the book.

In maths, the children continued to recap fractions. We have explored answering fraction calculations by adding and subtracting fraction with the same denominator. We have also applied our fraction skills to answer reasoning questions.

Within RE this week, Year 3 have started our new topic of 'Special Places.' We described and created artwork to represent our own special places.

In science, the children have learnt about the three different types of skeletons. We used this knowledge to categorise different animals.

This week in history, we have explored the differences between the Ancient Greek Olympics and the modern-day Olympics. We debated the positives and negatives of being an Olympian.



Take care
Year Three Team.



Year 4

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Year 4!

In English, we have used our new book 'Dear Greenpeace' as inspiration to write a letter to the government. We have used formal language and used our research skills to find out about the organization 'Greenpeace.'

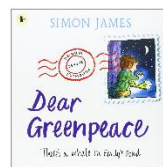
Learning activities in maths have been continuing our topic of decimals. Our learning has focused on comparing and ordering decimals.

In RE, we have discussed why we reconcile with God and others. We have learnt about the different Penitential Rites and when we might attend one.

As part of our new history topic this week we have learnt about the feudal system in Norman times and who benefited from it the most and least.

In art, we have been using different materials to print. We found natural materials to print leaves and flowers using paint.

As part of our science, we have investigated how to make a lightbulb work.
Year 4 team.



Year Five

We have had a busy, but fun, first fortnight back!

In our maths lessons, we have continued working with fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have been exploring the relationship between the three, using problem solving materials from White Rose Maths.

For our English, we have continued reading *The Explorer*. The children rewrote one of the chapters from a different character's point of view, focusing on how this changes the tone of the story. This week, we have been learning about the Yanomami Tribe from the Amazon, in preparation for writing and recording a radio broadcast.

In science, we have started a new topic of Animals Including Humans. We are going to be looking at the life cycle of humans over the half term and this week we ordered the different stages of development.

As part of our RE, the children have written their own version of the Beatitudes, to show how we should treat each other in school.

Our history topic this half term is the Ancient Egyptians. The children have a lot of prior knowledge and so we are focusing on using historical skills, such as analysing sources and discussing cause and effect.



Year 5 Team



Year 6

In maths we have been looking at angles. Firstly, we calculated angles in triangles before applying our knowledge from this to angles in quadrilaterals. We then used this for our reasoning and problem solving. In English, we have been learning about Greta Thunburg. Greta is a Swedish climate change activist, who is determined to raise awareness about this issue across the world. We have used our reading skills to investigate before writing a biography about Greta on Microsoft Word.

Next is RE: we read our letter from the Pope (Fratelli Tutti) and wrote our St Bede's blog with our responses. We decided that we need to make change and show our fraternal love! This is because we are all God's children, race or faith, young or old no matter what!

In RSE, we have learnt about how our bodies are changing and the process of reproduction in humans. We have begun new topics in history and science - Vikings and Electricity respectively.

From the last couple of weeks Headstart (John & Julie) have come into school to talk to us about our mental health. Mental health is so important because it tells you if you are feeling sad, angry, happy or confused and gives us strategies to deal with it.



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