

# News



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## Principal's Welcome

Welcome back to our Summer term! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and made the most of the sunshine? Every term at school is busy but we definitely have a lot going on over the coming weeks. This is our main assessment term and it is essential that children are in school every day so please see the attached calendar for key dates.

Just before the holidays we had GMP PCSOs and the Civil Enforcement Team checking up on the parking on Norman Road. There have been a number of complaints from neighbours and from our own parents about the dangerous parking. Please help us to keep your children safe by not parking on the yellow lines or blocking any accesses. I appreciate your support in this.

Miss Etchells left at Easter to start her maternity leave and at the time of writing this there's still no news to say the baby has made an appearance. We wish her luck in her new adventure! Leading up to the summer holidays Miss Taylor and Mr Ahmed will be sharing the acting Assistant Principal position in school.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Broadoak chicks into school this week. Foundation Stage children will be looking after them whilst they need to be indoors but as they grow bigger they will be the first of our animals to live outdoors at Broadoak. How exciting!

As always keep following us on Facebook and Twitter where we are able to share the amazing work and activities that your children do. The children produced some fabulous work related to the Easter Story just before we broke up. Head over there to see what else we have been up to.

*Fiona Lomas*



Best Wishes,  
Fiona Lomas

## Attendance

Here's last terms attendance results for each class...

Nursery - 89.4%	RSR 93.4%	RHT 94.4%
1LW 95.7%	1NM 96.3%	2LT 95.1%
2ND 94.98%	3KH 94.9%	3TE 96.98%
4LB 97.1%	4MJ 97.1%	5MH 96.7%
5AD 96.6%	6AT 95.3%	6SA 96.4%

Whole school 96.1%

Year 4 seem to be leading the way. Can any other year group beat them this term?

Congratulations to Luci in Y6 who won the 100% attendance prize for Spring Term. She will be receiving a bike of her choice. All children are back in the draw for Summer Term.

100% attendance gives you a chance of winning an amazing prize in July – Just be in every day!



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# Foundation Stage

**Our topic is 'Summer'**

**We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday!**

In literacy, we are looking at traditional tales, starting with Billy Goat's Gruff. This will help our children to develop their critical thinking skills by reflecting on the characters and their problems as well as solutions.

In maths, during the first few weeks we will work on addition and subtraction within 20 and different strategies to solve calculation problems. Then we will start to look at money and making real life connections.

**Every half term we follow a specific topic, this half term we will continue with our topic 'Summer'. As part of this we will be looking at:**

- Life cycles
- Living things

During our afternoon sessions, we will begin to explore living things such as plants and animals. Hopefully, we will be joined by our new chicks and will be able to reflect on their life cycle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents that joined us during our planting session. The children really enjoyed planting and we hope to continue to do this in our planters.

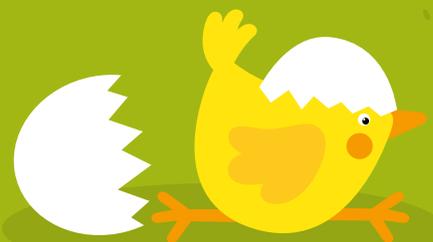
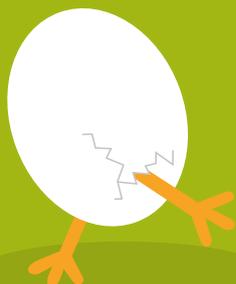
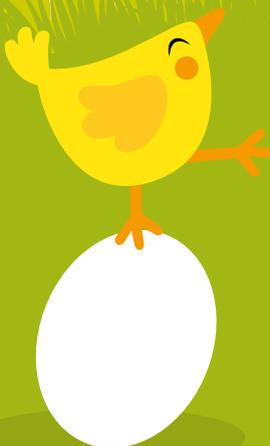
Children are really enjoying sharing their reading books at home. Please encourage them to read their book at home at least 3 times and ask them questions about it. It is essential that the books and reading journals are brought into school every Friday, to allow us to change their books.

In Foundation Stage, we truly value reading and how important it is to share with our family. As a result, we have decided to allow all the children to select their own library books on a Monday.

We will continue to send 'Home Learning' grid every month, which will have activities for you to complete with your child. Well done to the children that have already started this, we really enjoy sharing what you do at home!

Finally, if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please make sure to speak to a member of staff.

**Thank you for your support  
Miss Rathore and Mrs Thornton**



# YEAR 1

We will be teaching a friend from far away all about Our Planet

**Welcome back. We are excited about what this term has in store for us...this term, the children will be teaching a friend from far away all about Our Planet. In Science we are continuing to learn about plants and the children will be planting and growing some seeds of their very own.**

In literacy we will be reading the narrative 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge and writing our own stories based around this one. Please enjoy other books by Chris Judge at home. In numeracy, we are learning to measure length and mass. Please encourage your child at home to use scales – perhaps you could bake a cake? Later during this half term, the children will move onto working with numbers within 50-100. Please support your children in counting beyond 50 and recognising two-digit numbers when out and about.

Please can we remind all parents and carers it is essential the children have their books in school daily so we can have quiet reading in class and regularly change their reading books after their guided reading sessions. Phonics homework will be given throughout the half term for some children to practice daily at home alongside their reading books. We also ask that the children access Spellodrome and Sumdog weekly, you will find their log in details in the front of their reading diaries. In order for the children to receive a gold star in their reading journal they must have their book signed and dated on three separate occasions after reading to an adult at home.

All children need to have their PE kits in school each day, Year 1 PE days are Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday but we ask that the children keep their kits in their classroom until the end of the half term when they will then be sent home for washing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are available at the end of each day at 3.15pm in our classrooms. Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the children should be coming into the classroom by themselves in the morning and say goodbye to you at the door.

**We look forward to another fantastic (and hopefully sunny) half term in Year One. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.**

Miss Wright and Mrs Mouter.



Hello, I'm from Earth

# YEAR 2

We're taking a trip around the world!

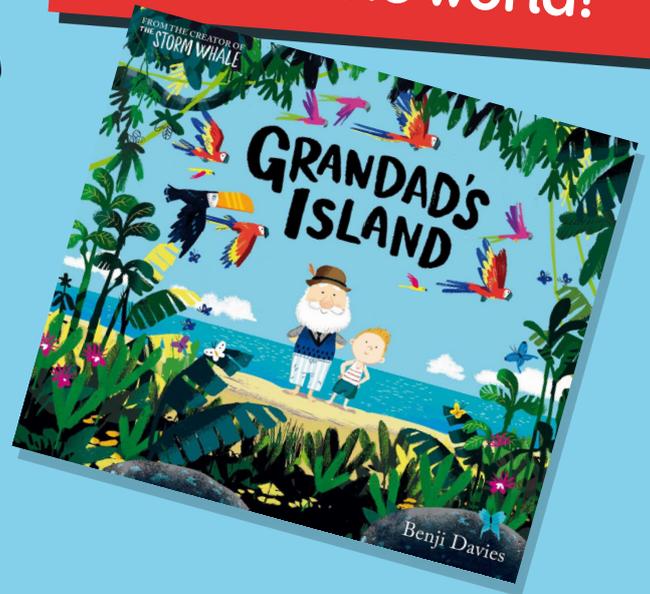
We will be taking a trip around the world this half term. Building on the knowledge that the children have gained in year one about their local area and hot and cold places on our planet. The children will learn more about our neighbouring countries, surrounding seas and the continents that make up our amazing planet. They will be inspired to explore, and being to gain aspirations about getting to know their planet a little more. They will learn similarities and differences about where they live and the wonders of the whole wide world.

During English, we are going to be reading Grandad's Island. Go on a journey with Grandad and Syd as the two of them journey to a wild, beautiful island awash in colour. We will develop our descriptive writing using a range of sentence types and will continue to work on different punctuation and exciting ways to join our sentences.

In maths we will be revisiting all the key concepts. Our next unit of work is position and direction. We will be learning key mathematical vocabulary to describe movements and turns. As always, we will be focussing on arithmetic strategies, so please encourage your children to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars and practise their calculations on Sumdog. Their logins are at the front of their reading journals. Please ask class teachers if you need the logins. There is a KS1 after school club if you do not have access to the internet at home.

How can humans keep fit and healthy? Within science, children will explore what we need to survive and stay healthy. They will learn about the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean and to take regular exercise. Throughout the half term, children will be encouraged to make positive choices that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Please ensure children continue to read regularly at home and ask them questions once they have read their book to check their



understanding. It is essential that the books and reading journals are brought into school every day to allow them to take a quiz on it and choose a new book. Children will carry on with the arithmetic and reading comprehension books for homework. Please encourage or work with them to complete these, but if you have supported them to complete the homework, please make a note on the relevant page, so we are able to see what the children can complete independently.

This is an important half term for the children as they will be completing their KS1 SATs. Throughout the year we have been preparing the children to be confident, independent learners. We have done several practise papers to make sure that children are familiar and comfortable with the format, so they will not be anxious on the day. All tests will take place in May, but the exact dates of the tests will be decided closer to the time. More information will be sent home regarding this.

We are looking forward to a busy, but exciting half term ahead.

Mrs Dickson and Miss Thomas



# Year 3

Our topic is about 'Rivers'

This half term we will be diving into our topic of rivers by looking at the awe inspiring rivers of the world; fascinating waterfall and interesting river animals.

Did you know that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our planet is covered by water? About 97% of this is salty seas, but the rest is fresh water. Some frozen in glaciers and form ice caps; others flow under your feet and trickle past in rivers.

Within this topic, we will be travelling around the world studying the world's most famous rivers: what makes them special and what ludicrous accident, stunts and expeditions have happened there.

In Science, we will continue the exploration of rocks. Investigating soils and fossils in order to understand the importance of rock formation on our planet.

Literacy flows into our theme as we explore the book river singers. We will plunge into the trials and tribulations of life in the Great River, focusing on our school sentence types.

In maths pupils will be revisiting and developing our understanding of fractions and time. Please continue to support their learning at home using Sumdog and TT rockstar it really is making a huge difference.

PE is Tuesday and Wednesdays this term. We ask that PE kits stay in school during the week.

We will continue with Accelerated Reader, so please help your child's reading by listening to them read and talking about their books. Spellings are sent home and tested weekly. The common exception spelling list will be sent home in the first week. Pupils are expected to practice these at home using Spellodrome. If there are any issues with logging on, please contact your child's class teacher.

**If you have any queries, big or small, please speak to one of the year three teachers.**

Mr Ellison or Miss Hudson.

River Thames

River Nile

Amazon River

# Year 4

We will be studying the water cycle

**What is the water cycle? How much rain actually falls in a day? These are two of the questions that we will be answering this half term while studying the water cycle. We will be looking at where rain comes from and creating a mini water cycle of our own to show how evaporation, condensation and precipitation occur. We will also be using our map skills to identify wet and dry areas and how these areas are impacted.**

In English, we will be using a picture book called 'The Flood' to inspire our writing. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling through using different sentence types.

In maths, we will be working on decimals, money and time. It is therefore very important that everyone is practicing TT Rockstars every day so that they may achieve the Gold award for timetables. If you have any difficulties logging on, or accessing TT Rockstars at home, please speak to one of us, and we can arrange for pupils to attend clubs.

We are still carrying on with the same topic: Animals including Humans. We will be learning

about our teeth and the food chain cycle.

We will be continuing with Accelerated reader every morning. Please ensure that a grown up at home is reading with your child as often as possible. Spellings will be put on Spellodrome every week, children are expected to practise these daily ahead of a test.

Each child has an individual login. If there are any issues with accessing Spellodrome please let one of us know.

PE will take place every Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). It is important that everyone has their full PE kit on these days, including trainers for outdoor PE and pumps for indoor.

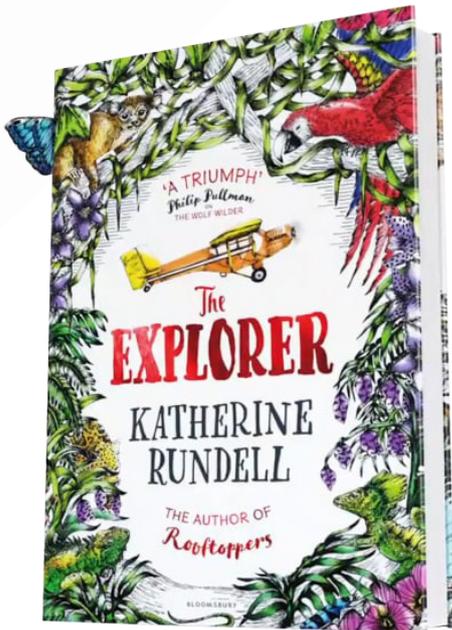
Please also ensure your child is coming to school wearing the appropriate uniform and footwear.

**Many thanks for all of your support, Miss Burns and Mrs Javed.**



# YEAR 5

We will be studying Katherine Rundell's book, 'Explorer'



From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him.

As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

Except, it seems, someone has been there before them...

In theme we will be revisiting earthquakes volcanoes, building on the children's previously gained knowledge and skills. They will learn to understand the importance of land movement and the devastating effects this can have on the people who live in areas affected by volcanoes and earthquakes. They will learn what our planet is made up from and how Planet Earth will continue on its natural course no matter how powerful the human race is.

In science we will be studying animals including humans. The children be describing the changes humans go through as they develop to old age. In addition, they will study the life cycles of other animals.

In maths we will be learning about decimals and percentages.

The children must continue to complete their home reading and practise on TT rockstars/spellodrome a minimum of weekly. The children now have full access to Sumdog, allowing them to enhance their maths knowledge.

Swimming will be swapping over with 5MH swimming this half term.

Miss Davies and Mr Hoban

We shall be studying the award-winning author Katherine Rundell's book, 'Explorer', inspired by her expedition to the Amazon and Eva Ibbotson's beloved 'Journey to the River Sea'. A modern classic of adventure, survival and friendship.



# YEAR 6

Our topic is 'Mountains'

A hundred years ago, in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, the daughter of an English earl is kidnapped by a huge hairy monster. In a secret valley Agatha Farley is introduced to a family of motherless yetis and devotes her life to their upbringing. She teaches them to speak, tells them stories and insists on polite manners. But as the decades pass, tourists come to the mountains, a hotel is built and yeti-hunters arrive. Agatha knows that there is one place in the world where they would be protected - her ancestral home at Farley Towers. When a boy and his sister stumble upon her hidden valley, she knows she has found the courageous people who will carry out her plan. The excited yetis are smuggled into the bridal suite at the hotel. A freezer lorry is waiting to put them into semi-hibernation on the long trip home. But the baby yak that has fallen in love with the youngest yeti foils the refrigeration plan and they set off on a hugely entertaining road trip half way across the world. In the Sultan of Aslerfan's kingdom the yetis release all the animals from his zoo. In the Alps they rescue a lost child in a blizzard. In Spain, the yak creates chaos at a bullfight. But when they arrive in England, a terrible shock awaits them at Farley Towers...

Year six will be using this fantastic book to create some brilliant writing linked to our topic this half term.

In year 6 this half term our topic is 'Mountains'. We will be looking at different mountain ranges across the world, planning the national 3 peaks challenge in the UK, researching and planning how to conquer the challenge in 24 hours and then looking at how we could visit and conquer other mountains and mountain ranges, what equipment we would need and why.

We will become reporters, documenting how Edmund Hillary was the first to reach the top of Everest and create our own documentary using the ICT suite and the green screen.

In Science we will be continuing our animals including humans topic and learning all about the human body.

This half term is extremely important for year six with our upcoming SATs tests – the tests will begin on the 13th May – it is extremely important your child's attendance is 100% leading up to this and during this week.

Please continue to work through the CGP books at home with your children and continue to encourage your child to read as well as using TT rockstars and sumdog as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support Miss Taylor and Mr Ahmed



Yeti's

Sir Edmund Hillary (left) and Tenzing Norgay

Climbing equipment

# Summer Term 1 Diary Dates

Whole of May - Y2 National SATs assessments

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - school closed

Friday 10th May - KS1 Sleepover TBC

Monday 13th May - Y6 National SATs week

Friday 17th May - Y1 Summer walk

Friday 17th May - Y3 and 4 residential to Castleshaw

Friday 24th May - Last Day of term - non-uniform



## Summer Term 2 2019

Monday 10th June - Back to school

10th - 14th June - Y1 National Phonics Screening Check

Friday 21st June - Non-uniform day - donations of bottles

Friday 28th June - Non-uniform day - donations of chocolate

Monday 1st July - Sports Day

1st - 5th July - Broadoak Health Week

Thursday 4th July - Class swap morning

Friday 5th July - Non-uniform day - donations of unwanted gifts

Friday 5th July - Summer Fair - 5pm

Monday 8th July - KS1 Meet the Teacher 5pm

Tuesday 9th July - KS2 Meet the Teacher 5pm

Friday 12th July - End of Year Reports

Tuesday 16th July - Parent Drop-ins

Thursday 18th July - 1.30 pm Y6 afternoon Performance

Thursday 18th July - 6.00 pm Y6 evening Performance

Friday 19th July - Final Reward Assembly

Monday 22nd July - Y6 residential to Robinwood

Thursday 25th July - Y6 Prom

Friday 26th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Friday 26th July - Break up for Summer Holidays



### Parking reminder

Please can we remind you that no vehicles, apart from staff and blue badge holders, are allowed to use the car park, this includes for club pick-ups. Please also ensure that vehicles are not parking on the yellow markings outside of school or in front of neighbours' driveways. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep the children and our community safe.

# Clubs Spring 2019



## Key Stage 1 - Year 1 & Year 2

Day and Time	Year	Club
Monday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Games club
	Y1 & Y2	Crafty Kids
Tuesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Street Dance
	Y1 & Y2	TT Rockstars/Spelldrome
Wednesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Football
	Y1 & Y2	Minecraft
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Thursday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Boxing
	Y1 & Y2	Funky Fact Finders
Friday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Sports square
	Y1 & Y2	Zumba

Aiming High,  
Working Hard,  
Having Fun  
Together

## Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day and Time	Year	Club
Monday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y5 & 6	Frisbee club
	Y5 & 6	Girls Football
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Supersingers
Tuesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Rounders
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Quad Kids
	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Samba Band
Wednesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Netball
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Boxing
Thursday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 & Y4	Tri-Golf
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Street Dance
	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Crafty Kids
	Y5 & Y6	Cricket
Friday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	TT rockstars/spelldrome
	Y3 & Y4	Girls Football
	Y5 & Y6	Dodgeball
	12.30-1.00pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6