

# News

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## Principal's Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of this academic year!

I want to start by thanking you all for your continued support and understanding through these challenging times. Everything we do is for the safety of your children, you and the staff, so thank you.

You will see in the rest of this newsletter that this half term is packed full of fun and learning for our children. We are all currently studying a history unit based on the heritage of our country and already we have had some Viking fun taking place in Y6 this week. I can't wait to see what the other year groups get up to over the next few weeks! Look out on social media.

As Christmas is fast approaching, we are currently putting the finishing touches to our calendar of festivities and we will share this with you as soon as it is ready.

We will be saying another goodbye at the end of this term. Mrs Dickson, one of the teachers in year 1, has relocated further away and will be starting at a new school at the end of December. Ms Doherty will join us in a few weeks to allow a cross over between the two teachers.

Best wishes,  
Fiona Lomas

*Fiona Lomas*



## Attendance

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

NZE - 95.81%

RNM - 91.36%

RSR - 92.86%

1HT - 93.82%

1ND - 95.14%

2HC - 97.47%

2LT - 94.08%

3CS - 96.99%

3SR - 97.86%

4LB - 95.81%

4SA - 97.48%

5AD - 89.43%

5MH - 93.86%

6AT - 97.77%

6MJ - 97.00%

Whole school  
95.25%

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# Foundation Stage

**Our topic is: The Heritage of our Country and its impact on us now**

**We hope you have had a lovely half term and are ready to continue on our exciting, learning journey!**

In literacy, we will be reading stories written by Julia Donaldson and Jill Murphy to help us to understand the importance of families and communities working together.

In maths, during the first few weeks we will work on different types of measurement and then continue to work on shapes.

In science, the children will begin to explore the similarities and differences between night and day. They will use scientific skills to sort and compare pictures of jobs, activities and animals.

**Every half term we follow a specific theme, this half term we will be focusing on 'The Heritage of our Country and its impact on us now.' As part of this we will be reflecting on when we were babies and how we have changed over time. As well as a looking at other stages that our parents or grandparents have gone through.**

Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning about different traditions such as Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We would appreciate any pictures of your family celebrating any of these traditions to share with the class.

Children are really enjoying sharing their reading books at home. Please encourage them to read their book at home every day and ask them questions about it; you can also write comments in their reading journal about how well they have read. Make sure to sign three times to help them earn stars for their reading badges. It is essential that the books and reading journals are brought into school every Friday, to allow us to quarantine and change their books for Monday.



We will continue to send 'Home Learning' grid every month, which will have activities for you to complete with your child. Once they have completed the activities we will share them with our class. For every activity completed in our homework books we will award one dojo and any activities completed on tapestry, we will award two dojos.

If you have not signed up to tapestry already then please do message the office and sign up so that you can look at what your child has been learning at school.

**Thank you for your support**

**Miss Rathore - Early Years Lead**

# Year 1

This half term we will be looking at how things change as time goes by

**We have an exciting topic planned for this half term all about the heritage of our country! We will be looking at how things change as time goes by. This will include looking back at our old school building! Also, did you know there was a huge fire in the Ashton market only a few years ago? We will be finding out what happened by carrying out a local history study.**

We will be learning about the weather in Science. We will research the different types of weather we experience in the UK and how some kinds of weather are associated with different seasons of the year. The dangers of looking at the Sun and playing in the Sun without protection will also be discussed.

Our class text for this half term is The Most Magnificent Thing. Have you ever made anything magnificent? We will be finding out what the most magnificent thing is and writing our own story based on this. Towards the end of the half term we will look at diary entries. Our main focus is still basic punctuation, but we will also be learning some new sentence types.

In maths we will be focussing on numbers within 20. We will count, read, write, identify, represent, double and half numbers. After this we will concentrate on addition and subtraction within 20 and will read, write, interpret and solve one-step problems. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home.

Books are not being changed as frequently as normal due to them having to be kept in quarantine before being given to another child. So please do read any books that you may have at home with them. When books do go home, it is essential that the books are brought back into school every day to allow the teachers to listen to your child read and to change their book. Children may have also been given some phonics sounds to practice at home. If you could take the time to practice these with your child, it will improve their reading.

Can we please remind children to frequently log in to 'Sumdog' and 'Spelling Shed'. This login will allow them to practice maths and spellings at home on a regular basis. If you do not have access to the internet, please let their teacher know.

Please remember to bring PE kits into school. It is getting colder now, so can all children have a pair of joggers and a jumper to wear. Year 1 have PE on a Tuesday afternoon. These will be kept at school on their peg and will be sent home at the end of every half term for washing.

**We are looking forward to another jam packed half term!**

**Mrs Dickson and Mrs Thornton**



Our community



Market fire



Our new school



Our old school



Ashton

# YEAR 2

## We will be researching the Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London in 1666 was a hugely important event in the history of London and this term year 2 will be finding out all about it.

The unit will begin by researching where London is, what it looks like and what it was like in the past. We will also explore what life was like in London and make comparisons to life today. Following this, we will research and investigate how the Great Fire of London began and create a timeline of events. The children will be encouraged to ask questions such as 'Where did the fire begin?' and 'Why did the fire spread so quickly?' We will discuss how we know so much about the Great Fire of London by looking at a variety of historical sources, including Samuel Pepys and his diary writing. The children will discover how London recovered from the Great Fire and finally to discuss what we have learnt from the event. The children are going to have a very busy and exciting half term learning all about our topic of the Great Fire of London.

In literacy we will be reading a story based on the experiences of a rat and a flea in the Great Fire of London. Do you think they survived? You'll have to wait and see! Children will write their own traditional tale focussing on descriptive language and will also have the opportunity to write their own diary entry, just like Samuel Pepys.

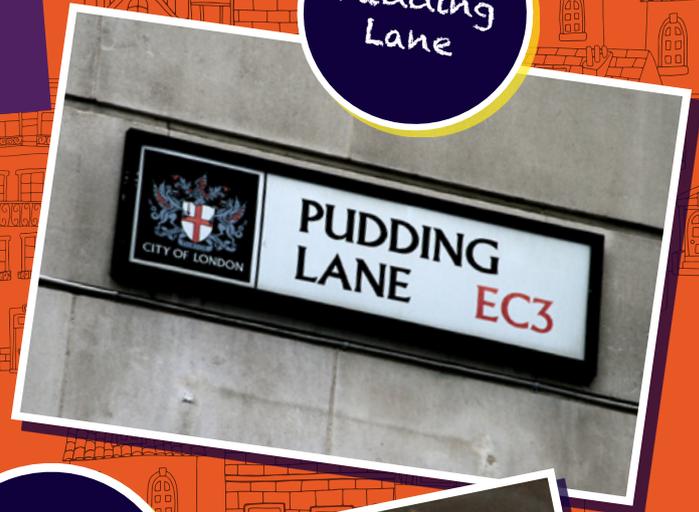
In maths we will be working on measurement, graphs and multiplication and division. Please keep practising timetables and divisions on TTrackstars at home which will support their learning. Their logins are in the front of their reading logs.

We are on the last half term now before we say good bye to 2020. It has been a year of ups and downs, but we are thankful to be in school learning and having fun.

We're looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Miss Thomas, Miss Carlisle and Miss Carr.

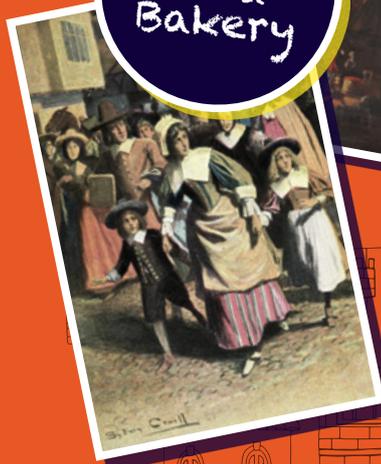
Pudding Lane



1666



Started in a Bakery



Samuel Pepys



# YEAR 3

We will be learning all about key events from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

Year 3 are going back in time in English this half-term: we will join Om as she teaches her new friend all about her family's way of life in the Stone Age.

We will become historians this half term and will learn all about key events from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be learning about the survival of early man, the importance of tools and historical debate surrounding key archaeological findings.

In Maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division and applying our sound understanding to reasoning and problem-solving questions. Practising times tables at home will help support children's understanding, therefore please continue to support us on our TT Rockstars quest. By the end of year 3, all pupils should have achieved the Silver award for times tables.

In science, we will continue with our animals and skeletons topic, looking at how our muscles work and how our skeletons protect our organs and support our bodies. We will then move onto our rocks topic, learning all about sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks.

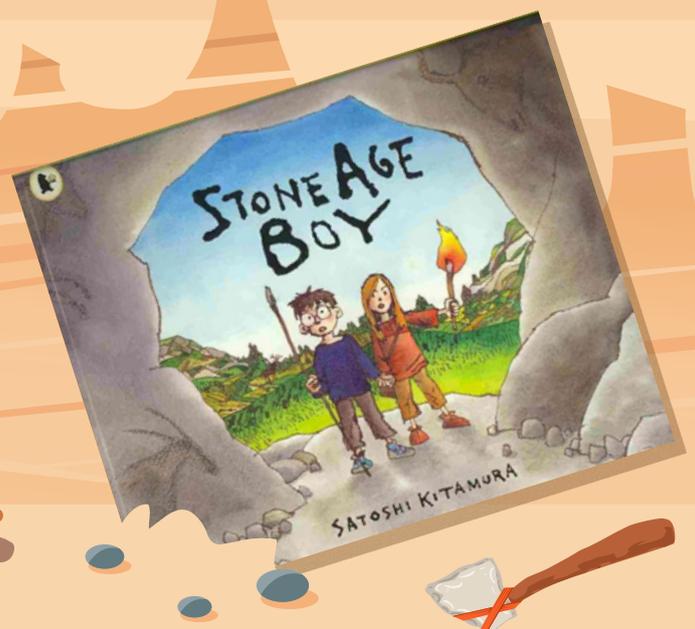
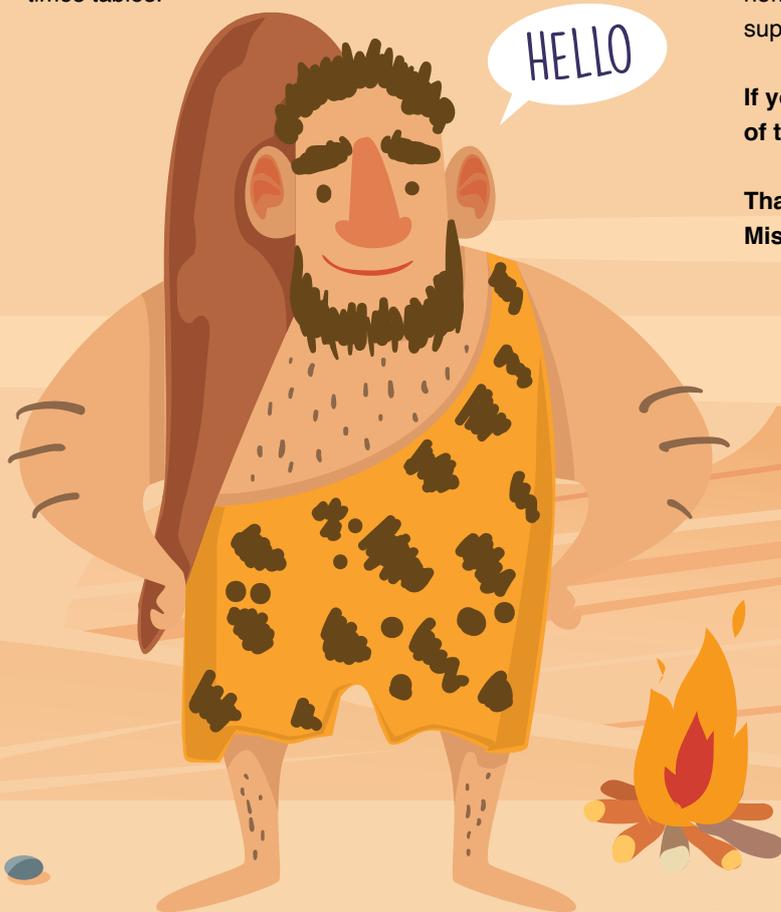
Year 3 will take part in their PE lessons on Thursday (outdoor). Please ensure that your children have their full PE kit on these days, so they can participate fully in the lesson.

We will continue to develop our reading fluency using Accelerated Reader, so please help your child's reading by listening to them read and talking about their books.

Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Sumdog online homework are set weekly, we appreciate your continued support with this.

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

Thank you for all your support.  
Miss Stone and Mr Rahman



# YEAR 4

**This half term we will become historians in order to study the impact of one of the greatest empires that ever existed: The Romans. Pupils will learn about how the Romans spread of the Roman Empire and its legacy including how they have influenced our culture and the way they have influenced modern technology.**

In English, we will be looking at Hiccup's journey to become a Viking hero. We will develop our knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling through using different sentence types as well as exploring difference lenses we can write through.

In maths, pupils will learn to use different units of measure before using these to calculate and find the perimeter of shapes before moving onto multiplication and division. It is therefore very important that everyone learns their times tables. In addition, the children in Year 4 will also be doing the Year 4 national multiplication test. Therefore, it is very important that everyone is practicing their times tables knowledge using TT Rockstars every day so that they may achieve the Gold award for timetable challenge and do well in the test. The children will be given a set number of games to complete each week. 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.

In Science, we will complete our topic of sound by learning and about changing pitch before using all our knowledge to create our very own musical instruments. Once we have completed this unit, we will begin to look at electricity.

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 Spellingshed every week, and children are expected to practise these daily ahead of a test. Each child has an individual login. If there are any issues with accessing Spellingshed please let one of us know.

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

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

If you have any questions, then please message us using Class Dojo.

**Many thanks for your continues support,**

**Mr Ahmed and Miss Burns.**

We will be looking  
at the Roman Empire



# YEAR 5

## We will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots

Could you slay a dragon? Could you become a hero? This half term the children will be applying to hero school to become a hero, just like the great Beowulf (Our book for this half term).

But what if we don't get in to hero school? Well then we'll have to write a recipe for a hero spell!

Be prepared for lots of action as we find out if Beowulf manages to slay the mythical creatures he finds himself up against. We will recreate narratives of our own with Beowulf as the hero... or not!

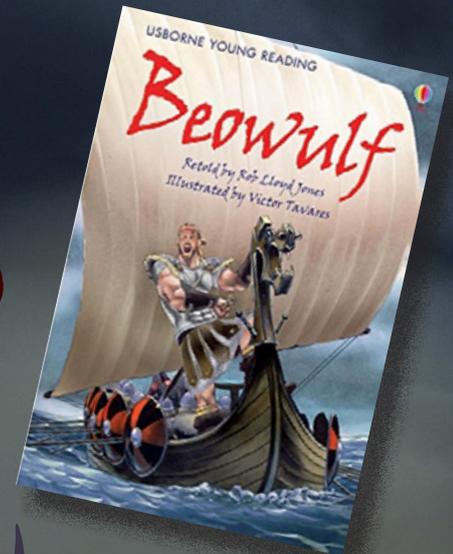
Our history topic this half term will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots linking to 'The heritage of our country'. The children will learn where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots came from. Understand how, when and why the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain. Understand how the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain and think about what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. So armour up and get ready for an Anglo Saxon battle to remember!

In science we are learning about reactions and forces. Did you ever hear the story about an apple falling on somebody's head? I bet you did! In this topic the children will look at lives of scientists, create, plan, write and make a movie on their understanding of reactions. The children will then learn about a variety of forces and conduct tests to understand how it works. They will look at scientists, such as, Sir Issac Newton and understand his theory of Gravity.

In maths we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will learn multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Get ready to become maths whizzes once again.

The children must complete their home reading and practise on TT rockstars/spelling shed a minimum of weekly. The children will also have full access to Sumdog, allowing them to enhance their maths knowledge. If you require any logins for the apps, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Miss Davies and Mr Hoban



# YEAR 6

We will be learning about the Vikings

Welcome back! We are excited to start a brand new half term with some exciting brand new learning in year 6.

Our whole school topic this half term is 'Who are we?' and links to the heritage of our country – we will be learning about the Vikings. We will start our topic with a virtual Viking day where we will complete lots of hands on activities: making Thor's hammer necklaces, clay pots, Viking games and lots more! We will be looking at Viking raids and invasions, where the Vikings came from, we will learn about laws and justice – even calculating how much compensation you would get for some missing body parts! Get your helmets and shields ready – it's going to be a busy half term!

## Our book this half term is 'Viking Boy'

Gunnar is the son of a Viking chieftain, living peacefully on a family steading – until they are raided by the Wolf Men, who raze his home to the ground. Gunnar swears an oath of vengeance against his enemy – but first he must run to save himself!

This story is full of excitement and gore – we will write our own narratives linking to the book and will have the opportunity to skype the author Tony Bradman to ask him lots of questions and also share our own work – how exciting!

In maths we will be learning about fractions and will continue to consolidate our knowledge of number so we are able to apply our knowledge to trickier multi step problems. We will be using some fantastic books to support our learning of fractions, we'll start off with 'The Lion's Share' and decide which fraction of the cake each animal will get.

In science, we are learning all about electricity. We will be finding out how electricity reaches our home and building lots of circuits. We will look at how light bulbs, switches and motors work and conduct lots of investigations.

We will be doing lots of learning in school, but to support this we expect all children to be accessing TT rockstars, sumdog, spelling shed and home reading frequently, it really does help.

Along with our usual learning, we of course will be spreading some Christmas cheer in this strange time with lots of Christmas activities planned.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to message us on class dojo.

Miss Taylor and Mrs Javed

