



19th January 2024

Key Dates

Wednesday 23rd January - EYFS height and weight checks in school

Thursday 24th January - 1DT library visit

Tuesday 30th January - Rock steady music in school

Friday 9th February - Close for half term

Monday 19th February - Training Day - school closed to pupils

Tuesday 20th February - Children back to school

Withernsea Primary School Newsletter

Message from Mr Hartmann

Happy New Year to you all! It has been great to see the children back in school over the past two weeks and settle so well into our new term. It is a short term but still a busy one with lots of things going on! Please keep checking the newsletter to keep informed of dates coming up for your children's year group. We are regularly reviewing the content that is included in our fortnightly newsletter. If there is any information or particular features you would like to see, then we would really appreciate your feedback. As expected, it has been a very cold January. Please do ensure that your children bring a coat and other appropriate clothing to ensure they keep warm over breaktimes and lunches.

Thank you for your continued support.

Matilda



Mrs Moore's drama club have began practices for their new production of Matilda. There has been a huge uptake after the success of last terms production of Little Shop of Horrors. We look forward to updating you about how the rehearsals are going and ways in which you may be able to help with costumes and props.

Why is attendance important?

Working together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

Punctuality It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Weekly Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 90.1%

RCE -77.4%

RJH - 91.7%

1LA -87.4%

1DT - 88.3%

2SH -82.8%

2CH - 88.6%

2OD -93.6%
3AF - 92.5%
3CB - 98.3%
3LF - 98%
4CM - 88.2%
4KB - 91%
4ML - 96.2%
5CC -93.3%
5LW - 94.3%
5RT - 90.5%
6EK - 91.3%
6KC - 94.2%
6RL - 86.3%
Provision - 78.8%

Bacon and leek pasta



Ingredients

- 300g- 500g Cooking Bacon, sliced into small chunks
- 2 Courgettes, thinly sliced into quarters
- 500g Leeks, washed thoroughly and thinly sliced
- 200g-300g Cream Cheese

- 400g Pasta Shapes
- Black Pepper

Method

1. Start by adding the bacon into a non-stick frying pan over a medium to low heat to allow the fat to render. Gently fry for around 8 minutes, or until the bacon starts to get crispy.
2. Remove a third of the bacon from the pan and set aside for a topping. Add the leeks into the pan and season generously with pepper. Stir to combine and gently fry for 5 minutes.
3. During this time, add your pasta to boiling water, setting your timer to the packet time minus two minutes.
4. When the leeks have been frying for 5 minutes, add the courgettes into the pan to fry for a further 5 minutes.
5. Next, add the cream cheese and stir to combine. Loosen with around 3 ladles of pasta water, then add the undercooked pasta (reserve the pasta water when draining). Stir to combine and continue to cook until the sauce is thickened. Loosen with additional pasta water as necessary.
6. Serve with an extra sprinkle of crispy bacon and black pepper. Enjoy!

Times Tables Rock Stars Competition



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom for NSPCC Number Day. The competition runs from 07:30 to 19:30 GMT on Friday 2nd February. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player well-being, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

Each class in Years 3-6 will set a one-hour time slot during the school day to complete the challenge. This does not mean that your child cannot participate from home in the morning.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Thank you for your cooperation,

This promises to be a lot of fun!

Class News



Nursery

This week in nursery, we have had some new children join us and we have been enjoying getting to know each other and making new friendships.

We have been exploring lots of different areas in our continuous provision both indoors and outdoors.

The children have really enjoyed bowling outside this week using the skittles and the bowling balls.

We have been practicing our listening and joining in with carpet time sessions, singing nursery rhymes, enjoying stories and playing games.

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Reception

In literacy this week, we have introduced a new story The Three Horrid Pigs and the Big Friendly Wolf. We have looked at the front cover, title, author and blurb and made predictions about what the story could be about. We have also read the original Three Little Pigs to be able to compare the 2 stories.

In our maths lessons, we have been exploring mass and capacity. The children have used different objects to weigh on the bucket balance scales as well as filling up containers. We have been using key vocabulary such as heavier, lighter, equal, full, empty and half full.

In our PE sessions with Hull FC we have been practicing ball skills, including travelling with a ball, balancing, throwing and catching.

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Year 1

What a lovely first 2 weeks back to school we have had!

On Thursday 1DT were lucky enough to visit Withernsea Public Library. The kind staff showed us around, and read some lovely stories to us. We had the chance to do colouring, playing with Lego

and reading which the children absolutely loved! The children walked so sensibly, were respectful to the staff and represented our school brilliantly. Well done 1DT! 1LA will also get the chance to visit the library very soon!

In English, we have begun exploring setting descriptions. We have worked together to create a WAGOLL and a writers toolkit, to inform our own writing. We have innovated the setting from Jack and the Beanstalk, to now being a spooky haunted house! The children have worked so hard to use amazing adjectives to describe, to then building them into sentences.

In Maths, we have looked further at place value to 20. We have been consolidating our knowledge of adding and subtracting within 20, and have even looked at doubles too! Things are getting very tricky but our children are very resilient.

Art was super fun, we have explored different pencil techniques such as stippling, hatching and blending. The children had a really good go, and experimented with creating light and darkness within their art.

Year 2

What a busy first couple of weeks back in Year 2! We have worked really hard in English and have created some wonderful setting descriptions based on the story of Hansel and Gretel. We started by exploring the forest setting before moving on to describing the old lady's house made from tasty sweets.

In maths, we have been exploring fractions. We have looked at finding a half and a quarter of both a shape and an amount. We really enjoyed taking part in practical lessons to help us to deepen our understanding.

We had such an exciting (and messy!) Art lesson using various objects and paint to mark make on huge pieces of paper. We couldn't believe some of the patterns the objects in made. We are looking forward to exploring the work of William Morris in the coming weeks.

PE was so much fun this week but also extremely tiring! We have started a new unit on circuits, we discussed how exercise raises our heart rate and helps us to stay healthy before exploring a variety of exercises that worked on different muscles in our body.

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Year 3

The children on year 3 have come back from their Christmas holidays with a fantastic attitude towards their learning and we have hit the ground running in the new year. We started by setting goals for 2024, with many of the children determined to improve their handwriting, times tables and concentration skills. As a result, we have noticed a conscious improvement in these areas from many of the children already. In Maths, we are continuing our study of Multiplication and Division, which has focussed on the use of our Times Tables knowledge. In Guided Reading, we have started our new fiction text 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by the esteemed author Michael Morpurgo. We have also started our new, related, non-fiction text all about London. In Writing, we have started looking at Action and Adventure stories with a view to re-writing the ending to the Cliff-hanger in an animation called Spy Fox. Other than this, the children have been keeping fit in our Box2BFit circuit training P.E. topic, and our new Science topic rocks!

Year 3 Team





Year 4

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What a wonderful week! We have started a new topic in writing! The children have worked hard to use adjectives to describe nouns and adverbs to modify verbs within their writing and have produced some brilliant sentences based around the 'Lost Thing'. In Maths, we have continued multiplication and division and have looked at different methods to multiply and divide. RE we have began a new topic around people who inspire us and have been looking at some saints this week.

In Science, we have started to look at 'Living things' and we have explored the 7 characteristics of any living thing, creating brilliant posters to display our knowledge! We also learnt to classify and group animals based on different characteristics! PE has been fun, we have started a new topic around gymnastics and have been practicing different types of leaps!

We look forward to another fun week next week,

Have a wonderful weekend,

Year 4 team





Another super week of learning for year 5!

We have been continuing in our English topic of Roads End. We have been developing our skills in grammar by looking at ellipsis, follow on from inverted commas last week. We have looking at developing tension in our writing by looking language choices and short sentences. In maths, we've been converting improper fractions to mixed fractions and vice versa. In Reading, we've continue with our two books: Dead Mans Cove and Amazing Islands. Most of our afternoons have been taken u by play rehearsals for Peter Pan, which is really bringing some of the children out of their shells. It's lovely to see the excitement in the children. It's looking really good so far.

The Year 5 team



3 - Year 5

In year 6 we have had a fantastic start to the Spring term! Last week, the year 6 classes had a day filled with workshops from 'Prison me? No way!'. The children really enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities covering a range of important subjects - including how to be safe online, antisocial behaviour, prison life, road safety and high school behaviour, hopes and worries. As part of the prison life workshop, the children were even able to explore a prison cell! The children were all really respectful, had lots of good questions and were engaged throughout the day. This week, the children got to explore real pig's hearts in science! We were very impressed with how mature the children were and how well they investigated the hearts together in groups. In reading, we have started a new book 'Letters From The Lighthouse'. In writing, we have started a new topic where we are focusing on writing a character description with dialogue based on a character in our guided reading book 'Letters From The Lighthouse'.

-The Year 6 team 18.01.24



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5 - In the Rainbow Room this week our theme has been jungle animals. We have been learning all of their names and using our senses to find out all about them. We have enjoyed ordering animals by size, playing with the small world jungle animals and being creative with Miss Hanlon and Miss Crick. We have also been working hard in our maths and phonics sessions.



6 - In the Reef we have had a really busy week! We have designed a healthy rice salad in our science lessons and made it in our cooking lesson on Thursday. We have been learning about the Stone Age, this weeks lesson was about the Red Lady of Paviland- we had to solve the clues to find out how the Red Lady lived. We have also been learning how to play the glockenspiel in music. What a busy week!