

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of half term! It has been a very busy half term with LOTS and LOTS of learning taking place in and out of the classrooms.

This week we have said a very Happy Birthday to Denise who is celebrating a special birthday this weekend. The whole school enjoyed sharing some very special birthday cake with her on Thursday.



We also said Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Hodgson on Thursday as she relocates to North Yorkshire. We look forward to hearing how she is getting on in due course.



Weekly Round Up

Forest School

This half term the whole school have enjoyed making dens and being very creative with the Christmas Trees. As it has been a little chilly, there has been a weekly fire to allow the children and the adults to stay warm!

Pebbles

Pebbles have been very busy being firefighters this week, they have taken lots of 999 calls and have been dashing off to put out lots of fires. They have also enjoyed setting up Pebbles Café, there have been lots of cakes, pasta dishes served this week, the ice cream shop was popular but a few found it too cold for ice cream!

The children have been practising counting up to 10 and back to 0 using their 10 in the bed puppets. They have also been matching numbers with the correct amount of compare bears. They have been counting buttons as they practised threading them onto pipe cleaners.

The children have enjoyed by a very special book this week 'Ruby Long Dog', it was written by one of the children's Grandmas and has become a firm favourite in Pebbles!

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Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have had lots of fun finding out about firefighters. We watched a video to find out about the daily life of a firefighter. We talked about the special clothes that firefighters need to wear and the breathing apparatus they use, we labelled a fire engine and enjoyed lots of role play. There were some super observational paintings of a fire engine and some amazing models made by the children were very creative in their representations.

In mathematics we have continued with numbers 6, 7 and 8 finding and making doubles. We have practically talked about what are the parts and what is the whole, and have combed two sets to find the total.

It has been assessment week in phonics so it has been recapping all sounds and practising correct letter formations.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have enjoyed writing their own portal stories based on The Great Fire of London. Year 1 have been working hard on using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops whereas Year 2 have been focusing on powerful verbs and lists of 3 to make their writing exciting.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning their number bonds to twenty. The children enjoyed investigating number bonds by using tens frames. Year 2 have completed their unit on money. This week they have been learning how to find change and how to solve two-step money problems.

In science, the children took part in an investigation to see which materials were absorbent and which ones were not. We tested a range of materials including sponge, wood, plastic, tissue and paper to see which ones soaked up water.

In history, we have been learning about why the fire spread so quickly. We looked at Tudor houses and discussed how houses have changed since The Great Fire of London.



Kestrel Class

In English, we have finished writing our innovated warning tales and the children have come up with some fabulous imaginative ideas. They have worked hard to use inverted commas and think about their punctuation when speech is involved in the text. They also drew a text map of their own story to ensure that the flow of their innovation made sense.

In mathematics, Nemos have continued to work on fractions. They have been learning about the numerator and the denominator of unit fractions and non-unit fractions. They have compared and ordered the fractions and also learnt about the whole as a fraction. Frogs have finished their unit on length and perimeter and have now started learning about fractions. They have looked at fractions of a whole number and are now learning about integers and numbers beyond 1.

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In science, we learnt about food chains and the different stages within them. We worked in pairs and chose different pictures to create our own food chains; identifying the different roles that organisms play and how they change depending on the food chain.



Osprey Class

Osprey Class have had a great last week with Mrs Hodgson. In English we have enjoyed editing our Greek Myths and then writing them up onto the computer, using Word. We also enjoyed finishing our class book, "The Adventures of Odysseus." We even managed to start our new class book, Malander, which we are very much looking forward to reading before Easter.

In mathematics we have finished our decimals and percentages topic and we are looking forward to our maths lessons with Mrs Burkitt after half term. We had lots of fun this week, with positioning our chosen objects to create our stop motion animation film.

Mrs Hodgson wanted to say a very big thank you to the children in Osprey class and their adults, for the thank you gifts, flowers, cards and for being so amazing! She really has been spoilt and will miss teaching the class but will definitely keep in touch to see how they are doing.



Barn Owls

In English this week, we have continued our work on 'The Store Full of Magical Things' by Rutendo Tavengerwei. We have thought of our own magical things that would be fun to find in the store. Our great ideas included a dragon scale that can make you fly, a football that always scores goals, a cloak that can make you invisible and the list went on! Between us, we generated over 30 ideas and then individually selected four to create our own innovated poems. We have used the laptops to type our poems for our own poetry book.

In maths, we have looked at the perimeter of shapes. At first some of us were tempted to find the area by counting all the squares inside the shape but now know that the perimeter is the distance all the way around the outside of a 2D shape. To work out the perimeter, we add up the lengths of all the sides.



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In other news

Parents Evening Notes & Attendance

Your child should have brought home their Parents’ Evening notes yesterday, if you did not receive them or the attendance information, please get in touch.

Y4 Bikeability

Please do not forget to bring your child’s bike and helmet to school on the morning of Tuesday 25th February as Year 4 have their Level 1 Bikeability session.

Kites Holiday Club

There are still spaces available in Kites Holiday Club on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Please book via iPal before 11pm the night before.

Kites Clubs until Easter

We will be offering Tennis for KS2 on Wednesday evenings, Tennis for EYFS & KS1 on Thursday evenings and Gymnastics is available for everyone on Fridays.

Cross Country

Please remember to sign your child up for Cross Country next half term. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteer to help run this very popular KS2 club for us!

Enjoy half term!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Runner of the Week



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2025		
24 th	Back to School	Everyone
25 th	Year 4 Bikeability – letter sent 8/1, emails sent 16/1, 23/1	Year 4 only
March 2025		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
6 th – 9 th	Year 5 Adventure Week – letter will be sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th – 6 th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles’ Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers’ Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only