

## Newsletter 22/09/2023

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **351** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy week in school, the children are well involved in their learning and topics are well under way. It has been great to see some of you at Stay and Read's this week and I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at our MacMillan coffee morning next Friday in the sports hall. Our year 3, 2 and 4 children began their music lessons with Wakefield music service this week too, with Samba, Percussion and Rock Guitar. There will be some small performances for parents nearer Christmas which we will let you know about. We look forward to another busy week next week and year 4 will be enjoying their school trip to Ledston Hall on Tuesday.

### Upcoming Dates

Tue 26/09-Y4 Trip to Ledston Hall  
Wed 27/09-1DP Stay and Read  
Thur 28/09-5CT Stay and Read  
Fri 29/09-MacMillan Coffee Morning  
Fri 29/09-Y5/Y6 Rugby Tournament  
Wed 04/10-1KR Stay and Read  
Thur 05/10-5LR Stay and Read  
Thur 05/10-McDelta Lunch Day  
Thur 05/10-Y3 Stone Age Experience (in school)  
Wed 11/10-Y2 Trip to Synagogue  
Thur 12/10-4KR Stay and Read  
Wed 18/10-RJD Stay and Read

Mon 23/10-Y5 Residential to Dallow Gill  
Wed 25/10-2KW Stay and Read  
Thur 26/10-3SM Stay and Read  
Thur 26/10-Halloween Disco  
Fri 27/10-Break up  
Mon 06/11-Inset Day  
Tue 07/11-Back to school  
Tue 07/11-Flu Vaccinations  
Wed 15/11-Parents Evening  
Wed 22/11-School Photos  
Wed 13/12-Xmas Fayre  
Fri 22/12-Break Up

### Stars of the week

**NURSERY AM** - Violet. D! For looking after her friends at school and being a great example to everyone.

**NURSERY PM** - Annie. O! For amazing story telling and helping our friends with our Talk for Writing.

**RJD**- River F for great listening and behaviour.

**RRS**- Amelia D for beautiful handwriting.

**1DP** - Rico for joining in with all activities and trying his best in all subjects.

**1KR**- Isabella - For always being a shining star in the classroom and trying her best in everything she does.

**2SG**- Scarlett for an outstanding week of hard work, resilience and independence showing the class how to behave every single second of every day. Great work Scarlett!

**2KW/LH** - Katelyn S giving well thought out answers during lessons and showing resilience throughout the week.

**3ED** – Lola for always been green!

**3SM** - Ella for showing a great attitude towards her work this week.

**4MM** - Hope for showing enthusiasm every day at school and trying her hardest.

**4KR** - Zach for having the best start to the year and becoming our class rep.

**5LR**- Joseph D. He has tried so hard in his handwriting this week and he has really engaged in our history topic. He has contributed to every discussion and is always striving to find out more.

**5CT** - AJ for contributing ideas and showing huge effort towards his learning.

**6SW**- Seth S for his great attitude to learning in all areas this week.

**6SC**- Jack for some great Maths.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have explored the story 'Dear Zoo' and created our very own story map. The children have really enjoyed re-telling the story together and performing the actions, we are very excited to start our story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?' next week.

In maths we have focused on exploring the Numicon and encouraging the children to count as high as they can. In phonics we have been playing some games that focus on environmental sounds, the children are starting to tune into sounds that they can hear and listening carefully to instructions when taking part in the activities. We have also handed out our Book Bags this week and we are excited for seeing what the children do at home with their grownups.



## Reception

This week has been really productive for reception, and we have had a mysterious visitor. On Tuesday morning when we came into school the children discovered some footprints and, corn and flour all over the classroom floor. When looking closely they discovered that there was a trail and this led to a basket which had been left in each room, it contained a recipe and all the ingredients that were needed to make bread. there was also a note saying, 'Can you help me make some bread?'. The children realised the note was from Little Red Hen and once we had read the story in which all the characters refuse to help her, they understood why she needed help. So that day we all made bread and the child all ate it before we went home. It was a great introduction to the story which we will now be focusing on in Talk for Writing.



## 1DP

What another fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 1. The children have really got into the swing of things. In our Literacy this week we have been rehearsing the story of the Gruffalos Child with the help of our text map and have been learning and using new vocabulary such as: trail, scaly and pounced.

In our Thrive sessions this week we have been talking about how Year 1 makes us feel. Here is some of the things the children said- 'Year 1 makes me feel tired because we do lots of things' Year 1 makes me feel excited because we get to do art' 'Year 1 makes me feel a little bit scared but a little bit happy because we do lots of work but it's fun'



## 1KR

1KR are continuing to enjoy their learning around Julia Donaldsons 'The Gruffalos Child'. This week we have been writing sentences with capital letters and full stops, explored story openers, and have boxed up our story and rehearsed it using the actions we have created. We are very good at retelling the story, ask us at home to retell it to you!



### 2SG

Year 2 have had a fantastic week this week, they have shown their art skills as we experimented with crumpling and folding to make 3D elements to their artwork. We had a lovely stay and read on Wednesday and thank all the parents who attended and the Year 6 helpers, the class enjoyed every minute of it. Continuing from last week we have begun to innovate our Jack and the Beanstalk text coming up with our own independent ideas.



### 2KW/LH

We have had yet another great week. The children have shown such positive attitudes to learning and given their best efforts in every lesson.

We have been learning spellings of some common exception words that we use all of the time, such as 'because'. You child will be bringing spelling homework home with them this week.

In Maths we have continued to work on place value and used concrete manipulatives to help us compare the value of numbers. We have also learnt what ascending and descending means and used this when counting times table facts forwards and backwards.

In Writing we continued to work on our setting descriptions based on the tale of Jack and The Beanstalk, learning how to use similes and adjectives to enhance our descriptions.



### 3ED

In maths, we have been focusing on tens and ones so that we can fully understand place value before conquering the rest of our maths topics in Y3. We have been brilliant at getting onto the challenges this week and have really wowed with our knowledge.

In writing, we have been planning our very own warning tales based on Little Red. We have some very imaginative ideas, and we cannot wait for you to read them!

In art, we have continued to learn all about cave art. We enjoyed exploring 'Stone Age' mediums, such as berries and twigs. Check our twitter to see our finished pieces.



### 3SM

This week, Year 3 have used different mediums to recreate Stone Age drawings. They used materials such as berries, soil, and red food colouring to act as blood.

In writing, Year 3 have created a setting toolkit and devised a box up for a warning tale. This will help the children when they come to write their own text.

Year 3 have moved onto place value in their maths this week, they have developed their partitioning skills and continued to work on their arithmetic skills in an afternoon.



#### 4MM

This week 4MM have started reading their new book Iron Man and we have been predicting what might happen in the story. Everyone is super excited to see what will happen in Iron Man. We have also had fun doing hot seating in writing pretending to be characters out of our text Elf Road. Another fantastic week in 4MM.



#### 4KR

This week in year 4 we have been expanding our knowledge on our story by hot seating our characters and annotating our text in writing, and we have introduced our new story in reading. The work is getting more difficult, but the children are doing so well.



#### 5LR

This week in 5LR, we have started our new topic of addition in maths. We have been looking at how to add 2 4-digit numbers together. In writing, we have started to write our own suspense tale. We will be editing these in next week. In French, we have been looking into our pronunciation of the alphabet and using this to play hangman. The children tried really hard in their swimming lesson this week, and everyone showed so much more water confidence compared to last week. I am so impressed with how eager they are to learn and their listening skills with the instructors.



#### 5CT

This week in 5CT we have been continuing our focus on place value as well as comparing and ordering numbers up to 100,000! The children have shown great determination during their maths learning, it has been lovely to see. We are on the second week of reading Kensuke's Kingdom and the children are enjoying finding out more and more about our Main Character and the adventure he is about to go on - retrieving information and predicting! In writing, we have been boxing-up our ideas for our own tale of fear writing. Some of the ideas have been brilliant. The children have enjoyed learning more about the Romans in History and have been showing off their previous knowledge. They are looking forward to swimming again this week!





### 6SW

This week we have been extremely busy as usual. In Science, we learnt all about veins and arteries where we made a person size diagram using flip chart and coloured wool. We made Jambalaya in cooking whilst practising our claw and bridge methods - we all loved the chorizo.

In Writing, we looked at story structure of defeating a monster and had a go at building the suspense in a piece of writing. In PE, we have been practising passing for netball. Some of us even had an opening even at DeLacy and we saw Bunsen burners and a 3D printer!



### 6SC

This week has been another busy one for Year 6. We had our first Classroom Kitchen session of the year.

Hopefully, you enjoyed the tasty jambalaya! In Maths this week we've been consolidating our knowledge of place value, specifically rounding. Ask your child to share the 'Rounding Rap' with you - it has really helped secure the steps for this tricky concept.

In RE this week, we looked at the architecture of different sacred buildings and History saw us dive into the deep question 'did monarchs use religion to shape the Britain they desired?'

Finally, it was great to see so many children at boosters this Monday. If you have not yet given consent for this, please contact the office. More details will be shared at our parents meeting in the coming weeks but for those children attending above 80% of the sessions, there will be a special reward.



## WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

### ***To complete 50 squats***

(Get a parent/carer to sign your reading record to say you have completed the challenge and you will receive a GREEN POINT)

### Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

***If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –***

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)