

Newsletter 09/01/2025



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 **400** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year and welcome you all back after the Christmas break. It has been a cold, snowy and icy week but the children have come back ready to learn and the school has had a lovely, calm and focussed atmosphere as we start 2025. Stay and Read has started again, and it has been wonderful to see so many parents joining us. Both forest school and swimming has started up again this week too, so it has been a busy week! After school clubs will start again next week and we have some really exciting visitors in school on Wednesday in the shape of dinosaurs! They will mainly be spending the day with our year 1 children, but all the children in school will get to see them at some point! Kind regards.

Upcoming Dates

--Fri 10/01-Inset Day
--Wed 15/01-2LR Stay and Read
--Wed 15/01-Year 1 Teach Rex Workshop
--Thur 16/01-6SC Stay and Read
--Wed 22/01-1KR Stay and Read
--Thur 23/01-5CT Stay and Read
--Wed 29/01-1DP Stay and Read
--Thur 30/01-5KR Stay and Read

--Tue 4/02- Year 2 Trip to Synagogue
--Wed 5/02-2KW Stay and Read
--Thur 6/02-4MM Stay and Read
--Wed 12/02-2LR Stay and Read
--Wed 12/02-Year 2 Trip to Pontefract Castle
--Thur 13/02-3SM Stay and Read
--Fri 14/02-Break Up
--Mon 24/02-Back to School

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Skylar. M! For being so kind and caring with everyone!

NURSERY PM - Lucas. B! For sharing his toys and looking after everyone!

RRS- Amelia for a fantastic first week at Simpson's Lane! Well done!

RGH- Elizabeth for being kind to her classmates and for always trying her best.

1DP- Ignacy for a great week of learning.

1KR- Freddie for trying really hard in writing!

2KW- Jax for his hard work in Maths.

2LR- Logan H for doing amazing with subtraction in our Maths lessons. I hope he keeps up the good work.

3ED- Charlene for trying so hard in every lesson.

3SM- Shay for an excellent start to the new year and showing great effort in his work.

4MM- Lola P for trying hard in every lesson.

4NR- Tommy for always working hard and for being a great role model!

5KR- Leah for having an amazing week and staying on green.

5CT- Ivy for showing determination in her work and asking for help to secure her understanding this has been lovely to see.

6SW- Charlie D for his positive attitude.

6SC- Amelia T for her enthusiasm and hard work in breakfast club interventions.



Nursery

This week in Nursery our new friends have been to play with us! It has been great showing them where toys belong and how we are so kind to each other playing together and sharing our toys. We helped them settle in and are so excited to share more of our learning with them. All the children have been great coming back into school after the Christmas break and getting back into routine. We have all got so many green points they have been such good role models for our new friends. In Phonics this week we have been practicing our listening and attention skills playing different games across our classroom. We have been very good at blending words to figure out what Miss Gardom is saying, then we have been able to follow the instructions. In Maths this week we have been counting out quantities and having a go at matching the numeral to different quantities. Playing dominoes has been our favourite this week, not only can we count and match them we can balance them and watch them fall.

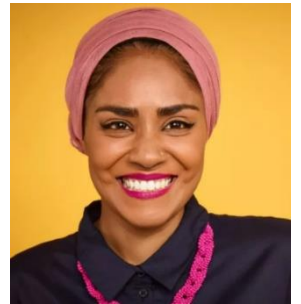


Reception

It has been a very cold start to the term and this week we have talked a lot about seasons and weather. We explored the snow and ice and discussed how the cold made us feel.

Our inspirational person this term is Nadiya Hussain and we have been learning about her achievements. Did you know she once made a cake for the Queen? She is an amazing chef and she also writes children's books (we read a few in class this week!)

Whilst learning about Nadiya we spent some time grouping different foods and talking about a healthy diet and how to stay fit. We discussed our favourite meals and decided if the food was **sweet** or **savoury**.



1DP

This half term our writing is based around the story of 'The Queens Hat' which tells the story of the journey of the Queens hat visiting famous landmarks in London which we will be learning all about. This week we started off with writing about where we would visit if we went on a bus journey. Gulliver's Kingdom, Alton towers, the Zoo and Scarborough were a few destinations the children came up with.

We also received a special postcard from Buckingham Palace, from King Charles Senior Aide; Colonel Johnny Thompson, to help spark children's excitement for the unit of work.



1KR

1KR have had a wonderful start to 2025. We have enjoyed finishing our DT learning about wheeled vehicles by designing and creating our own wheeled vehicle with axles and chassis. This term we are going to be learning all about dinosaurs in History, Science and Art! We started our history learning on Wednesday and learned all about the Cretaceous period and when dinosaurs were alive. In writing we have been using capital letters for places and suffixes. Well done year 1, keep it up!!



2KW/LH

This week we have been learning about how we can communicate with people using verbal and non-verbal gestures as this is our new topic for RE. This also links into ball skills which we will be learning this half term with Elite. In writing we have been learning how to use adjectives, nouns and verbs to create a spine poem and will be using knowledge of different word classes to create a character description in the upcoming weeks. We have also begun learning about castles for our history topic, this week we have learnt about the features of a Motte and Bailey castle.



2LR

Year 2 have had a fab start back to the year! In History, we have been looking at castles and what they are. In Writing, we have been looking at the story of Peter Pan and we will write a character description about him in the next few weeks. In Computing, we have been looking at algorithms. The children used bee bots to help them input instructions and watch the computer carry it out.



3ED

We started our brand-new history topic this week – Victorian Coal Mining! To get us prepared, we learnt about the different revolutionary inventions that changed Victorian life.

We have also started reading our new class book, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We have enjoyed making sensible predictions based on what we have read.

In science we have been looking at light. We looked at the difference between light and dark and explored natural and artificial light sources.



3SM

It has been a busy but fun start to 2025. The children have shown a great attitude towards their lessons which included maths, history, PE and RE. In history, the children have started their new topic of 'Would you want to be a Victorian Miner?'. In this session, the children recapped past dates and were able to put the Victorian Era on to a timeline as well as discover when the first UK colliery opened. In RE, the children have developed their understanding of Hinduism. In Science, the children have moved onto the topic of light and can confidently identify natural and artificial light sources.



4MM

We have had a lovely first week back after Christmas, we have settled back into class nicely. This week we have started all our new topics, we have learnt about matter in science, we are starting to learn about Greece in our Geography lessons, and we have even developed our Golf skills in PE!



4NR

A busy first week back for 4NR, we started our new book Iron Man, in Geography we looked at countries that make up Europe. In JIGSAW we all discussed our hopes and dreams and what we can do to achieve them and during writing our classroom was filled with clues we had to piece together to tell a story! Well done 4NR!



5KR

This week, we have kicked off this term with some hard work! In reading, we have been introduced to our new author, Onjali Q'Rauf. We have looked at the front page and blurb and predicted what we think will happen in our story. In maths, we have begun looking at subtracting fractions with uncommon denominators, which has been difficult, but we have worked really hard! In writing, we have started our new story using a suspense toolkit. Looking at different ways to build suspense in our writing!

In REC, we have started our topic of space. We have looked at reasons that someone would believe the earth is flat and have looked at scientific discoveries that prove different! In RE, we have recapped all of our knowledge from previous years and linked this to our new topic of religious festivals. Even though, it was our first week we have worked so hard!



5CT

We have had a good week back to school with the children listening and stepping back into routines with ease. Even though we have had to go through some class rules again to remind ourselves of our listening and work presentation, the children have shown that they are trying their best. In reading we have explored our new book "the boy at the back of the class" and the children have come up with some fantastic predictions about the story and what might happen. In maths we have continued our fraction learning, looking at subtracting fractions and mixed numbers by breaking the whole - although some children struggled with this, they remained determined and focused. This is great to see. In writing we are exploring poetry and looking at language that shows negative and positive things, the children have had a go themselves at writing a poem using that gloomy atmosphere - they did great.

We have started our new topics in RE and Science. We will be looking at different festivals of light, through the RE unit, in religions that the children have previously explored through their school experience - looking at darkness and light and how it is presented in these festivals. In science, the children are excited about Space! We will be looking at the planets, solar system and moon landing - this will all be mixed in with experiments along the way.

6SW

This week we started plenty of new topics! In History, we have began learning about World War 2 and the reasons why conflict occurs. In French, we began learning how to talk about the date; how to say the days of the week; and which was our favourite: 'samedi' was the winner. Music was all about beat and rhythm and we practised identifying and creating them. Our new Writing unit is all about persuasive leaflets and we had a blast identifying the features they use especially when it involved puns/humour! Our Reading lessons have been getting even more exciting as we get closer to the end of Black Powder. We have been looking at the vocabulary choices of Ally Sherrick in more detail and the reasons behind them. Bar models have taken over our Maths lessons as we have been learning all about ratio. We can practise this more on Emile at home too if you remind us! Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Thursday for our Stay and Read, we loved having you in our library.



6SC

What a great start to 2025 - we've had a fantastic first week back and it's been wonderful to see the children enthusiastic about learning and engaged in our new topics. This term we're studying WWII and the kids are really interested in finding out all about the history of the war and how and why it began. They've also enjoyed our first music session of the year where we became rhythm makers. Although there were a few complaints about sore hands after some rather zealous body percussion! In Writing, we've been looking at designing our own holiday resort for an animal of our choice which has been great fun playing around with words to create catchy titles and slogans. As of next week Mrs Oaks will be joining Year 6 to offer additional intervention in the run up to SATs, as well as 1:1 tuition via 3rd Space. We are really fortunate to be able to offer this additional level of support so ask your support in ensuring your child attends school early if invited for these sessions.



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

Do 50 squats a day.

If you upload pictures or videos of yourself doing this to 'X' or 'Seesaw' you will be awarded a green point from your teacher.

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)