

Newsletter 17/01/2025



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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been another busy week in the academy. Early years and Nursery have had lots of visitors in school. Starting the week with a visit from a police officer and Wednesday they had a session with Amelia from Little Play Dreamers. We have also had an exciting visit from Teach-Rex, which all the children were very excited about. Some children even got to hold a baby dinosaur. During the experience all the children were amazing and it was commented by the external service for how well behaved the children were.

Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

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| --Wed 22/01-1KR Stay and Read | --Fri 7/02-Number Day (Dress as a number £1 contribution for NSPCC) |
| --Thur 23/01-5CT Stay and Read | --Wed 12/02-2LR Stay and Read |
| --Wed 29/01-1DP Stay and Read | --Wed 12/02-Year 5 Transition Day @9am |
| --Thur 30/01-5KR Stay and Read | --Wed 12/02-Year 2 Trip to Pontefract Castle |
| --Tue 4/02- Year 2 Trip to Synagogue | --Thur 13/02-3SM Stay and Read |
| --Wed 5/02-2KW Stay and Read | --Fri 14/02-Break Up |
| --Thur 6/02-4MM Stay and Read | --Mon 24/02-Back to School |

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Harper. H! For her amazing learning with The 3 Little Pigs story.

NURSERY PM - Tillie. S-L! For her enthusiasm in everything she does.

RRS- Alora for having a mature attitude towards her learning and for helping her new friends settle in the class.

RGH- Bentley for an improved attitude in lessons and for trying his best in all areas.

1DP- Matylda for her great singing and performance in music this week.

1KR- Lucas for showing fantastic behaviour this week and being a superstar during our dinosaur day!

2KW/LH- Lottie for her positive attitude towards learning and being helpful in the classroom.

2LR- Niklaus H. This week he has filled me and the whole class with so much information about castles. He is absolutely loving our new history topic which is lovely to see!

3ED- Rosie for going above and beyond in every single subject!

3SM- Laney for showing a great attitude towards her work this week and fantastic green behaviour.

4MM- George for trying really hard in all subjects and having a really good week.

4NR- Amira for always coming to school with a green learning attitude and for always showing kindness.

5KR- Fabian for always being a good role model and working really hard!

5CT- Oscar P for sharing thoughts and ideas throughout his learning showing his engagement.

6SW- Kayla for her effort in coming to morning interventions.

6SC- Kaydee for her amazing effort in everything this week.

Nursery

This week Nursery have been so busy we have started our learning for our new story 'The 3 Little Pigs'. There has been a wolf loose in the school! The children came into class one day and the Big Bad Wolf had been looking for the pigs and he left our classroom in a huge mess. We didn't know what to do we are looking for the little pigs but we cant find them. We are making posters to see if anyone has seen them around school. We need to tell them its safe now and we can look after them. In Phonics this week the children have been amazing at using our robot arms to blend sounds to make words. They have been having a go at segmenting the sounds in words that Miss Gardom has been saying. It has been lovely to hear the discussions that the children are having together to try and unpick what the sounds are. In Maths this week we have been learning about the number 3. We have been on a hunt around the classroom to search for all different representations of number 3 and recognise the similarities or the differences. Miss Gardom had done it wrong there were some with 1 and 2 hiding that need to be put in the bin!



Reception

We've had a super busy week this week and have enjoyed a number of visitors in the classroom. On Monday we had Simon the police officer, who told us all about his exciting job. He even let us try wearing his handcuffs! On Tuesday we had a visit from Amelia at Little Play Dreamers, who introduced our new class text 'The Gingerbread Man.' We retold the story together and took part in some gingerbread decorating activities. On Wednesday we had a baby dinosaur in the classroom, and we held a tiny dragon egg. Towards the end of the week the children made some delicious leek and potato soup (yum yum!)



Next week we will be taking part in the RSPB Bird Survey. I wonder what birds the children will see over the weekend...



1DP

Wow! What a treat we had this week in Year 1. Teach Rex experience came in to school, as part of our history curriculum, and we spent the whole day exploring and learning about dinosaurs. The children were introduced to Jam, a giant T-Rex along with two baby dinosaurs and had time to ask questions, hold the baby dinosaurs and learn about fossil hunting. It was definitely a day to remember!



1KR

Wow, Year 1 have had an incredibly exciting week this week! On Wednesday we had Teach Rex with us all day teaching us all about dinosaurs, fossils, eggs and baby dinosaurs. It was amazing, we held baby dinosaurs, tickled the T Rex, learned about their senses and even made a green screen movie!

In History we then learned all about Peter Kaisen the Palaeontologist who discovered the bones of a velociraptor.



2KW/LH

This week Year 2 have been learning about equivalent fractions and how to count in fractions including halves, quarters and thirds. In writing the children have been learning how to use verbs and adverbs effectively to explain what a character is doing and how they are doing it. We have also had a special guest this week, the children loved meeting Jam the dinosaur and learning all about fossils and what is known about dinosaurs from the past.



2LR

This week in Year 2, a real-life dinosaur came to visit. We got to test their sense of smell, hearing and speed in an assembly. In French, we have been learning about the animals in the jungle and the children loved practising the animal noises with each other. In reading, we have started our new book of the owl who is afraid of the dark. In Writing, we have started to plan a fantasy tale for Peter Pan and we will write our own stories next week.



3ED

We have continued looking at identifying and showing equivalent fractions in maths this week. We have also had a good go at adding and subtracting them too!

We have started a new topic in computing – programming. We have been exploring how to make sprites move and change backdrops.

We were able to recap our Y1 history knowledge this week with a visit from a dinosaur! We recapped their diets and how they used their senses.



3SM

This week, the children had an incredible assembly where they got up close and personal with a dinosaur.

In science, the children conducted an experiment which demonstrated how shadows get smaller the further away the light is.

In PE, the children continued to develop their dance skills and moved in sync with their partner while counting in a beat of 8.

The children had their first computing session of the term where they were able to develop their understanding of 'Scratch' and could get their 'Sprite' to move by giving it a set of commands.



4MM

This week we have been busy cooking, we have made carrot and banana muffins in classroom kitchen. We have also had an amazing visitor come into school where we got to experience a dinosaur and learn lots of new facts.



4NR

4NR have had a blast this week we kicked it off with a visit from Jam the dinosaur we learnt all about his diet and habitat, in geography we learnt about biomes and the different features of a biome. In reading we looked at our author Ted Hughes and how he started The Iron man effectively, using verbs to bring his story alive. Well done year 4!



5KR

This week, we have begun reading our class text, The Boy at the Back of the Class. We have looked at the actions and reactions of character and how we can see this through the actions performed by character. We looked at giving impressions of different characters. We have also finished off our unit of fractions and worked really hard to broaden our knowledge. In writing, we have looked at toolkit features of our suspense story and began to write our shared write. In REC, this week we have continued with our space topic, learning about our solar system, the order of the planets using a mnemonic and even created our own solar system!



5CT

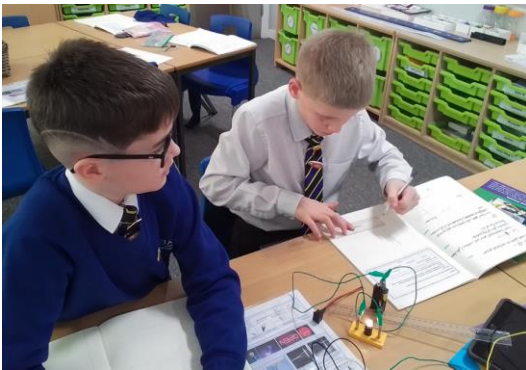
This week has been a lovely full week! The children have been greatly enjoying their learning in science, we have been looking at and exploring our solar system this week, looking at the planets and order of them from the sun, creating our own solar systems and measuring the time it takes the planets to orbit the sun. The children were engaged and asking fantastic questions. In addition, we explored the Hannukah festival and the symbolism of light and evil in their story. We looked at the different significant events that happened and how goodness triumphed evil. We enjoyed our music of the week, we are exploring our rock music genre. The children could identify the different instruments and linked their previous knowledge of country and jazz to rock music.



6SW

In Computing, we started to look at variables in our programming unit and edited ones in a programme.

In Maths, we used our bar model knowledge with costings word problems. Persuasion was the game in Writing where we created our own leaflets. In RE, we were looking at the ways religion influences people's lives. As for our History lessons, we looked at how propaganda was used in WWII. We created circuits in science and drew them using symbols.



6SC

We had a very special Wednesday this week when a t-Rex came to visit! Year 6 were excited to watch Miss Gregg being eaten by the life-size baby dinosaur. It was also lovely to see you at Thursday's Stay and Read - we always enjoy our time in the library. In Maths, we've been using bar models to help solve some tricky problems. We've also finished writing our persuasive leaflets for our various animal resorts. Who would've known Penguin Paradise or Tiger Tropics would offer such luxurious getaways? We were also lucky enough to have Hollie and Jo from the community shop visit and deliver a cooking session all about healthy eating. If any of the burgers made it home, I'm sure you'll agree they were great - the kids even said better than McDonalds!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To go on a 1-hour walk each 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)