

Newsletter 28/02/2025

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

WELL DONE!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children back this week after the half term break. Walking around the academy, it has been great to see everyone from Nursery right through to Year 6 invested in learning with happy, smiling faces. In Early Years, we have had a very special arrival in the form of our 'Living Eggs'. The children and staff have been so excited to see them hatch, and we've now got a brood of fluffy chicks in our care for the next week. We also had two children achieve their bronze Delta Stars card this week - a real achievement so well done! Let's see who will be next to achieve that shiny award!

Kind regards,

Upcoming Dates

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| --Wed 05/03-2KW Stay and Read | --Friday 21/03-Red Nose Day |
| --Thur 06/03-3ED Stay and Read | --Wed 26/03-RRS Stay and Read |
| --Thur 06/03-World Book Day-dress as your favourite book character | --Wed 26/03-Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park |
| --Wed 12/03-1KR Stay and Read | --Thur 27/03-5CT Stay and Read |
| --Thur 13/03-6SW Stay and Read | --Wed 02/04-RGH Stay and Read |
| --Fri 14/03-Year 3 Trip to The Coal Mining Museum | --Thur 03/04-5KR Stay and Read |
| --Wed 19/03-1DP Stay and Read | --Fri 04/04-Break Up |
| --Thur 20/03-6SC Stay and Read | --Tue 22/04-Back to School |

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Grayson P-J! For joining in with singing and our stories.

NURSERY PM - Rose. W! For being green and super listening and trying her best in all our activities.

RRS- Bertie for amazing work completing number bonds.

RGH- Millie for creative artwork this week.

1DP- Felicity for developing her confidence and putting up her hand more to answer questions.

1KR- Kayos for his wonderful writing and attitude towards learning all week

2KW/SE- Charlie JR for being resilient.

2LR- Rueben B for showing so much resilience this week, Miss Winn and I couldn't be prouder.

3ED- Ife for trying so hard to improve his handwriting.

3SM- Shay for a brilliant week and showing outstanding green behaviour.

4MM- William D for keeping up his amazing MTC scores.

4NR- Tobias for an amazing learning attitude and creating some fantastic work in his writing and for always trying his best!

5KR- Harley for great problem-solving skills and working hard in writing!

5CT- Archie E for putting his hand up more within all of his learning and being a role model pupil in the class.

6SW- Macie for settling in so well.

6SC- Kaydee for her great work in Maths this week.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed spending time with our friends after having a week off at home. We have started learning our new book for Talk for Writing 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and we are excited for what might happen to Jasper on his adventures. We have been talking a little bit about history and things that have happened in the past. Our grown-ups have provided us with some of our baby pictures and we have enjoyed guessing which baby photograph is which friend in our classroom. It's very tricky and we had to look carefully at many of them to see the features that make us unique. In maths we have been learning about number 5. We have been singing lots of number 5 songs and finding the quantity of 5 around the classroom. In reception class they have had an exciting delivery of eggs that have hatched into baby chicks. We have been watching them for a few days now and noticing how fast they change compared to how slow we grow and change.



Reception

This week has been a fantastic first week back and has been made even more exciting by our fluffy class visitors. All week we have been attentively watching our chick eggs in the incubator and have loved watching them hatch. We have taken turns to clean them out and we used our phonics skills to write labels for each part of the chick. Our focus artist this half term is Grayson Perry, and we started looking at different types of ceramics. We'll be creating some Grayson inspired work over the next few weeks.



This week our class words are said, so and have and in Maths we are focussing on numbers 9 and 10.

Finally, we are really enjoying junk modelling at the moment so please feel free to send in any cereal boxes, cartons or packaging you may have at home. Thank you

1DP

This week we have dived right back into our writing and have been looking at and learning lots of new facts about Queen Elizabeth II. Our Talk for Writing unit of work is an information text all about Queen Elizabeth II and includes the headings; Who was Queen Elizabeth II? Where did she live? What did she do? and Who was in her family? The children have enjoyed learning lots about the Queen and the Royal Family and to help us remember these facts we have created a text map with drawings and have been practising recalling these facts, which will help when we come to writing our own information text.



1KR

This week 1KR have been learning all about printing in Art. We have been using hard and soft materials to print with and have also created a printing block made of plasticine to create patterns with.

On Tuesday we launched our new Talk 4 Writing Unit which is to write a non-fiction text about Queen Elizabeth. We had a tea party fit for the Queen with lots of yummy treats!

In Math's we have been comparing numbers with the same amount of 10s and using the vocabulary greater than and less than.



2KW/SE

This week we began forest school, the children enjoyed making bug houses with what they could find in the area and loved being outdoors for the afternoon. In Maths we have continued to learn about time. The children are doing extremely well with this. In Geography we have learnt about where we can find Mexico on a map and learnt that it is on the continent of North America. Also, a big thank you to everyone who came to the Year 2 classrooms on Wednesday afternoon, it was a brilliant start to our community topic in RE and the children really enjoyed it.



2LR

Year 2 have had a great first week back. We have started our new writing topic all about information texts and we have been discussing the features of them. In Art, we have started to look at a new artist called Henry Matisse - he creates pictures and paintings with bold colours and uses patterns in his work. In Computing, we are looking at comparing data using pictograms. In French, we are looking at minibests.

3ED

This week's writing is focused on information texts. First, we discovered a goblin in our school and had to write a text informing others. Then, we began a text map on an information text all about stone trolls.

We have continued looking at time in our maths lessons. This week, we're looking at telling time to the nearest minute. Although this has been tricky, we've tried our hardest.

We have started a new science topic – plants! We worked together to label the different parts of the plant and discussed their functions.



3SM

This week, they started their new unit of Yogi in PE. They developed their understanding of different poses and used these to help improve their balancing skills.

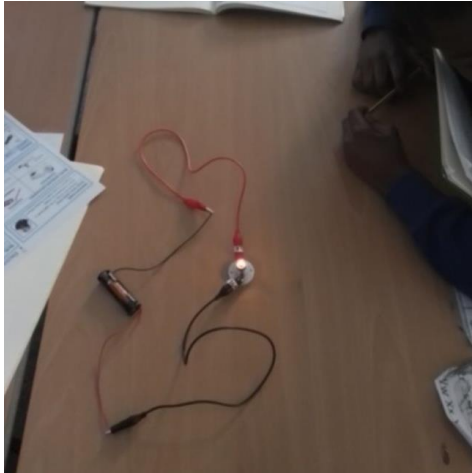
The children took part in a Community Kitchen afternoon where they cooked some delicious food as well as developed their chopping skills.

In Science, the children identified the four different parts of a plant and the jobs which each part has.



4MM

This week we have been busy making circuits in science, exploring the different conductors and insulators of electricity. We have also started our new PE topic where we are learning all about Volleyball and how to serve the balls correctly.



4NR

Well done 4NR, a busy first week back! In P.E we are starting our unit on volleyball in history we began looking at where Ancient Greece fits into our timeline. The children were shocked to discover it started whilst we were in the Iron Age! We are still reading The Iron Man in our reading lessons and the children have enjoyed guessing what they think the mysterious creature in the sky is going to be! Have a fantastic weekend 4NR!



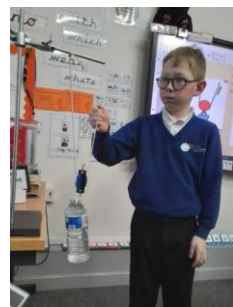
5KR

This week, we have been working on background information about a character. Using our class text we have been thinking about different things a character may have in their bedroom, things we are still yet to know about a character and how to inference these things. In math, this week we have looked at addition and subtraction with decimals that have various decimal places. In writing, we have begun our new topic of a non-fiction information text. In DT, we have looked at fixed pulleys and moveable pulleys. We have been able to make these and discuss that if a load is heavier more effort is needed. In RE, we have been focusing on Christianity, we have looked at the different branches of Christianity and how these forms.



5CT

This week has been a great week back to school after our half term break. Within our morning lessons, we have continued to explore and read our reading book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' looking at character actions, reactions, emotions and personalities. The children show great understanding of the different characters that are in the book, they enjoy experiencing the character's adventures. Whilst making predictions and inferences about what may happen next or why something has happened.



6SW

We started our week diving back into our curriculum learning with History where we look at statements from veterans from WWII and discussed why there were some omissions from the German side: we compared this to our learning from Autumn involving Henry VIII. In Science, we investigated how light travels and why it cannot be seen when an opaque object is placed in line with it. In Maths, we went measurement mad and were converting between various measurements and then using this information to solve worded problems. We also began our new French topic where we looked at animals and the determiners used for different types. Our Writing linked to our history work as we began to plan our explanation text of 'Why did WWII begin?'



6SC

This week we've been looking at why WWII began and starting to plan an explanation text about the topic. The children really enjoyed Thursday's writing lesson where they had the opportunity to use a range of sources to group information into different sections and create their own knowledge organiser - some children loved the work so much that they took it home to carry on in the evening! In Maths, we've been looking at converting measurements whilst our French topic has been all about pets. Try asking your child, "As-tu un animal?" and see if they can reply. This half term, we're focussing on Tag Rugby in PE so we've been eager to learn a little bit about the sport in our first session. Who knows maybe we'll produce some future Cas Tigers players...



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To do 100 sit-ups.

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)