

Newsletter 24/10/25

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

WELL DONE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term of this academic year I want to thank all our parents for their continued support. We have enjoyed some fantastic Halloween celebrations this week and it was lovely to see so many children dressed up and enjoying the Halloween disco! It was a fantastic atmosphere in early years and nursery during their Halloween stay and create too! Thanks to all who attended.

We wish you all a restful and safe half term holiday and look forward to what is always a busy half in the lead up to Christmas.

Upcoming Dates

24/10 – Break Up

04/11 – Return to School

05/11 – 2KW Stay and Read

06/11 – 3ED Stay and Read

12/11 – 1KR Stay and Read

12/11 – Wakefield Parent/Carer Forum

Coffee Morning @9am Sports Hall

13/11 – 6SW Stay and Read

19/11 – 1JS Stay and Read

19/11 – Parents' Evening

20/11 – 6SC Stay and Read

26/11 – RRS Stay and Read

03/12 – REH Stay and Read

04/12 – 5KR Stay and Read

10/12 – 2LR Stay and Read

10/12 - Christmas Fayre

11/12 – 4NR Stay and Read

17/12 – Bedtime Stories

19/12 – Break Up

05/01 – Return to School

09/01 - Inset Day

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Koven. C! For being the best, he can be. Trying the best to be our little superstar and smashing it with all our learning challenges this week!

NURSERY PM - Genevieve. C! For being the best friend anyone could wish for this week. Looking after others and making sure that we can all be enjoying our celebration week together!

RRS- Tillie for always being ready to learn. What super star!

REH- April for always doing super listening and being ready to learn.

1KR- All of 1KR for a superb first half term in year 1 and making me smile every single day!

1JS- Ivy-Rose L for showing green behaviour every day. We are very proud of you.

2KW- Aaron for his outstanding effort in all lessons.

2LR- Coby P for impressing Mrs Walsh she has been so impressed with all his effort when working in her group.

3ED- Oliwier for trying so hard in every lesson and really impressing Miss Dixon!

3SF- Ashley, for moving up 2 reading bands this term. Very well-done Ashley, amazing work.

4EC- Scarlett K for being amazing in everything she does! She is an excellent friend to her peers and helps around the classroom anytime she can.

4NR- Charlene for fantastic sense of humour and is always making myself and her peers smile and is always eager to learn, well done Charlene!

5KR- Teddy for having an excellent term and working really hard in class!

5CT- Amir S for focusing on his work and having a noticeable change in attitude towards his learning and work presentation.

6SW- Jake for his fantastic progress during his time in year 6 at Simpson's Lane.

6SC- Janelle for her excellent progress this half term!

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been very, very busy! We started the week learning about Diwali, a celebration of light. We looked at the beautiful patterns the people created and why they have this special time of year. We decided we wanted to get lots of luck as well and so we have created our very own 'Diya lamps' to welcome the light into our lives. We used clay to sculpt our lamps and added decorations with Mrs Franks. Then Miss Gardom brought in some tea lights so that we could see them all beautifully lit up and shining in the dark. When they have all dried out we will be able to take them home. Later this week we have celebrated Halloween! We invited in our amazing grown ups to share our classroom and take part in some crafting activities. It is always the most memorable day for us to be able to share this time with our families and friends. In our learning this week we have been doing lots of Halloween counting activities in maths, even using our shape knowledge to design the pumpkin carving.



Reception

This week we enjoyed celebrating Diwali and spent the first half of the week creating diya lamps and rangoli patterns. The second half of the week turned spooky as we got ready for Halloween. We enjoyed having our grown-ups in class for a stay and create morning and we loved being dressed up for a halloween disco. In Maths we focused on numbers 1, 2 and 3, learning to subitise and match quantities to numerals. We'll **done to all** our wonderful Reception children for settling in so well this half term. We hope you have a lovely half term break.

This week was a review of these sounds: **u r b h f/ff**
Our harder to read and spell words are: **the into go**



1KR

As our first half term in Year 1 comes to an end I just want to say a huge well done to all of 1KR for adapting so well to the new routines and structure of year 1. They are all amazing and I look forward to all of the fun and learning we will have together in Autumn 2!

This week we have been writing our own instructions on 'How to trap an animal'. In Art we have been learning all about collage, texture and layering and have built up to create our own collages.

In phonics we continue to learn and apply our phase 5 sounds and read and write words containing our new sounds.

Have a fantastic half term 1KR!



1JS

Our final week this half term has been lots of fun. We finished our instructional writing and ended with carving a pumpkin following a set of instructions. The children have been practising using addition within ten and have begun to understand and write subtraction number sentences. In

art, we did collage using layering skills and created a collaborative piece of artwork. Our PE lessons have been all about teamwork and we had a lovely lesson with balloons. Next half term we are continuing with Wednesday PE and it will be taught by the Elite coaches alongside the teachers.

We will send home new reading books for the holidays. Please read as much as possible. The children are making wonderful progress in phonics and are becoming confident readers.

Have a lovely break.



2KW

This week Year 2 have been working on teamwork skills in PE where they completed tasks that they had to do as part of a team. The children did very well communicating with their team members to ensure they completed their challenges successfully. In Maths the children have learnt how to subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number using base 10 to help them and in writing the children have completed a post card as their hot write.



2LR

In Year 2, we have been using charcoal and graphite to draw St Paul's Cathedral. We looked at different tones and used ink to outline the key features of the cathedral. In Writing, we have created a recount about our trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Year 1. The children used first person and adjectives to really engage the reader. In Maths, we have been adding and subtraction crossing ten. The children all looked amazing at the Halloween disco last night! They loved dancing and Lucas was even lucky enough to win pass the parcel!

3ED

What a fantastic week we've had! In our writing lessons, we've been busy crafting explanation texts all about how to walk through a fairytale forest — using our imaginations to guide readers step by step through magical woodland adventures.

In history and art, we journeyed back in time to the Stone Age, creating our very own cave art inspired by ancient designs. We even went on a 'visit' to Stonehenge in our immersive suite, exploring this incredible prehistoric site and imagining what life was like thousands of years ago.

Enjoy your well-deserved week off Year 3!



3SF

This week we have been practicing reading a nonfiction text fluently. Year 3 are becoming increasingly confident in reading each week!

In writing we have been planning our 'How to walk through a fairytale forest' explanation text. The children have some amazing ideas when thinking about what mystical creatures they could include in their plan.

In maths we have been learning how to subtract numbers across a 10 and a 100. The children have done well with this topic in maths; I am very impressed!

What an amazing first half term we have had, Year 3 have worked so hard.

Happy Half Term!

4EC

What a fabulous eight weeks it has been 4EC! This week we have moved onto our multiplication and division topic in maths! We have made a great start so far. In writing, we finished our final newspaper report which was all about Iron Man and Hogarth in the scrap yard. There were some fabulous pieces of writing, I am super impressed! In History, we got to transport back to ancient civilisations, and we visited the market. We walked around the room with our shopping lists, choosing items to trade with other civilisations around the room! Lastly, we LOVED our science experiment where we made our very own digestive systems! We watched as the cereal travelled through each stage, and we took it in turns to act as the different body parts. Have a wonderful half term and Happy Halloween!



4NR

A busy last week for 4NR, we completed our topic on the Mayans and made our own Mayan Tiktoks to show our learning of trading, farming and religion. Science was loads of fun as we recreated the digestive system and created our very own faeces! The children impressed me with their understanding of knowing what role each body part plays! Well done 4NR, have a fantastic holiday!



5KR

This week, in reading, we have been introduced to many different characters and a change of setting. We have discussed what we have read so far and how the events have changed from the beginning. We have also discussed the new characters and looked at linked texts to help us understand our novel even more. In maths, we have continued our multiplication unit, we have looked at prime numbers, multiples, factors and even squared and cubed numbers. In writing, we finished our explanation writing and even picked a star who worked really hard to incorporate all of our toolkit to create an engaging piece of writing. In History, we finished off our Roman topic with a presentation about everything we learnt about the Romans. We have had a fabulous first term and ended it with our Halloween disco, where we had some well-deserved fun after all the hard work we have done through Autumn 1!



5CT

This week we have been working hard on our knowledge of prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers and understanding the rule that makes a number either prime, squared or cubed. This will help the children with the question 30 on their arithmetic test. In Writing, we have been looking at different writing techniques, like speech, expanded noun phrases and setting descriptions. The children really enjoyed changing a script from Harry Potter into a narrative story - they included details from the stage directions to show character actions. In reading, the children have been meeting new characters in our novel 'Who let the Gods out?' - they loved the characters of Pegasus and Aphrodite.

We had our final forest school session this week, the children had fun creating their own slingshots and roasted marshmallows - the leader of forest school was impressed with their teamwork this half term!



6SW

This week, in *Black Powder*, we followed Tom as he continues his journey with the Falcon and Mr. Browne, though we're still unsure if he can trust the Falcon's friends including Robin Cat. In Maths, we tackled adding and multiplying fractions, focusing on mixed numbers and simplifying our answers. We also worked on our Maths fluency, aiming to speed up our calculations and fill in any gaps in our understanding. In Science, we learned about the impact of drugs on the body, discussing how substances can affect our health and bodily functions. In Geography, we looked at how land elevation is represented on maps using symbols like contour lines. Meanwhile, our Academy Councillors were busy preparing for the Halloween Disco, helping with everything from decorations to planning activities.



6SC

It's been a jam-packed week full of curiosity and creativity, ending with our Halloween Disco which brought plenty of fun! Our Academy Councillors have spent the week preparing for the spookiness and it was brilliant to see all the spooky costumes and children enjoying their efforts! In Science, we carried out an eye-opening experiment to discover the effects of smoking on the body. The children were fascinated (and a little shocked!) by what they found out, leading to some really thoughtful discussions about making healthy choices. In Maths, we've been working hard on our understanding of fractions, building confidence in adding and subtracting mixed numbers, as well as starting to multiply them too. The children have shown great perseverance and teamwork when tackling tricky problems. Our Geography lessons have seen us continue Shackleton's Journey, this time exploring the Antarctic landscape through a range of maps. The class enjoyed using different types of maps to investigate the routes, terrain and icy challenges faced by the explorers.



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)