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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week of 2024 and we have settled back into routines of hard work, good effort and following our 4Rs and 4S lines. Well done children!

As we begin a new year we look forward to new experiences and learning which lie ahead this half term. Each year group has outlined the themes and topics your children will be working on in the year group pages this week. Look out for photographs of examples of this work in the coming weeks.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mr Moody

School Noticeboard

January 2024

17th - Yr4 Gurdwara Visit

18th - Favourites Lunch

23rd - Rec & Yr6 heights and weights

30th - Yr 5 Table Tennis

Class Attendance for the Week

5M - 99.3%

Whole School Attendance for the Week

96.2%





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STARS OF THE WEEK

RSG	Arlo	For showing great resilience in your writing activities this week. Well done!
RM	Hayden	For showing resilience when practicing to write your name this year. You are now writing it clearly on all of your work. Well done!
1AP	Abigail	For super work in Maths! You are working so hard on your number bonds to 20. Well done!
1W	Kian	For always being so kind and friendly to others. Well done!
2TA	Durga	For always showing great resilience in any given task. You always give 100% to whatever you do. Well done!
2S	Maria	For being really reflective about how to resolve arguments and conflict in PSHE this week, well done!
3C	Mia	For being kind and respectful to everyone that you meet. I'm really proud of you. Well done!
3PC	Lilly Rose	For brilliant improvements in your phonics, reading and writing. You have shown great resilience to keep working hard and be your best every day.
4K	Ciara	For showing resilience with all of her learning and always being kind to others.
4TB	Ted	For being resilient and giving his best to all of his learning.
5M	Ella M	For working hard to create a great set of instructions in English this week.
5TW	Jasmine	For showing great skills in both long multiplication and arithmetic.
6RN	Arshaan	For being our class expert based on knowledge and facts known about the Titanic Liner!
6J	Florence	For being her best and working so hard in maths this week, even when it has been tricky, she has persevered and cracked her arithmetic questions!



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Reception

This half term our topic is Superheroes. Our focus book is Supertato. In Phonics we are learning Basic 3 sounds which is the final sounds of the alphabet and then moving on to digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound)

In Maths we will be focussing on positional language, 2d and 3d shapes as well as continuing with our number skills.

As part of Understanding of the World, we will be looking at real life Superheroes and famous people past and present. If any parents would like to come and talk about their job please speak to your child's teacher. We will also be exploring magnets and forces. In RE we will continue to look at Christianity and how people help us.

We will be having a Superhero day with the focus of how to be healthy-teeth hygiene, good sleep routines, exercise on **Tuesday 30th January**. The children are able to come dressed as a Superhero - please do not buy a costume specifically if you do not already have one - a mask, top and leggings etc will also work.

Please continue to read with your child 4 times a week. We are really seeing the fantastic progress the children are making that read regularly!

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Year 1

A very warm welcome back to everyone. This half term our topic will be the countries of the UK. We will be learning to identify the countries and will learn about their physical features and landmarks.

In English this half term we will be focusing on the Paddington stories by Michael Bond. The children will learn to identify features of instruction writing and will write their own set of instructions to make a sandwich. In our grammar work we will be learning to identify verbs and nouns and will learn how to use question marks and exclamation marks in their sentence writing.

In maths we will be finding out about addition and subtraction to 20. The children will become confident in using the number line to solve addition and subtraction problems and will have the opportunity to solve a range of real life problems.

In science the children will learn to identify the properties of materials and will carry out a range of engaging experiments.

In art the children will be designing and making their own animal sculptures

Please continue to read with your child at least four times a week and record your comments in their reading records. Phonic homework will be sent every Friday in preparation for the phonics screening check. Please could this be returned the following week.

PE days will be on Monday and Wednesday this half term. Please send your child to school in their PE kits on these days.



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Year 2

Welcome back everyone, and happy new year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some quality time with your family and friends. We have an exciting half term ahead in Year Two and are looking forward to getting stuck into lots of new learning opportunities.

This half term, our topic is Africa. In English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about African animals. We will then be exploring the African animal stories of Mwenye Hadithi, before writing one about our own chosen animal.

In Maths we will be learning about fractions of shapes and quantities before beginning our unit on measures. We will be learning to measure length, height and temperature. In computing we will continue our coding lessons, using different inputs to cause an object to move or hide. In art this half term we will be creating a collographic printing plate in order to make animal prints.

In Music the children will be learning to play the recorders. Our focus topic for R.E. is Christianity and we will be reflecting upon why Jesus was named a saviour.

Please remember to send in your child's water bottle, book bag, book and reading record each day. Please also remember that PE kit should be plain, unbranded black shorts or joggers, sweatshirt or zipped hoodie and a t-shirt that is plain and either white or in your child's house colour.



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Year 3

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break. In this half-term, the children have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to.

In maths, the children will be learning how to multiply and divide using the formal methods. Then, they will be learning how to find the perimeter of 2D shapes.

In English, the children will be exploring and writing poetry, as well as considering different viewpoints in what they read and write.

In science, the children will be learning about the human body. Specifically, they will be developing their understanding of the skeleton and the nutrition that humans need.

In P.E., the children will be learning new skills in fitness and gymnastics. Our PE days are on a Wednesday and Friday.

In art, we are learning about paper art and will be making our own paper sculptures.

In PSHE, we are learning about our role within a community and the value of being part of a group. We will also explore the importance of appropriate and respectful communication whilst online.

In geography, we are learning all about the continent South America, with a focus on Brazil and its physical features.

In French, we are learning names of jungle animals and musical instruments.

Please continue to support your child at home with their reading, spellings and times tables.



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Year 4

All of Year 4 have made an excellent start to 2024. Miss Sandall has enjoyed getting to know the children and has been impressed with the enthusiastic start. We have a fun half-term of learning and opportunities planned.

In Maths, the children will be focusing on multiplication and division, applying written methods of calculation. They will then learn about length and perimeter. We are having a huge push on learning times tables facts with speedy recall. Please keep practising at home!

In English, our learning is all based around the book *Arthor and the Golden Rope*. The children are in story teller training to develop their narrative writing skills.

In science, we are learning about teeth and the digestive system and the children will get hands on with a variety of experiments. Please do expect some graphic conversations about bodily functions!

The Vikings and Scandinavia are the focus of our History and Geography this term where we will be learning about the invasion and settlement of the Vikings and Viking daily life.

In PE, the children are developing their fitness and gymnastic skills.

Our Art learning this term is focusing on printing using the famous artist Hokusai as our inspiration. We will be sketching and printing local landmarks. In RE, we are learning about Sikhism and their value of equality. We are continuing our Coding in Computing and focusing on healthy lifestyles in PSHE.

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Year 5

Hello! We hope you have had a good start to 2024!

This term our topics are Crime and Punishment Through The Ages in history, Properties of Materials in science, exploring the bible in RE, fitness and gymnastics in PE (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and investigating sculpture through the work of Henry Moore. We will continue with our computing skills too.

In Maths will be looking at long multiplication and short division, sometimes known as the bus stop method, this half term. Our times tables knowledge is key for this, so lots of practise is needed. To help with this, we are now setting weekly Times Tables Rock Stars homework which requires the children to do 15 minutes a week (Friday-Friday). We will also be revisiting fractions this half and looking at some new concepts such as finding fractions of amounts and decimal equivalents. Our Pixl tests will take place week before half term.

English we will be linking some of our work with our topic, for example this week we have been looking at the tests and punishments for being accused of being a witch. We will be looking at the formation of the Police Force. We will be completing the adventures of Michael in Kensuke's Kingdom and working on our grammatical knowledge and comprehension skills. Please continue to support your child with reading 4 times a week at home and learning weekly spellings.



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Year 6 Welcome back after the winter break, we hope you all had plenty of time to rest, relax and have fun! We have a very busy term ahead, with lots to look forward to... including baby Joyce's arrival!

English Our English will be based all around the Titanic. We will be describing rooms and food along with writing diaries and letters from the perspective of first and third class passengers. Please make sure you continue reading at home and taking book quizzes in school. We will be reading a new book in our reading sessions this term and can't wait to share it with you.

Maths In maths, we are starting off with percentages and decimals to go alongside all the hard work we did last term on fractions. We will also be recapping our learning on shape, space and measure during the half term with a focus on angles, area and perimeter and triangles.

PE This year our **PE days are a Monday and Tuesday (THIS IS A CHANGE TO LAST TERM!)**, so as last year your child can spend the day in their PE kit (which is expected to be a plain white or plain house colour t-shirt with black jumper/hoody or their school jumper). Children have been reminded not to be wearing jewellery at school and only stud earrings should be worn at any time.

Supporting your child at home Homework expectations for Year 6 are the same as before Christmas: spellings (10 games and a completed sheet) and reading homework will be expected in on a Tuesday, maths homework will be expected in on a Thursday and reading books and records will be expected in each day (with 6J being collected in and checked on a Friday and 6RN on a Monday). Please remember, there is an expectation that all children are reading at least 4 times a week at home and recording this in their reading records.