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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week in school and it has been really pleasing to see all of the children settling back into their classroom routines. This half term, we will be continuing to focus on developing a love of reading for all children. We will be showcasing some of the fantastic reading opportunities across school in our 'Towngate Loves Reading' book. Be sure to take a look at this when you next visit school. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our children with reading at home.

Wear Your Scarf to School Day

On Friday 10th February, we will be holding a 'Wear Your Scarf to School Day' where children are invited to wear a Scarf with their uniform. Wearing a scarf represents the values of SCARF which are Safety, Caring, Achievements, Resilience and Friendship which link very closely to our school values and is part of Children's Mental Health Week where we will be completing activities around wellbeing and mental health. Children do not need to bring any donations, just wear a scarf.

Date	Event	Class
03.02.23	Shelly Hibernation Day – wear your pyjamas	Whole school
08.02.23	Y4 Times Table Check Parents Meeting 3.30pm	Year 4 parents
10.02.23	Young Voices	Choir
10.02.23	Break up for half term	Whole school
20.02.23	INSET Day – school closed	Whole school
21.02.23	Return to school	Whole school
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
9.5.23 – 12.5.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.37% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 5 who achieved a fantastic 98.9%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Harry	Stephie	Louie	Bradley
F2	Austin	Ethan	Israel	Ava
F2/Y1	Ivy	William	Lily	Ellie
Year 1	Joseph	Bethany	Evie	Scarlet
Year 2	Elsie	Taylor	Peyton	Mia



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have been introduced to 2 new letters and sounds. They have been learning about the images that start with 't' and 'g'. During Maths the children have been introduced to comparing capacity and looking at containers that are full, half full and empty. This week in topic we are exploring animals in the North Pole and animals that live in the South Pole. The children are gaining a good understanding that penguins live in the South Pole and polar bears live in the North Pole. This week we are sending a letter formation sheet for the children to practice at home. This week's letter is 'a' – the phrase when writing 'a' is 'You go around the apple and down the leaf'. Please ensure they start at the top of the letter correctly. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Haigh

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have looked at the story 'The Great Explorer' about an adventurer called Tom who travels to the North Pole to find his lost explorer dad. We have used the small world to retell this exciting story and talk about the different animals Tom met on his adventure. We also used our artist skills and painted, drew and modelled these animals, such as polar bears, penguins and walrus. We have also explored ice with our very own icebergs in the classroom. We can use scientific vocabulary to describe how the ice feels, why it is frozen and what happens when ice is warmed up. In PE we continued to explore gymnastics and had a go at climbing and balancing using the apparatus. We also practised safe jumping from a range of heights, bending our knees to make sure our jumping is safe. In Maths we consolidated our knowledge of 5 and 6 using a range of resources. We really have had a super busy week!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been busy continuing to explore place value in Maths. We now know how many tens and ones are needed to make the numbers 10 to 20 and can show this in a variety of representations. We are now looking at part models to partition a number into tens and ones using diennes, numicon and counters. We are also drawing pictorial drawings to show our understanding. In Geography we have started learning about the United Kingdom. We can now name the four countries of the UK and are beginning to learn the capital cities of these countries. We used an atlas to help us explore the UK and the surrounding seas. We have continued to explore printing in art this week. We had great fun using natural objects such as sticks, leaves and sponge to make prints using paint. Some of us were even able to print a rainbow coloured leaf because we carefully painted different colours onto the leaf before we printed with it. Very creative, well done!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Locket

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week, they have been pretending to be robots in computing and following their algorithm instructions. We have enjoyed starting our collage skills and making different tones by layering tissue paper. In Geography we have been learning about the difference between temperate and tropical climates. We have been working hard on our presentation and have started to earn presentation points - we are excited to see who will be the first to get a certificate!

Mrs Wolstenholme



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have worked very hard in our Maths lessons. We have shown excellent resilience when working on some very tricky division problems in class. In English we have written wonderful setting descriptions about a Caribbean island, the children worked incredibly hard to up level the language they use by finding synonyms. In History we have learnt about the leader of the Shang Dynasty, Cheng Tang. In Science we have begun learning about sound and how sound travels through the air to our ears. We are enjoying our PE lessons on gymnastics and are beginning to make sequences with the shapes our bodies can make. Well done on another fantastic week Year 3 - it's been a tough one but I am very proud of the determination and resilience you have all shown!

Miss Riley

Year 4

Year 4 have worked so hard this week. In English, we have been writing an emotive letter from a migrant father who is leaving his family behind to search for a safer home. Some of the language that the children have produced has been amazing, I am so proud of them! In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply by 100 and divide by 10 and 100 and in Science, we have been learning how sedimentary rocks are formed - did you know it takes millions of years for them to form? In History, we have been learning who invaded Britain after the Romans left and in RE, we have been learning how significant Baptism is to Christians. In Art, we are learning about the properties of textiles and we are beginning to create a design for a piece of textile artwork. Well done Year 4 for a busy week.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week in Year 5, in English, we have focused on writing in perfect and progressive tense and we have worked hard to include this in our narratives. In Maths we have worked so hard to master finding fractions of amounts - everyone has shown amazing resilience in this! In Science we have looked at energy transfer and transformation, understanding how these key concepts work and thinking of our own examples. In French we have been learning vocabulary to describe homes and some rooms within them, our pronunciation has been perfect! Last but certainly not least, we had our very first Forest School session in which we made dens - it was such fun. Well done for a lovely second week Year 5; I hope you have a super weekend.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have completed our unit of learning focusing on area and perimeter - in Maths. We have calculated the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and discovered how compound shapes can be broken down into shapes we are familiar with, before finding the area. We have completed reasoning and problem-solving questions with the Y6 children working hard on SATs style questions. Y5 children have created a bird's-eye view map of a theme park to apply their knowledge of area and perimeter. In English, we have analysed a flashback through a narrative. We have identified the features of a flashback and planned our own writing using the descriptosaurus to magpie key figurative language examples. In Art, we have completed some pencil sketches of animals, choosing the appropriate grade pencil for the desired shadow and highlight. In geography, we have learned about how globalisation is impacted by communication and how the developing world's access to internet connection compares to the developed worlds. In computing, we have continued to develop our own websites ready to publish them.

Mr Adlington



Year 6

This week, in Year 6, in English, we have learnt about writing in progressive and perfect tense ready to write our flashback narratives based on our new book 'Once Upon a Hillside'. In Maths, we have been finding the area of different shapes and applying this knowledge to problem solving questions. In Science, we have continued with our topic of 'Energy' by exploring how energy transfers. In Art this week, we have created some beautiful sketches, looking at how we can use different pencil grades to create different effects. It has been another wonderful week Year 6. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Richardson



