



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .05



Welcome to February's edition of The Horsell Village School Newsletter.

In this edition you will find:

- Updated diary dates including 2023 to 2024 term dates
- Information about upcoming events
- Safeguarding news
- Class pages and celebration of learning

We have been so busy at school over the last month and have lots to share and celebrate with you. The children have been excitedly watching the development of the new playground.

Last week the School council met to discuss the safety measures we need to put into place to make sure it's fun and safe for all to use. These include things like how many children on each part of the equipment. This week the children were taking it in turns to explore the new area with their class before we open it up at lunchtime.

We have been talking about what to call our new play area and each class will vote on a name before a whole school vote.

We will keep you posted.

Here are a few photographs for inspiration.



Myself, the staff and the children would like to extend a huge thank you to the parent community for supporting us in school events that have helped contribute to this amazing new learning and play area.

The children continue to do us proud with their superb learning behaviours and are enjoying their new learning topics.

We have lots planned as we head up to half term. Please refer to the updated diary dates.

## Diary Dates



30.01.2023	YR 1 VR Space experience
01.02.2023	NSPCC Numbers Day
02.02.2023	Tawny Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am
03.02.2023	YR 2 visit to Kew Gardens
06.02.2023	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.2023	Internet Safety Day
09.02.2023	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00 am
09.02.2023	YR R- Vintage Bus visit
10.02.2023	Finish for Half term 3.00 pm
20.02.2023	Inset Day for staff
21.02.2023	School re-opens
21.02.2023	Book Week More details to follow
23.02.2023	Visiting Author Bears at Bedtime at 5.00 pm
24.02.2023	Book Week Dress up day
02.03.2023	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00 am
09.03.2023	Squirrels Class Assembly 9.00 am
13.03.2023	British Science Week
16.03.2023	Otters Class Assembly 9.00 am
17.03.2023	Comic Relief - Red Nose day Details to follow
23.03.2023	Foxcubs Class Assembly 9.00 am
30.03.2023	Rabbits Class Assembly 9.00 am
31.03.2023	Finish for Easter Holidays 1.15 pm

# Class Assemblies

Well done to the Year 2 classes who have started the class assemblies in a fantastic fashion. The children have really enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents and friends.

Below is a reminder of the date for the following Class Assemblies:

- Thursday 9th February - Badgers Class Assembly
- Thursday 2nd March - Hedgehogs Class Assembly
- Thursday 9th March - Squirrels Class Assembly
- Thursday 16th March - Otters Class Assembly
- Thursday 23rd March - Foxcubs Class Assembly
- Thursday 30th March - Rabbits Class Assembly



Upcoming Events...



## Safeguarding

**Safer Internet Day 2023** | Tuesday 7 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

Parents play a crucial role in empowering and supporting their child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Parent influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. There are plenty of ways for you to participate in Safer Internet Day, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with your child or acting as a digital role model. Please look at the Safer Internet Resources for ideas on how to support, at home.

### Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)



**Laura Sharkey**  
DSL



**Jane Reeve**  
Deputy DSL



**Rachel Cadey**  
Deputy DSL



**Harriet Code**  
Deputy DSL



**NSPCC**



**Number Day 2023**

On Wednesday 1st February, we celebrated Number Day 2023. The children enjoyed 'dressing up for digits' and there were fun-filled maths activities and games happening across the school. Together, we have raised a fantastic £468 for the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity.



# Term Dates 2023 to 2024



We can now share with you calendar dates for 2023 to 2024.

These have been worked out to provide continuity in dates for parents with children at both The Horsell Village School and Horsell Junior School.



## Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September - INSET DAY

Monday 4th September - INSET DAY

Start of term: Tuesday 5th September

Half term: 23rd October to 27th October 2023

End of term: Friday 15th December 2023

## Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET DAY

Start of term: Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half term: 12th February to 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February - INSET DAY

End of term: Thursday 28th March 2024

## Summer Term 2024

Start of term: Monday 15th April 2024

Half term: 27th May to 31st May 2024

End of term: Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July - INSET DAY

## School Values

Our value for this half term is 'honesty'.

In Reflections we have been exploring the meaning of honesty and the feelings and emotions associated with being truthful and what could happen when we are not truthful.



We have been using a variety of different stories and tales as starting points for discussion.

At home, discuss with your child the importance of this value and perhaps share your own experiences of living this out.

## Parent Conferences

We just want to give you advance notice of the dates for our Spring Term Parent Conferences. Just after half term, we will send you information on how to book and then open the live booking system.

Parent conferences provide you with 1 on 1 time with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. We run day time conferences and one evening parent conference. Please see the dates below.

Monday 20th March Snowy Owls Parent conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 21st March Badgers Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Wednesday 22nd March Rabbits Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Thursday 23rd March Squirrels Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Friday 24th March Hedgehogs Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Monday 27th March Foxcubs Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 28th March Barn Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Wednesday 29th March Otters Parent Conferences 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Wednesday 29th March - Evening Parent Conferences for all classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Thursday 30th March Tawny Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

# Reception

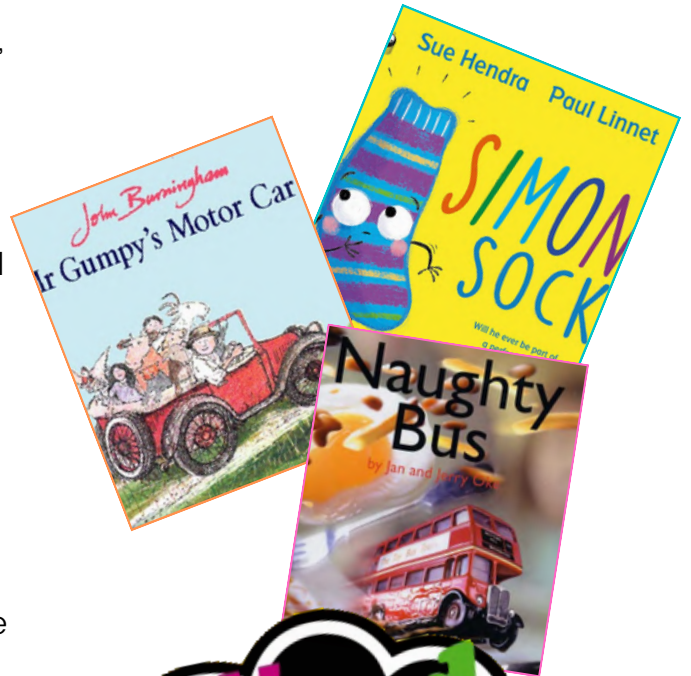
## What's happening in Reception...

We have been having some much fun in Reception, going on lots of different adventures as we explore different types of transport.

As we come to the end of our topic we are looking forward to our London Bus Trip, next week, which will allow us all to go on our very own adventure - on a Vintage Double Decker Bus! We will use this as inspiration to make our own Naughty Bus stories, create maps of where and what we saw and even make our very own buses.

Recently, we have spent some time developing our writing, thinking about how we construct a sentence and use our developing sound knowledge to segment and write words. It has been amazing to see the children's confidence grow as they explore their own writing with more independence and we cannot wait to see that the next few weeks and months bring.

In our Maths learning, we have recently been exploring numbers 6-10, building our number bond knowledge to develop our fluency and recall with these facts. We are beginning to explore more complex ideas such as making pairs, odds and evens and sharing.



Traffic Lights

Safety

First, next, last

Mental Health

Mindfulness

## Phonics

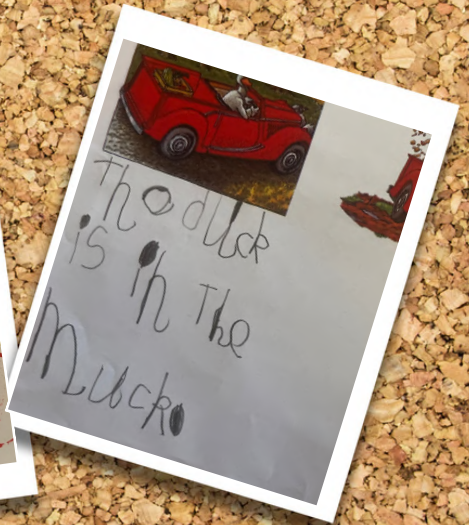
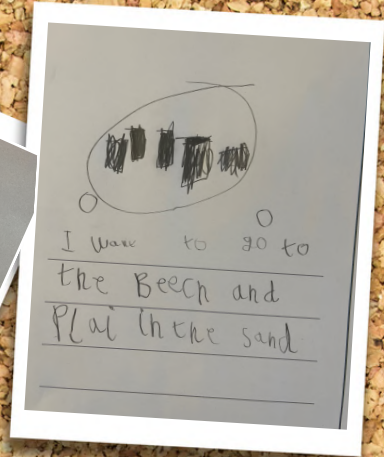


As well as recapping all our taught sounds we have been developing our fluency with reading words that have more complex blends.

## Tricky Words

we are you all was

# Photos from our Learning



# Year 1

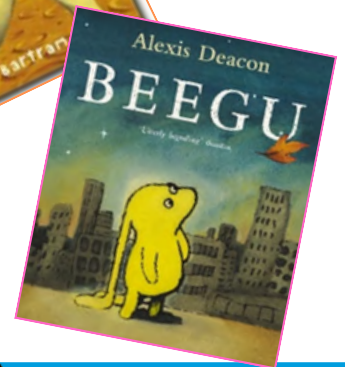
## What's happening in Year 1...

The children are no coming to the end of their 'Destination Outer Space' topic and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning at school. Last Monday, the children got to experience an exciting Virtual Reality workshop where they explored space! We do hope they went home and told you all about it.

In DT, the children have created some fantastic designs for their moon buggy and over the course of the next two weeks will be making and reviewing them. In Art, the children will be working with clay to create their own aliens and will develop their skills to manipulate the clay and carve and join pieces together.

In Maths, the children will begin focusing on place value within 50. They will confidently learn to count on and back, identifying one more and one less and placing numbers on a number line. The children will also be focusing on making groups of ten and ones which will help them as they develop their multiplication and division understanding.

Our English learning this half term has spanned non-fiction and fiction writing. The children, having explored the text 'Beegu', will now be creating their own versions of the story with a change of event and/or character. Throughout January, the children have been focusing on the PSHE topic, dreams and goals. In the days before half term, the children will be learning about overcoming obstacles and celebrating success. Alongside this, they will continue to focus on the feelings associated with the challenges or experiences they may have.



solar system

essential

explain

measure

exact

opportunity

asteroid

eclipse

phase



## Phonics

The children will be working through the Phases in their Phonics groups:


Phase 3    Phase 3-4    Phase 4  
Phase 5

Please talk to your child about the sounds they are learning - these can be found in their reading diary.


# Photos from our Learning




$$\begin{array}{r} 6 + 2 = 8 \\ 16 + 2 = 18 \\ 5 + 4 = 9 \\ 14 = 19 \end{array}$$



...he was the first British person to go to space in a rocket and he stayed there for 28 months then came back. Tim Peake in the other seventh of a paper was testing airplanes & a bullet went to space in a rocket for six months when he came back. @Fantastic Ella

...be a alien spaceship crash on my arm.



Appearance	Melody	Personality
Happy	Happy	Happy
Jolly	Jolly	Jolly
Jeing	Jeing	Jeing
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SablaSaf		
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# Year 2

## What's happening in Year 2...

We have had an amazing start to this term. The children have been learning all about the rainforests and working hard preparing and performing for their class assemblies! We have also spent a day learning all about Chinese New Year and discovered lots of new facts about rabbits!

Over the next two weeks, we will continue investigating decomposition in Science and complete our 'What Rots?' investigation. So far we have observed big changes in fruit and vegetables and little or no changes in plastic packaging, paper and glass. We will be thinking about what this tells us about the impact of human life on the environment.

We are looking forward to our visit to Kew Gardens and are very excited to see some plants that would normally be found in tropical zones around the world. We will be looking at maps before we go and writing questions and sentences about Kew.

In Maths we will be working on multiplication and also celebrating numbers in Number Day on Wednesday 1st.



### SPELLING

couldn't, shouldn't, wouldn't  
beautiful, wonderful,  
colourful

continent

canopy

vivid

ancestor

dappled

oxygen



# Photos from our Learning

