



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to March's edition of The Horsell Village School Newsletter. In this edition you will find:

- Information about upcoming events
- Safeguarding news
- Book week celebration
- Class pages

The children have returned from half term with a little 'Spring in their step' and plenty enthusiasm for their new learning topics.



Reception are exploring all the animals, plants and crops that can be found 'Down on the Farm' and will be visiting Godstone Farm as part of their learning.



In Year 1 the children are investigating animals that live in hot and cold climates through their topic 'Carnival of the animals'- they are getting excited about meeting some of these different types of animals during their trip to Marwell Zoo.



Year two are exploring the wonders of the topics through their topic 'Living Rainforest'. They will be visiting Kew Gardens to experience the plant life that can be found there.

Have fun finding out more on the year group website pages.



Diary Dates

- 04.03.2024 Book Week
Book week Dress up day
 - 06.03.2024 Parent Volunteer Meeting
9.00 am - Children's Centre
 - 06.03.2024 Bears at Bedtime event 5-5.30pm (tea and coffee in the hall for parents)
 - 07.03.2024 Badgers Class Assembly
9.00 am - Hall
 - 08.03.2024 Year 2 visit to Kew Gardens
 - 11.03.2024 British Science Week
 - 14.03.2024 Otters Class Assembly
9.00 am - Hall
 - 15.03.2024 Red Nose Day
 - 21.03.2024 Foxcubs Class Assembly
9.00 am - Hall
 - 22.03.2024 Year R visit to Godstone Farm
 - 25.03.2024 Year 1 visit to Marwell
 - 27.03.2024 Easter Church Service
Children only
 - 28.03.2024 Rabbits Class Assembly
9.00 am - Hall
- End of Term.
1.15 pm finish

Work at the Station

Heading out from Woking train station? Pop into the waiting room on Platform One and see the amazing art work from each year group here at The Horsell Village School.

This is part of the 'Art@thestation' project.



Book Week 2024

Monday 4th - Friday 8th March 2024

During the week, each class will be carrying out a variety of book-related activities to inspire their reading and writing. Each child will create a bookmark to take home at the end of the week.

Monday 4th March - Dress up Day and Storytime

To launch Book Week, please come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Children will be invited to listen to a story being read by a different member of staff.

Tuesday 5th March - Drama Workshop

Each class will participate in a 30-minute Traditional Tales drama workshop.

Wednesday 6th March - Book Buffet and Bedtime Stories

Bring your favourite book (named) into school to share with your friends (please ensure all books are named).

Then come back to school at 4.50pm, dressed for bed, and listen to a bedtime story. Don't forget your teddy! Tea and coffee is being provided for parents in the school hall.

Thursday 7th - Bookmark Celebration

In Celebration Reflections, at 1.15pm, we will announce the winners of the bookmark competition. There will be one prize per class for the most creative designs.



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Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024
INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September 2024
INSET DAY

Start of term: Wednesday 4th
September 2024

Half term: 28th October to 1st
November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024
INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th November 2024
INSET Day

End of term: Friday 20th
December

Spring Term 2025

Start of term: Monday 6th
January 2025

Half term: 17th February to 21st
February 2025

End of term: Friday 4th April
2025

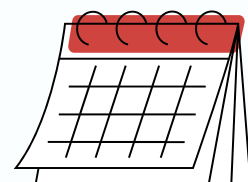
Summer Term 2025

Start of term: Tuesday 22nd
April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025 INSET
DAY

Half term: 26th May to 30th
May 2025

End of term: Tuesday 22nd July
2025



Wow, what an exciting start to the half term we add.

The children enjoyed taking part in their 'Ski2BFit' workshop.

Each class took part in a 30 minute workshop where they were taught:

- How to skip
- The importance physical exercise can have in supporting a healthy mind and healthy body.
- What a healthy balanced diet looks like.

Well done to Seth in Barn Owls who completed the most number of skips in 1 minute across the whole school and well done to Miss Cole who completed the most number of skips amongst the staff.

We have had lots of fun skipping at lunchtimes ever since.

Safeguarding

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Mrs Reeve
Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child please contact a member of the school's Designated Safeguarding Team in the first instance through the school office.



Mrs Sharkey
DSL

In addition to this, if you have concerns outside of school you can contact the Children's Single Point of Access on:

Phone: 03004709100- Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Email: cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

Out of Hours Emergency Team: 01483 517898



Miss Cadey
Deputy DSL

Attendance

Attendance at school is vital for giving your child every chance to succeed. Research shows that there is a direct link between school attendance and attainment and progress. Poor attendance and missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind.

At The Horsell Village School we aim to support and enable our children to fulfill their potential and provide them with every opportunity to succeed. Of course there are individual needs and indeed individual cases, but working together enables us to give our children the best possible start.

Punctuality is also important. The school day starts at 8.55 am and learning starts straight away.

Did you know- being 5 minutes late each day is the same as missing 3 whole school days. Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two whole weeks.

At The Horsell Village School we work closely with families to provide the best outcome. Come in and talk to us if this is an area you would welcome support.

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is **94.7%**



Did you know? When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are **365 DAYS** in a calendar year

175 DAYS are NOT spent at school



North Tyneside Council

What's happening in Reception...

The children have been enjoying our topic "Down on the Farm." We are looking forward to our farm trip on Friday 22nd March.

Our Class Assemblies are coming up. Do find the time
Thursday 14th March - Otters
Thursday 21st March - Foxcubs
Thursday 28th March - Rabbits

We have started learning about vegetables and crops that grow on a farm. Our learning will then move to animals that you will find on a farm. We will think about our favourite animals, what their babies are called and the noises they make.

In Maths we will continue our learning about the composition of numbers to 10. We will also look at equal and no equal parts/groups and how this relates to odd and even numbers.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will consider special stories from Christianity, including those that will be found in the Bible. The children will celebrate Easter in a Church service on Wednesday 27th March. We will also compare how farms look now to how they looked a long time ago.

After the success of 'skip to be fit' the children have been using skipping ropes outside and improving their skills. The focus of our PE sessions will continue to be on dance. We will also use our gross motor skills during our outside learning and our small motor skills paying specific attention to our pencil grip and letter formation.

Wishing you a wonderful break over the Easter period.

The Reception Team



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side

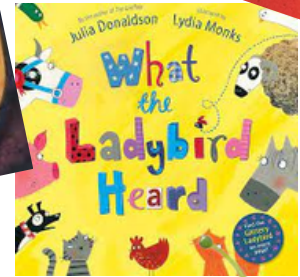
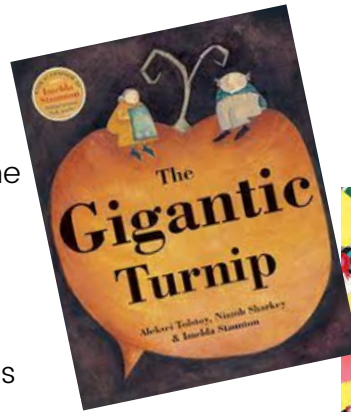
small

co-operation

farmer

tractor

celebration



Phonics



The sounds we are looking at now are:

Mrs Knight:

Phase 3 - oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er

Tricky words: we, are, you

Mrs Shaw/Mrs Aughterson:

Phase 3 - ure, er

Phase 4 - reading CVCC and CCVC words

Tricky words: all, was, give, live, he, she, we, me, be, was

Miss Burtenshaw

Phase 4 - Reading CCVC, CVCC and two syllable words.

Tricky words: were, there, little, one, they, all, are, do, when, out, what, my, all, her

Books are changed on a Tuesday and a Friday once parents/carers have commented in the diary. We appreciate your support in guiding your child's reading development.

Reminders

Numbots:

Have you logged into Numbots? The login details are in the front of the reading diaries.

What's happening in Year 1...

This half term, the children have been thoroughly enjoying their 'Carnival of the Animals' topic. The children have felt so proud of the Henri Rousseau inspired Artwork they have produced.

The children have been learning a variety of facts about animals found in the zoo and have started to create their own animal fact file.

Following Book Week, we will learn about the life of Sir David Attenborough and the important work he has carried out educating the world about the wide variety of species that live on this delightful planet! In English, we will continue to develop our letter writing skills and will be writing a letter to Sir David Attenborough about the animals we have learnt about.

On Monday 25th March, we will be visiting Marwell Zoo. We are looking forward to seeing the animals in the flesh and revisiting what we have been learning about the different animal groups in our Science learning.

In Maths, we have had a lot of practise using rulers to measure objects in cms. At home, it would be great if the children had the opportunity to continue to use rulers and tape measures to embed their understanding of what a cm is and to carry on practising measuring accurately.

Phonics



The children will be working through Phases 3-5 in their Phonics groups. Please spend time reflecting on the sounds in your child's Phonics reading book they take home on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Spelling

There is a list of High Frequency Words and Common Exception Words in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home. Your child needs to be able to spell these words by the end of the year.



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carnivore

extinct

habitat

journey

direction

What's happening in Year 2...

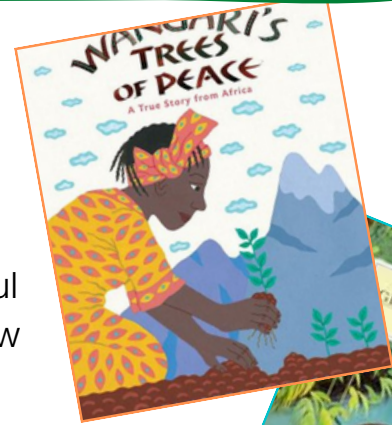
This month sees us continuing on our learning journey into the rainforests of the world and the animals and creatures that call them home.

In Science, we will be observing changes over time and investigating, 'What Rots'. We have made careful predictions using what we know and will now see how objects left on the ground might change. In addition to our observations, we will also be learning about food chains and comparing plants that we might see in this country to those found in the rainforests.

In English, we will be using the text, 'The Great Green Forest' as inspiration for our writing. We will be creating expanded noun phrases and practising using conjunctions.

In Maths, we will be learning how to read scales that help us to determine different measurements including length, height, capacity and temperatures.

We will be learning all about the life of Wangari Maathai; an inspirational African environmentalist, who was responsible for the planting of tens of millions of trees all across Kenya.



deforestation

decompose

silent

continent

canopy

vivid

ancestor,

dappled

oxygen

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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

Tricky Words

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