

What has happened this term?

The children have settled beautifully into Year 1 and 2. So much has already happened this term, including a Road Safety workshop where the children discussed the best way to cross a road. We have also been given Dexter the Dog, who will continue to visit children's home next term, so keep a look out for the fire safety dog.

Children have loved finding out about the history of the Ilkeston Charter Fair, and have been surprised to find out how it first started- it certainly looked and sounded different to the fair we all know and love now.

Have you seen the Gruffalo anywhere in West Hallam? If so, the children know exactly how to trap it as they have been busy learning about writing instructions in Talk for Writing. What instructions do you have in your home? You could spend some of half term writing new instructions for how to play a game, or how to make something- we would love to see these.

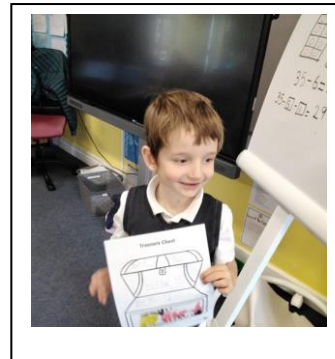
In Thrive children have enjoyed sharing their special objects which has also given the children time to think about what they have in common with each other. Children have also thought about what makes them a star- we had lots of reasons, including how kind, thoughtful and caring the children are. Personal development is extremely important to us in Scargill, and our Thrive approach is making a difference to our wonderful children.



Read a Rainbow

Read-a-rainbow has got off to a fantastic start with many children moving from red to orange, meaning they have read 25 times at home. Some children are on yellow, whilst a small number are on green. Reading at home makes a difference, so please continue to make time to hear your child read daily, just five minutes can make a world of difference. Your child should colour in a segment on the bookmark each and every time they read at home, or listen to a story read to them.





Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 1- Subtraction within 10. Can children solve problems such as $10 - ? = 6$ or 10 sweets in a jar, 8 children eat a sweet each, how many are left? 2D and 3D shapes- can children name the common shapes and talk about their properties, knowing 2d are flat shapes?

Year 2- Addition and subtraction along with properties of shapes. Can your child name the 2d faces on 3D shapes? Do they know how many vertices are found on a 3D shape?



English- Fiction: Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. Christmas Poetry

Non-fiction: Information writing

Science- Everyday materials- name materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass and consider why materials have been chosen to make certain objects.

Design and Technology- Moving pictures- mechanisms and levers. It would be really helpful if you could send in any picture books at home which have moving pictures/ lift the flap/ pop up elements for us to explore in the first lesson during week one. Please could you send any in, ensuring your child's name is clearly on the book so it can easily be returned, on Monday 6th November. Thank you.



Art and Design- Painting and mixed media focusing on colour.



PE- Indoor: Dance (Mr Candy's Sweet Shop)

Outdoor: Hands!

Badgers have PE on Mondays and Thursdays

Hedgehogs have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays

Deer have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Half term is the perfect time to check PE kits and ensure they have the correct kit for the winter months. Check out the uniform policy if you are in any doubt about expectations.

Earrings MUST be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove!

Religion & Worldviews- Who is Jewish and what do they believe?



Power and Identity- Continue developing a sense of identity

PSHE- Celebrating differences. What do you like? Is it the same as someone else or different? It's good to be different, we are all unique.



Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, individual liberty and tolerance

Music- Focus on songs for our KS1 performance. Year 2 will be the main actors, speakers and dancers however all children will learn the songs.

Club Information

This will be sent out separately to this newsletter, so please keep a look out- this is usually sent via parent pay.



NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you!

Important Dates

6.11.23 First day of term
Poppys will be on sale this week, with our remembrance worship on 10th November.
6.11.23 Badger parents evening (postponed from last term)
13.11.23 Antibullying week- odd sock day Monday.
17.11.23 Children in Need. Children can come wearing items related to this, eg. Spots. Donation page will be sent out nearer the time.
20.11.23 Derbyshire Fire Service will be visiting us in Y1&2.
23.11.23 Open morning for current parents.
27.11.23 individual school photographs- smile 😊
4.12.23 NSPCC workshops will take place this week.
5.12.23 2:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity
6.12.23 9:15am Year 1/2 Nativity
8.12.23 Christmas Jumper day – donations for the Christmas Fayre
15.12.23 Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5:30pm
Church visit and christmas party to be confirmed.

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please either email in using the department email (see details at the bottom of this newsletter), phone the admin team or speak to us at the end of the day. A friendly TA will continue to meet the children at drop off, so messages can also be passed on at this point. Please note the department email is not checked throughout the day every day, so anything important should go through the office/ via the morning TA.

Homework



Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. Children are becoming much more independent in handing in their homework books which is great to see and we will continue to encourage this. We love celebrating children, and as such all those who complete their homework set have dojo points awarded. Online homework has slightly different rewards, particularly on Purple Mash.



The Importance of Sleep



Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help with memory, allow them to react more quickly to situations and make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments.

Sleep deprivation can cause increased hyperactivity, and can lead to difficulties with physical and mental development. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems, which is something we would like to help to avoid.

Problems can occur for a whole host of reasons; anxiety, bedtime routine, bedroom environment, feeling hungry/ thirsty, screen time, nightmare or night terrors, sensory difficulties to name a few.

If you are one of the many parents whose child experiences difficulties with their sleep for whatever reason, then the following website could make a world of difference and is worth taking some time to read;

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Within this site you will find top tips for a good night's sleep, helpful bedtime routine guides and information about diet and sleep along with other key information. It is highly recommended for all children (and adults too).



Nessy and Numbots



These programmes are fantastic for children as they can spend just a short time on them at home each day, have fun and boost their learning and understanding. If your child has not got a login for these and you would like your child to have the opportunity to use them at home please do let your child's class teacher know. All children have access to Numbots to support mental arithmetic. Each Friday KS1 children are celebrated for first, second and third place for a variety of reasons, such as earning the most coins, making the most progress etc... Parents must sign a consent form in order for

children to have access to Nessy.
These are completely free.

Items in School

Just a little reminder- all items of clothing MUST be labelled with your child's name- we have many jumpers/ cardigans without names and the children do not know who these items belong to. Your help with this will make a big difference in returning items.

We have noticed an increase in items such as lip balms being brought into school. Lip balms are not to be sent into school. It would be really helpful if parents could check these have been left at home as quite a few children have informed us they they have brought them in without their parents knowing. Thank you for your support with this.