

# Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. Since our return from the Christmas break the children and staff have continued to work hard. Below are some highlights from across the school.

**Tony Head**  
Headteacher

## Curriculum update.

### Nursery

This month has been a very busy one for our Nursery children, as we have all welcomed lots of new children into our setting. The children who have been with us since September have been helping them to follow the rules, showing them where to hang up their coats, and showing them how to share. We are very proud of them.

As part of our work on traditional stories, we have been busy making Gingerbread men, and tasting them. They were delicious! We have also been improving our fine motor skills tracing patterns on the gingerbread men and decorating our own ones.



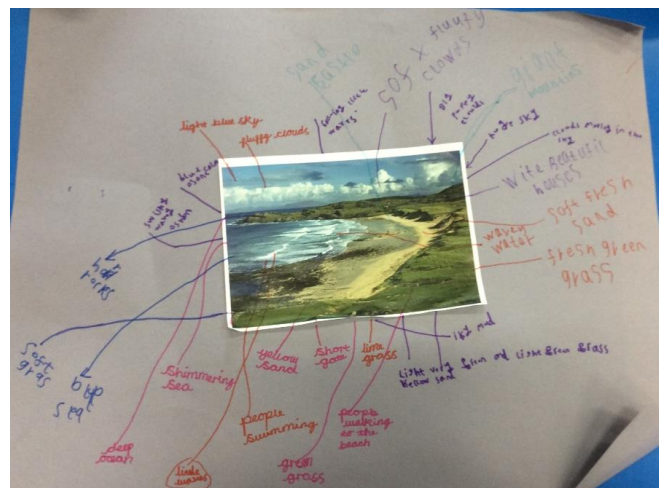
### Year R

Year R have started to learn their phase 3 sounds, which are digraphs and trigraphs. We will be continuing to recognise and use these phonemes in other contexts, not just in our phonics sessions. As part of our Dinosaur topic, the Year R children were lucky enough for Mummy Dino to leave us an egg to look after. The children wrote some fantastic instructions of how to look after a dinosaur egg. The topic really captivated the year group's imagination.



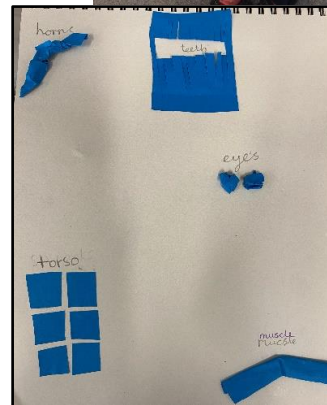
We have also learnt about Lunar New Year. The children enjoyed learning facts about Lunar New Year and sharing with the class what celebrations they partake in. This week, the children made pizza and wrote instructions for how they made them. They have also learnt about capacity. They really enjoyed using the language 'empty,' 'full,' 'half full,' 'nearly full,' and 'nearly empty.'





### Year 3

This month Year 3 have started learning about Ancient Greece. We have been reading Greek myths in English, and we have recently written a persuasive letter in role as King Midas. We were able to empathise with the character and infer how he was feeling throughout the story, which helped us to write from his perspective. We have also read the story of Perseus and Medusa so that we could create and perform a dance based on scenes from the book. In art, we have read the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and will use this to inspire us when designing our own monsters. Our final piece of art will be created using different paper techniques to represent different features of the monster. We hope to use all of this information as inspiration for our own mythological monster later this term!



### Year 4

Year 4 have had a cracking start to 2024. Alongside some excellent maths, reading and English we have started to explore sound. A highlight of this topic has been learning about the human ear and making a play doh model showing how we hear.



We are very much enjoying our new geography topic about Antarctica and were lucky to have Mr May visit us and tell us all about his expedition there.

We are also exceptionally proud of our achievements on doodle maths with many of us regularly being in the green zone. We are particularly focused on our reading, and we would like to thank parents for listening to your child read 3 times a week.



## Year 5

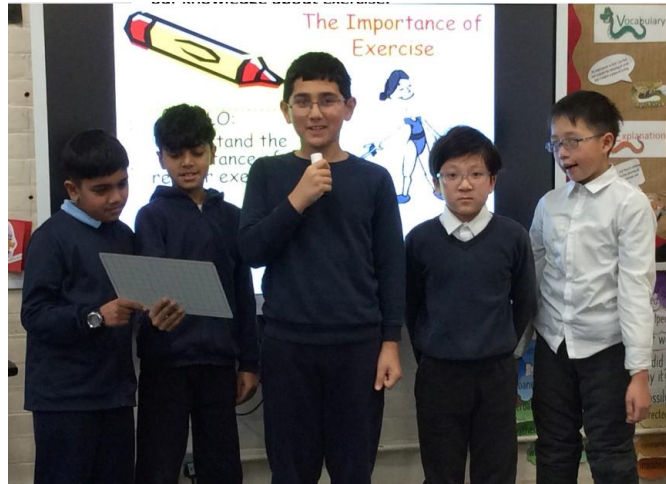
It has been a fabulous couple of weeks since the winter holiday, and the children are working really hard. In English, we have been studying the legend of Beowulf, which has led to some amazing reading and writing outcomes. The children are currently writing their own legend narrative where their hero vanquishes their created hideous beast!.



Our geography topic about Italy is in full swing, and the children have shown amazing geographical skills in researching physical and human landmarks the country. They produced an amazing hand-drawn map in small groups. Soon we will erupt into a study of Mount Vesuvius.



In PSHE, we have been considering physical health and mental well-being, looking in detail at the benefits of exercise, personal hygiene and eating a balanced diet. In PE, we have been playing rugby, and performing and looking at the history of the Haka. Mrs Carpenter came to talk to us about praying the rosary in RE and, as a result, the children produced fantastic brochures on how to do this. Both Mr. May and Miss Deller would like to thank all parents and carers for their work with the children reading at home, especially with the new books that we have been reading in class and sending home. We have already seen amazing progress despite this only just starting.



## Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant return to school after the Christmas break. They are loving their new history unit on The Victorians and so far have learned all about daily life in the Victorian period, the Industrial Revolution and have begun their learning on children at work. The culmination of this learning will be showcased at our Year 6 History Fayre on Friday 9 February – please check the letter for the timings.

We have also been really enjoying our English learning with children reading both *Wild Boy* and *Oliver Twist*.

Please can we take this time to say thank you to all of you taking the time to support your child at home with their homework and reading. We have seen an increased engagement with both of these and this will have a positive impact on your child's progress. Thank you for this. Can we remind you that reading should be happening at home daily and reading records should be brought into school every day to be shared with the teacher.

We look forward to seeing you at our History Fayre!

# Reminders

## Arbor

### Payments and lunch choices via Arbor

We have had a very successful start to the year using Arbor to book your child’s lunch option. Please note, if your child is late, you will still need to sign them in with their lunch choice, as an absence mark on the register will cancel the lunch option. If you know that your child will be in late, please still phone the office and let us know the lunch choice.

I would like to say thank you to parents for your continued support.

# Dates / Activities

| Date                                | Activity                          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Friday 2 February 2024              | Inset day – school closed.        |
| Monday 5 – Friday 9 February 2024   | Year 3 Greek week                 |
| Thursday 8 February 2024            | Year 3 Music Performance – 2.15pm |
| Friday 9 February 2024              | Year 4 Music Performance – 2.15pm |
| Friday 9 February 2024              | Year 6 History Fayre              |
| Monday 12 – Friday 16 February 2024 | Half term                         |



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## More information

- After school club includes a free snack every day from 4pm to 4.30pm
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- After School club runs from school end until 6pm
- Our fantastic sports and skills sessions are incorporated into after school club, click [here](#) for more details
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## **Saturday 3 February**

### **7.00pm**

### **at Central Hall**

**St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF**

**Tickets:**

£12 adults, £8 concessions, £2 under 16s  
£25 Family ticket – 2 adults and 2 children

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**SUNDAY 24  
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# **HENDY EASTLEIGH JUNIOR FUN RUN**

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This is your chance to 'Go for Gold' at the Hendy Eastleigh Junior Fun Run event for the 12s and unders on Sunday 24 March 2024. The event is run around Fleming Park, Eastleigh and will be supporting WESSEX Heartbeat.

## **FUN RUN FEATURES**

- The race starts at 11am for 9-12s, and 11.15am for 4-8 year olds.
- Entry is only £7 per child but limited to a maximum of 300 e.g. 150 per race (entries will not be taken on the day).
- Appropriate running clothes or tracksuits are recommended.
- Free medal and £5 voucher for Up & Running for all finishers.



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