



A note from your Head of School.

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a joyful and restful Christmas. My staff and I would like to wish you Happy New Year. Last term we worked hard to develop our curriculum for each subject to enhance and enrich our offer. We continued to develop our community feel and links with the church to continue to develop and strengthen the children's understanding of our vision and values. I am very excited to see the progress and to see what 2023 will bring for our lovely school.



Best Wishes

Miss S Simcock

Learning Updates

Robins

It has been a brilliant start to the term. The children have certainly come back with an eagerness and readiness to learn.

In maths we are consolidating addition and subtraction strategies. Year 1 are looking at number bonds and using equipment to complete additions. Year 2 and Year 3 have been using column addition to support them in solving problem solving and reasoning questions.



We are having a massive push on phonics so please look out for phonics homework and keep the daily reading up—thank you. The Year 3s have also now started Year 3 spelling, they have some practise time in school but need to learn these at home as much as possible!



In history, the children will be learning about the great fire of London and KS2 will explore the Egyptians.

In RE, the children have begun their learning on Christian community. We will be visiting church to explore our local Christian community.

We have just finished a series of art lessons. KS1 have learnt about the work of Andy Warhol and produced their own paintings. LKS2 have been learning about Monet and have produced some excellent paintings of London. We will continue to develop the children's skills in drawing and painting in term 2 and 3. What a brilliant start!





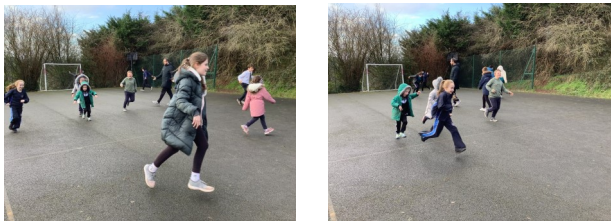
Eagles

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and many happy returns for the year ahead.

Eagles Class have had a very productive start to 2023, working hard in Literacy to plan and begin to write a discovery narrative based on the work of Charles Darwin. This week's particular focus has been to create an effective plan for writing, using features of the given form, a skill that the children have worked hard to refine.

In Maths, the children in Year 5 began the term by multiplying 2-digit numbers before progressing on to multiplying 3-digit numbers and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. The children in Year 6 have been applying their knowledge of written methods of addition and subtraction to solve problems.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first Mini Medics session with Mr. Aspinall, where they began to think about how sport and physical activity can impact our mental health and well-being.



In Music, the children are beginning to develop on their knowledge of different ukulele strums, with this week's focus the Calypso Strum. It is a pleasure to hear how much they are improving each week.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their first two Spanish sessions, during which they were able to learn basic conversation starters and have begun to focus on the numbers 1-10.



Little Wrens

To start our mini-beast topic this half term, we went on a toy mini-beast hunt. We have also created a mini-beast obstacle course.





Whole School Learning Updates

We are pleased to introduce you to Beth Hemmingway our new Spanish teacher. The children have already enjoyed two fabulous sessions and came out of school on Friday sharing numbers and how they felt in Spanish. Mrs Heminway is an excellent teacher and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons so far. We can't wait to see their progress.



PHSE

The children have started PHSE learning. This is all about providing children with the skills, knowledge and attributes to lead healthy, happy lives now and in the future. Mrs Tomlinson will be leading these lessons and we have chosen to use "Heartsmart" and the Heartsmart principles to do this.

They are:

Don't forget to let love in—learning how important, valued and loved we are.

Too much selfie isn't healthy—exploring the importance of others and how to love them well.

Don't rub it in, rub it out—understanding how to process negative emotion and choose forgiveness to restore relationships.

Fake is a mistake—unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and to be proud of who we are.

No way through isn't true—knowing there is a way through every situation, no matter how impossible it may seem.

In KS1— We have been linking our hearts and feelings to our actions, words and behaviours. We have been considering how to make choices to help our own hearts and the hearts of others.

In LKS2—We have started to link our feelings with events, talking about how to guard our hearts and who and what we are grateful for.

In UKS2—We have started to talk about the type of reputation we would like to be known for. We will also be looking for people who support and encourage us.

In other news...

We were really sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cheers, our lovely school administrator on Thursday 5th January. Mrs Cheers has been with us for nearly a year now and has been such a great addition to our school family. Our loss is the world of Teaching Assistants' gain and we wish her lots of luck as she continues her career in education.



In happier news, we celebrated a milestone birthday with Mrs Dugmore on our Inset day at the start of term. Smiles all round as the cake was brought out!





Chalking the Door for Epiphany

On Tuesday 10th January Rev Jim joined us for worship and carried out a “chalking the door blessing” for epiphany. The children gathered at the entrance of the school to watch Rev Jim as he talked through the blessing as part of the liturgy where sacred signs and symbols are chaked on the wall outside to ask for God’s blessing for those who come to the school over the coming year. Take a look at the wall next time you come to the office and you will see the chalking on the brickwork on the left hand side.



Dates for the Diary—

Thursday 19th Dental Checks for Year 6

Monday 23rd January—eSafety Talk with PCSO Jorge

The Knitted Bible

We are delighted to be showcasing The Knitted Bible in our school hall. This comprises of 34 knitted scenes depicting stories from the bible, created and loaned by St George’s United Reform Church, Hartlepool. Mr Allman has painstakingly put the scene together in our hall and we will be opening the exhibition to our parents and extended community on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th January between 3:30pm—4:15pm. Please do come along to see it.

