



Newsletter 8 – 12th January 2024

Dates for Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

22.01.24 Year 6 SATs meeting

26.01.24 Reading café 9.00am- 10.30pm

16.02.24 Break up for half term

14.02.24 Y5/Y6 Netball Competition, Newton Aycliffe

26.02.24 return to school



Times table Rockstar's challenge will start again next week!

Year 6 SATS Meeting

On Monday 22nd January, Mrs Makin will be holding an information meeting for parents of Year 6 children about SATs tests that will be taken in May. The meeting will be at 4.30pm and will be an opportunity to discuss SATs and have any questions answered you may have. We look forward to seeing you then.

Reading Café

On Friday 26th January at 9.00am-10.30am we are holding a reading café in school. Parents and Carers are invited to come along and take part in reading activities with refreshments. All are welcome!

Learning Opportunity

We have the chance to run a course in school if there is enough interest from our parents, carers and grandparents. We would hope to run the course after February half term. Please let us know if you would be interested in taking part by Friday, 19th January for us to confirm with the provider.

Join our Multiply Champion to go through some of the teaching methods used in school today to help you support your child. The first part of the session will look at the techniques used, and the final part will give you a chance to put this into practice and work with your child by answering some maths challenges. As well as helping you to better support your children you will also receive a £20 supermarket voucher if you attend the course.

Sessions would start at 2.30pm for parents and the children will join at 3.30pm. They would be delivered as follows:

4 x 1.5-hour sessions - Hour 1: methods and strategies with parents, final 30 minutes parents working with children on a range of questions.

Session 1: Addition

Session 2: Subtraction

Session 3: Multiplication

Session 4: Division

Play and Stay

Play and Stay Play and stay will be on the following Friday's after Christmas: January 19th, February 2nd and 16th. ***Please note change of time these sessions will run from 2.15pm to 3.00pm***

Learning Around School Blackbirds



This half term, Blackbirds are becoming little explorers. We have been looking at the differences between the country and the town by reading the Country mouse and the Town mouse book. In our role

play area, the children have been enjoying the delights of the countryside by camping out in Camp Blackbird. Here, we can camp in a tent, look for wildlife and even toast marshmallows, as well as explore the countryside. Over the next half term we will be exploring other places, such as the sea, space, the jungle and much more.



Owls

This week in Owls we started out Art and Design topic by looking at Rimini Blu pottery and producing our own sketches. The children used their observational skills to look for the different patterns and mixed colours to create the distinct colours associated with Rimini Blu pottery.



School Holidays

Please find attached to the newsletter email the school term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 academic years. These are also available on The Dales Partnership website and include the training days.

Courses for Parents

Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer for a number of sessions designed to support parents to support their children. Links to book courses are on the poster.

Robins

In Robins, we have started our new Art and Design topic about Mayan masks. We have found out what they are and why they were created by the Mayans. This week we have designed our own ready to make them out of clay over the next few weeks.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs – From January 2024

Please give 24hrs notice of bookings or cancellations

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Computers

Wednesday – Homework (not suitable for nursery children)

Thursday – Mindful Colouring

Friday – Puzzles/Board Games

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Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club.