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Dear Parents / Carers,

The last half term has flown by and it hardly seems possible that we are about to start the last half term of the school year! The last half term has been very busy but very productive and I'm delighted with the work that the children have produced. I would like to say a special well done to Year 2 who have worked so well completing their SATs tests. We are all so proud of them.

I hope we have created some lasting memories for the children as we have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee culminating in a wonderful whole school picnic and fun afternoon today. I am sure the children will cherish their special coin that we have purchased for every child in school as well as the books that we have been sent from the Department for Education and that these will serve as a reminder for many years to come that they were part of such a special historical event.

Looking forward we have many events over the next half term that we will be welcoming parents to such as sports day and the Year 2 leavers' assembly and concert. Dates are included in this newsletter with further information to follow.

This year we are extending our induction offer so that children can spend three days with their new class teacher. This is due to Michael Drayton offering to have our Year 2 children for 3 days as a result of their Year 6 going to secondary school for these days. I'm sure this will make for an even smoother transition come September. More details will follow about this after half term.

Please take time to complete the annual parental questionnaire - your views are really important to us.

I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday.



Year 1 Showcase:

Knights, Castles & Dragons

Greetings Lords and Ladies from the historians of Year One! This half term we have been time travellers, exploring the concept of castle life in days gone by... In the pursuit of knowledge, we have used books to research information, the internet to seek answers to our questions and a real life quest to visit a castle!

Behold a brave knight...

The children are full of facts about the role of a knight in the castle, from his in depth training, his suit of armour for protection, his passion for horses and the protection of the King. They have designed a "Wanted" advertisement for a knight of the realm – "Brave Knight, we need you!" reads their caption, or "Knights needed here". Characteristics such as strong, fit, loyal, clean were just some of the attributes required by the children to fulfil this role, in return for good rates of pay, a castle home and years of training as a squire. We have developed some excellent subject specific language such as gauntlet, chain (mail), visor, helmet and crossbow as well as vocabulary such as squire, knight and archer. During our visit to Tamworth Castle, the children enjoyed holding heavy armour and dressing a knight mannequin for battle. We saw a variety of weapons including swords, crossbows, and spears of different sizes. The children were able to hold different sized shields and explore how they were used for protection and defence and the meaning of the Coats of Arms. They entered into a make believe world and pretended they were knights in training, taking orders from Master Dominic. Lances to the left, lances to the right...luckily they passed the test!





The concept of a castle...

All our year one classes have been busy developing their substantive knowledge about castles, the purpose and features of castles, how they were designed to attack the enemy but similarly defend those inside from the enemy when under siege..

Moat, arrow slits, drawbridge, portcullis, battlements, dungeon, defend, attack, are just some of the nouns and verbs that the children have been using in discussions with talk partners, collaborative whole class work and when labelling diagrams.

They have been fascinated! It is such an exciting topic and our visit to Tamworth allowed the children to showcase some of their knowledge and understanding. As a staff team we were very proud of their excellent manners and confidence in answering questions about their learning, as well as their full participation in the interactive workshops. The children helped the Lady of the castle set her table for dinner and she described so much about life at the castle, what her guests would eat and how they behaved.



Life within the castle walls...

What role would you choose in the castle?

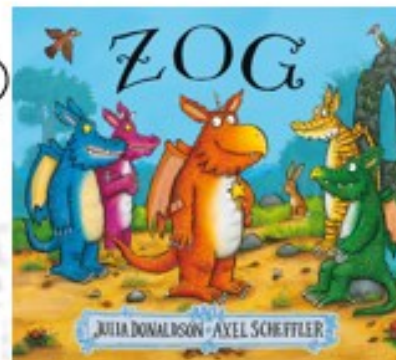
This is a question we asked the children to ponder and discuss in groups and they were very animated considering which job they would like to do, from soldier to servant to Gong-farmer! Needless to say the Gong-Farmer was not a very popular choice... Here they are ranking the jobs in the castle in order of importance.





Talk for Writing

We have enjoyed and laughed a lot at our Talk for Writing Text for this half term, Zog by Julia Donaldson. The children observed that Zog experiences a series of problems, overcome with the help of Princess Pearl and have been busy editing and making changes to the story in preparation for writing their own version of it after half term. We have focused on the clever use of rhyming language and the children had great fun making silly sentences!



Here we are ordering the story of Zog with our friends.



Here we are dressed up for Jubilee Week:



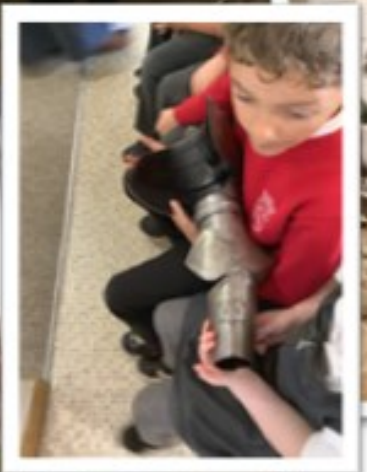


As a wonderful ending to our half term, the children are marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school with a week of festivities and a celebration of British values. In Year One songs from different decades of the Queen's reign can be heard belting out, Footloose in 1Fu, I'll be there for you (Friend's theme tune) in 1Bi, and The Yellow Submarine by the Beatles in 1Dv. We are looking forward to a whole school performance at the end of the week! We are decorating cakes, making bunting but alongside all of the fun, so much history learning is taking place. The children are creating a large scale time-line along our class washing lines of all the important changes that have occurred while Her Majesty has been on the throne – such as the first moon landing, the invention of the computer and the jumbo jet, as well as the sale of the first ever packet of fishfingers! Year One were very excited to discover that the Queen, along with her sister Margaret, danced the conga to celebrate the end of the war...so guess what we did? We danced the conga through the corridors and around the playground. Hopefully this week will prove really memorable for the children long into the future.

On behalf of all of the Year One team, can I thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the children's learning. We have been really impressed with the brilliant homework we have had over the last half term and have enjoyed sharing it with our classes. Here's looking forward to the last half term of summer. Wishing you a lovely half term break,
Mrs Fussey, Year One Team Leader

Please see the following page for some more photos of our trip.



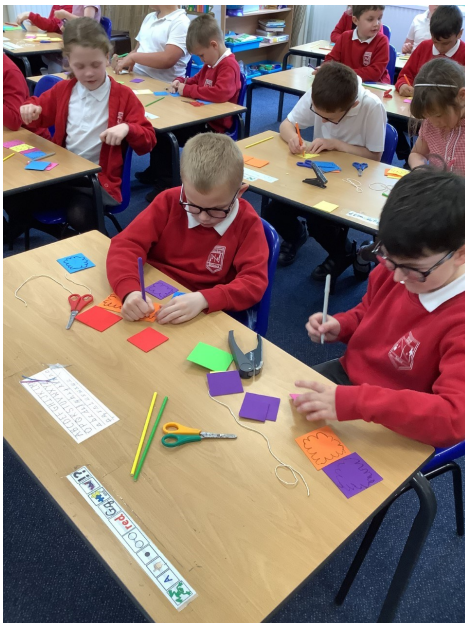


Year 2

Wow I cannot believe it is the end of half term already—it has gone so quickly! This half term has been extremely busy for Year 2 because over the past few weeks we have been doing lots of quizzes. We want to say a big well done to all of the children as every single one of them tried their absolute hardest on every single quiz! As a result of all of their hard work we have also had lots of fun playing on the climbing equipment, doing activities with the parachute. On Friday we all had a class treat of watching a movie!

As well as doing lots of quizzes, we have also been learning about oceans and islands. We discovered what an ocean is and what an island is. After that we then moved on to learning about the different names of the oceans and facts about them. In Art we then developed our understanding of how we can make one colour lighter and darker by gradually adding white/black to it. First we created our own colour chart and then we mixed blue in lots of different ways to represent the different layers of the ocean. We discovered that the first layer of the ocean is called the Sunlight Zone and this is the zone that we can swim in! Once we have finished learning about the different ocean zones, we then moved onto looking at islands by comparing the British Isles to Hawaii. We researched both England and Hawaii and discovered their traditional dances, flowers, capital city etc.

During the last week we have been extremely busy getting ready for our Jubilee Tea Party on Friday. To start the week we came in in our fabulous prince and princess costumes and learnt about key events about the Queens reign. After that we did lots of lovely craft activities which included making our own crowns, flags and biscuits to eat at the tea party. We have also really enjoyed learning songs from different decades too. Miss Cooper's class have been learning 'Dynamo' which was released in 2020. Mrs Bates and Mrs Taroni's class have been learning 'Don't Stop Me Now' from 1970 and Miss McGrath's class have been learning I'm a Believer from the 1960s! We are very excited to perform these to everyone during our lovely Jubilee party happening on Friday afternoon!



Year R

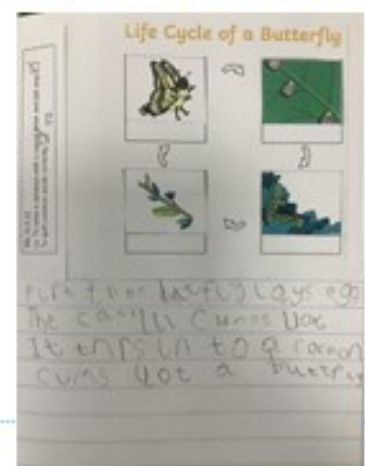
Our topic this half term has been **Secret Garden**. We began by looking at different plants and seeds and discussing what things they needed to grow. We looked at the different parts of a plant, learning their names and what jobs they do. We then planted a bean and watched it grow!



After reading the story *Oliver's Vegetables*, we wanted to plant something of our own to eat. We planted our own cress seeds, again looking after them carefully, we hope you enjoyed eating the cress when it came home!



We were very excited at the arrival of caterpillars in school. We have been watching them grow each week and they are currently in a cocoon. We are hoping to see butterflies before we finish school on Friday! The children did some super writing about the life-cycle of a butterfly.



We have been learning about different minibeasts and enjoyed looking for them in the outdoor area. We also made our own representations of minibeasts.



We are looking forward to learning about the Queen's Jubilee this week and have lots of fun activities planned. We looked very smart dressed as queens / kings / princesses and princes to start off our week!

We hope you have fun celebrating during half term, please upload any photographs to Tapestry as we would love to see them!



Friday 27th May
Monday 6th June
Tuesday 7th June

- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - School closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Sponsored Event

Please pay any outstanding sponsor money on ParentPay as soon as possible.
On this occasion if you have collected money from family and friends we will accept cash to be brought into the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sports Day - Tuesday 5th July (weather permitting).

The times of year group events are as follows:-

Year R 9.15 am - 10.30 am
Year 1 10.30 am - 11.45 am
Year 2 1.15 pm - 2.30 pm



We are asking parents to bring along their own deckchairs.

Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times as we will be practising the races beforehand. All children must have pumps (or trainers for outside) in order for them to take part. (If it's raining on sports day, we will endeavour to re-arrange.)

The PTA will be selling ice cream.

Open Evening for all Year Groups

Will take place on Wednesday 6th July 3.30 and 5.30 pm.

There will be an opportunity to talk to your child's existing class teacher and an opportunity to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom.



VACANCY

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Thank you to everyone who purchased books from our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We are able to purchase books to the value of £479.

With hopefully warmer weather next half term please apply sun cream before school and send your child to school with a sun hat. Children will still need to wear sensible school shoes. **Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school.**



Friends of Nathaniel Newton (PTA) News

Big Jubilee Lunch Art Festival

Congratulations to everyone who created amazing Jubilee artworks for the Hartshill Community Events Big Jubilee Lunch Festival. Every artwork was so good, that we passed them all along to the organiser. Congratulations, and we hope that you all enjoy your book tokens from us here at Nathaniel Newton, to say well done for your efforts.

Friends of Nathaniel Newton Summer Fayre

Preparations for our Summer Fayre on Sunday 3rd July are in full swing and our committee members are beavering away to make it an event to remember. We will soon be sending out raffle tickets for you to buy if you wish. The raffle will be drawn on the day of the fair and we have some fabulous prizes up for grabs.

We plan on having an adopt a teddy stall at the fayre, for preloved bears and soft toys. If you have any clean, good condition teddy bears that you are happy to re-gift, we have a collection drop box outside the school office.

If you are able to offer your help to run a stall on the day, we would be very grateful for volunteers. Just ring the school office and let us know and we will contact you nearer the time with more details.

School Lottery

You will have received information that we have joined a school lottery! This is a fantastic way to raise funds for the school and has the added bonus of the chance of a prize for you too! If you feel able to join and support us, follow the link on our school website under 'Our school' and the 'Friends of Nathaniel Newton' page, or from one of our posts on our Facebook page.



School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Monday 20/6, 11/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Dippers	Veg Korma	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pork Sausages	Plant Power Balls	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thurs	Pasta Bolognaise	Veggie Hot Dog	Jacket Potato *	Ham Sandwich
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft Bap

- **Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.**

Week 2 W/c Monday 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

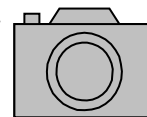
	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Sausage Pattie	Mac 'n' Cheese	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft bap
Tue	Chicken Pie	Quorn Dippers Curry Sauce	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Wed	Roast beef in gravy	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Roast Chicken soft bap
Thur	Pork Meatballs	Vegetable Burrito Bake	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Breaded Vegetable Finders	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 3 W/c Monday 16/6, 13/6, 4/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Cheese and Tomato pizza	Sweet and Sour Quorn	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Brunch Sausage Omelette	Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft Bap
Wed	Roast Pork	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Thur	Beef Grill in a Bun	Plant Power Burger	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Roasted Vegetable Tart	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap.

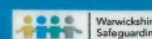
Class Group Photographs.

Closing date for orders for free delivery back to school is Monday 30th May 2022. Please order through the link that was sent to you via email. You can still order after that date but will have to pay postage.



Children with symptoms of sickness and/or diarrhoea, need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before they return to school.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and parents to share this commitment



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Term dates—school year 2021 - 2022

Friday 27th May
Monday 6th June
Tuesday 7th June

- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - School closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Monday 20th June
Sunday 3rd July
Tuesday 5th July
Wednesday 6th July
Wed 6th, Thur 7th, Fri 8th July

- New Entrants Parents Meeting 6.00pm.
- Summer Fayre 10.00am - 2.00pm.
- Sports Day.
- Open Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm.
- Induction Days *

Wednesday 13th July
Thursday 14th July
Wednesday 20th July

- Year 2 Leavers Concert 1.30pm. *
- Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.15am. *
- Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.15am. *

Thursday 21st July

- We break up for Summer holidays.



* More information to follow after half term on these events.

Term dates for the next school year 2022 - 2023

Monday 5th September
Tuesday 6th September

- Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Friday 21st October
Monday 31st October
Tuesday 1st November

- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - school closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Friday 16th December
Tuesday 3rd January
Wednesday 4th January

- We break up for Christmas holiday.
- Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Friday 17th February
Monday 27th February

- We break up for half term.
- Children return to school.

Friday 31st March
Monday 17th April

- We break up for Easter holiday.
- Children return to school.

Monday 1st May
Friday 26th May
Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June

- May Day Bank holiday - school closed.
- We break up for half term.
- Staff training day - school closed to children.
- Children return to school.

Tuesday 25th July

- We break up for Summer holiday.

The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forsshaw, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

