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Be kind, be fair, be safe whilst learning together to be the best we can.

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the end of another half term, it is lovely to reflect on how hard the children have worked, the wonderful learning experiences they have had and the fantastic progress that has been made. The pages that have been prepared by our team leaders showcase this wonderful work and I'm sure you will enjoy reading them.

It has been lovely that each year group has had an experience this half term to bring their learning to life. The enjoyment the children get from these days can never be underestimated. Whilst we heavily subsidize these experiences, we rely on the support of parents to contribute to these events to ensure they can go ahead. I would therefore like to thank you for your support in paying for these events.

This week 2Co, 1Fu and 1Lo have all prepared and performed lovely class assemblies showing the new knowledge they have learned and the skills they have developed. We are so proud of each and every child and thank all the parents who took the time to come and watch the assemblies. Your support is very much appreciated and means so much to the children to have you there.

After half term, we have many exciting activities planned which include World Book Day, a Mother's Day afternoon and our Easter activities.

Have a lovely restful half term and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 27th February.

Mrs Forshaw
Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for year 2022—2023 is 96%

Whole School Attendance from 20th Jan -16th Feb 92.3%

Check our figures to see how we are doing!

Please report a child's absence from school by sending us a message on MyEd or telephone the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave a message for the office before 9.30 am.

School Year group doors open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am and children can go into school between these times for registration at 8.55 am. Please make sure your child is on time for school. If they arrive after 8.55 am they will need to come via the main school office entrance. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. **Please help us to achieve our target!**

20.01.23-26.01.23

RDD 92.3%

RHa 89.0%

RIr 90.7%

1VH 89.7%

1Fu 93.3%

1Lo 89.3%

2Ev 96.0% Best Class

2Co 91.7%

2McG 95.7%

27.01.23-02.02.23

RDD 96.3% Best Class

RHa 89.0%

RIr 90.8%

1VH 93.8%

1Fu 91.7%

1Lo 92.5%

2Ev 95.8%

2Co 94.0%

2McG 89.3%

03.02.23-09.02.23

RDD 92.3%

RHa 93.0%

RIr 89.7%

1VH 97.3%

1Fu 89.7%

1Lo 93.3%

2Ev 96.7%

2Co 98.7% Best Class

2McG 96.0%

10.02.23-16.02.23

RDD 89.0%

RHa 91.7%

RIr 90.7%

1VH 91.3%

1Fu 80.3%

1Lo 90.0%

2Ev 99.3% Best Class

2Co 90.3%

2McG 90.7%



Monty has/will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!

Well Done

| Date | Best Class |
|-------------|------------|
| 20.01-26.01 | 1Lo |
| 27.01-02.02 | 1Lo |
| 03.02-09.02 | 1Fu |
| 10.02-16.02 | 1Lo |



Snow Flake has will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!

Movie Event Winner

TOP ATTENDANCE WINNER — 2Ev

Well done to Mrs Evans' class for having the best attendance this half term, they have WON a Movie afternoon as a reward!! Enjoy!!





Headteacher Tea Party

Mrs Forsheew had the pleasure of a tea party with our nominated children - talking about their weekend activities, what they have enjoyed doing within school whilst enjoying some sweet treats and a glass of squash. Well done to all the selected children. We hope you all had a lovely time.

27/01 - Year One Daksha P, Charlotte A-M, Phoebe A-L, Year Two Eevie B, Arlo J, Millicent B

02/02 - Year 1 - Jaxon M, Amelia-Rose M, Olivia M, Year 2 - Sophia M, Joey T, Astrid M

10/02 - Year 1 Noah, Amelia D, Alivia C, Year Two Matilda, Hannah R, Albany C

Our Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars! Well Done

27/01/23

100 Stars - Ruby MT, Nancy C, Daisy-Mae M, Samuel W
Daksha P, Indigo C

200 Stars - Ivy C, Poppy L, Chloe M

300 Stars - Joey T

03/01/23

100 Stars - Bailey-Rae A, Thomas B, Samuel W

300 Stars - Liliana C

17/02/23

100 Stars - Nate B, Phoebe P, Noah M

200 Stars - Connor C, Keo-Leon

400 Stars - Callum H



Our Pupils of the Week!

A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for eg doing good work.

| | 27/01/23 | 03/02/23 | 17/02/23 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reception | Annie-Grace, Leilani B, Eadie S | Oscar W, Miles R, Evie B | Annie S, Reagon R, Jenson R, Jack A |
| Year 1 | Iyla-Esmee, Noah G, Archie B | Charlotte AM, Ronnie R, Dylan M | Michael M, Ivy C, Amelia D |
| Year 2 | Keo M, Astrid M, Hugo J | Matilda B, Amelia M, Florence H | Renee O, Maisie M, Ellie M |



POETRY STARS



We were thrilled to receive our copy of the book 'Poetry Stars - Marvellous Poets' this half term. We are so proud of the poems that the children wrote and to see them published is a fantastic achievement. There were lots of happy faces when the children saw their work on the pages of a book in our library!

Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have been amazed with the children's enthusiasm for reading at home. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

RDD: Jack A
1FU: Bailey W
2EV: Eden F

RIR: Lewis R
1LO Nancy W
2McG: Ceanne T

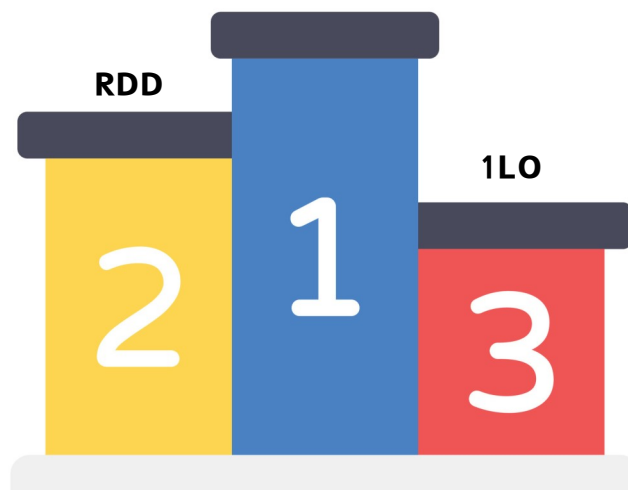
RHA: Finley A
1VH: Mason W
2CO Albany C



Class Leader board



1VH



Reception

Our topic this half term has been '**Space**'. We had a very exciting start when we found parts of a space rocket outside in the school grounds.



Over the past few weeks we have been learning lots about space and astronauts. We learnt about the first moon landing and about how an astronaut eat, drink and sleep in space. We have been working hard to design new rockets and look forward to building them later this week when our grown ups come to spend time with us in class.

We have been learning the names of different planets and facts about them. Did you know that Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system? In PE we went on a special mission to the moon and practised jumping and landing in different ways. In art we have been exploring the work of the artist Van Gogh and made our own space themed pictures after looking at his painting Starry Night.



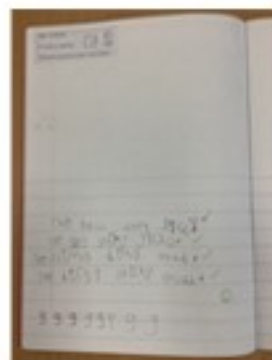
We enjoyed a visit from the Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium. It was very exciting walking into the large dome. We had an interactive session where we had a closer look at the different planets and stars in the night sky.



We have been sharing the stories, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and We're Going on a Bear Hunt in Literacy. We have used actions to help us re tell the stories and have learnt lots of new vocabulary. We have been learning to say and write sentences. We have practised rehearsing our sentences first, before writing them. We are working hard to form our letters correctly and leave a space between words.



We enjoyed exploring the feel of grass, snow, mud and water and made a super bank of describing words to help us make and write sentences.



Maths

In maths we have been learning all about numbers to 10. We have explored different ways to make and represent numbers and played lots of games to help develop our counting and mathematical language.



Year 2

Wow! We have been busy this half term! The children have amazed us with their enthusiasm for learning and have demonstrated a real thirst for finding out new information.



As mathematicians, we have been investigating numbers and working hard to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction using a number line.

We have also supported the owners of Nestle with a tricky problem after an explosion of smarties in their factory. Luckily, we were fabulous at collecting data and presenting it using pictograms and block graphs so they were very pleased with our hard work.



In our English and Topic lessons we have been learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. We have found out lots of gruesome information about the plague, how the fire started and how it was stopped. To extend our learning further we used the conscience alley technique to decide whether the fire was positive or negative. To combine our learning in both subjects we wrote our very own version of the story Vlad and the Great Fire, retelling the key events of the fire from the point of view of an animal that would have lived in London at the time.



In our Computing lessons this half term we have been developing our skills when following algorithms using the '2Go' program on Purple Mash. We have worked our way through some tricky challenges and even created our own to test our friends knowledge on the positional language needed to follow the algorithm.





In our PE lessons we have been developing our skills when balancing.



Scooter Skills Safety Session

On Friday 10th February we had a visit from Alice and Warwick Bear who taught us all about how to stay safe on our scooters. Alice showed us how to perform an 'L Check' on our scooters, how to use the pavement and stop safely.

We know that we must always:

- ⇒ Wear a helmet.
- ⇒ Put our bags on our back or ask a grown up to carry them whilst we are scooting.
- ⇒ Have two hands on the handlebars at all times.
- ⇒ Use the 'L Check' to test out our scooters before taking them out for a ride.
- ⇒ Stop, and get off the scooter when we want to cross the road.



Safer Internet Day 2023

To celebrate Safer Internet Day this year we have explored safe ways that we can use technology in our daily lives. We looked at a number of different situations that we might use technology and worked together to place them on a 'Like Ladder'.

Alongside our activities our teachers talked to us about how to stay safe on the internet using a story called 'Hanni and the Magic Window'.



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON!



To end a wonderful halfterm of learning, we have been lucky enough to experience a performance by the Trunk Theatre Company. This was absolutely FANTASTIC! The show brought our learning to life and we were able to showcase just how much we had learnt. The actors were extremely impressed with our factual knowledge about the Great Fire.



On behalf of all of the Year Two team, I hope you have a lovely halfterm.

Mrs Carly Evans, Year 2 Team Leader

A Toys Showcase by Year One

Year One have had a totally **Fan-Toy-Tastic** time this half term! Let's start with modern Toys...

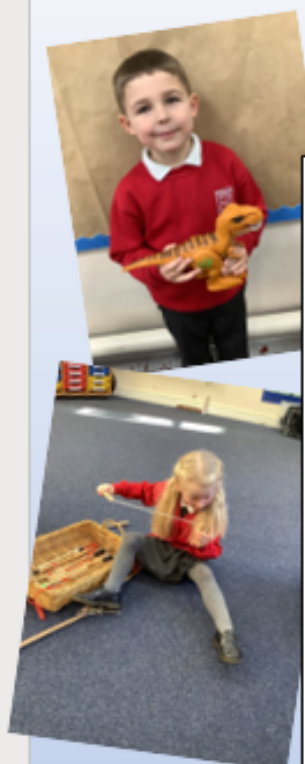
To begin learning about Toys, we opened our topic by inviting the children to bring in some of their favourite toys from home to share and explore with their friends. It was lovely to see the children describing and discussing their toys during carpet sessions and also writing about them. We spent some time considering which materials modern toys were made from and the properties that made them safe and useful. The children worked hard at sorting and grouping toys into different categories and comparing their similarities and differences.

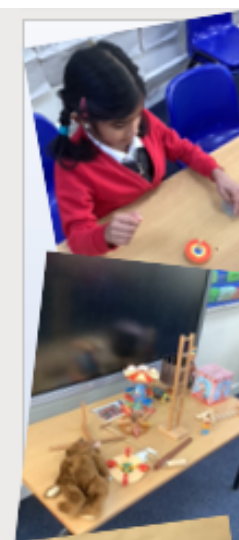
Story time in Year One...Traction Man by Mini Grey

The Traction Man stories by Mini Grey have been very popular with the children over this half term and form part of our supplementary texts in English. They feature a little boy who receives a toy "Traction Man" as a gift. Together with Scrubbing Brush, TM embarks on lots of adventures and missions to save and rescue a variety of different characters.

Imagine our surprise when one day, after lunch, we arrived back in our classrooms to discover a postcard from Traction Man himself lying on the mat! He needed our help to design a waterproof outfit for his upcoming mission – rescuing bath toys from falling down the plughole! There's nothing that Year One like more than a challenge, so we set about a science investigation, testing some different materials to examine their waterproof properties. The children were very keen to help TM and soon discovered that plastic was the best material to protect TM from water. They had great ideas about what would make a fair test and were able to compare their initial prediction to the actual result and determine if they were correct.

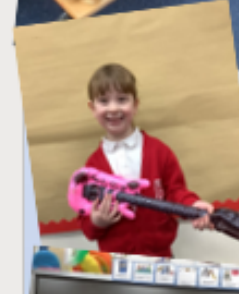
Needless to say the children were keen to write back to TM and report the results of their investigations. I do hope he heeded our advice and managed to save those bath toys from a dastardly fate...






Toy Day with Tommy Top-Hat...

We welcomed Tommy Top-Hat into school on January 17th for a day of learning about toys from the past. It was very exciting and full of fun...for the children and the teachers! Tommy (a.k.a. Greg from the Toy Specialists) brought along lots of toys for the children to play with and explore. He demonstrated how the toys worked, their mechanisms and materials and we had lots of time to enjoy handling and playing with the toys. A selection of the toys included a Climbing Monkey, Humming Top, Musical Carousel, Cup and Ball, Hoop and Stick, Shut-the-Box, Marble Arch, Zoetrope, and many more. There were toys to play inside and also toys for outside such as skipping ropes, hobby horses, skittles, and hoopla. When the children were asked to review their day with Tommy, it was favourable reports all round and one little boy in 1VH commented: "It was much better than playing on my Playstation!" Following our wonderful experience, it was decided that the children would design and make some moving toys. We are still busy creating our toys as part of our **Design and Technology** unit "**Wheels and Axles**" so photos will be included in our next newsletter.




Andy Warhol

We have enjoyed creating Pop-Art style pictures using our handprints! Just like the American artist Andy Warhol, we used bold, bright colours and repeated the image of our hand over and over again. 1Fu and 1Lo are looking forward to showcasing them in our class assemblies this week.

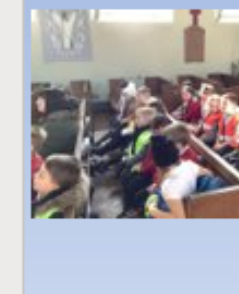


Visit to Church

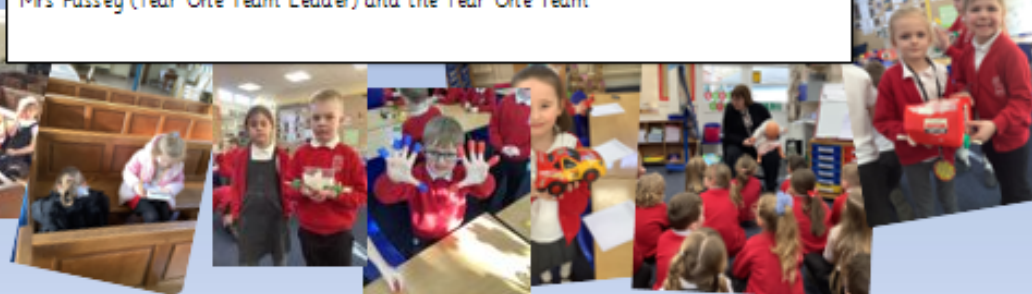
Vicar Heather welcomed us warmly when we visited church last week. In R.E the children have been learning about sacred places so it was decided that a trip to church to find out how the church is a sacred place for Christians would be very educational and help inform our learning and understanding. Vicar Heather encouraged the children to walk around and explore the church. She helped the children to identify special features of the church such as the pulpit, lectern, altar, candle, organ, mosaics, stained glass windows and archway. Heather also played the organ for us and we listened to the sounds that the different sized pipes made.. and as we left we could hear the bells ringing. They were very respectful in church and behaviour was excellent - I know the Year One team were very proud of all the children.



What a brilliant half term we have had! Well done to Year One again. We look forward with enthusiasm to the weeks ahead in "Spring Two" and beginning our new topic on the **British Isles**.



Mrs Fussey (Year One Team Leader) and the Year One Team



Parental Teacher Consultation Appointments

Please book an appointment if you haven't already done so.

We use an online booking system for our parent consultation appointments accessible through the link which was sent to you or the **booking page is available through our school website www.nathanielnewton.co.uk** under the 'Parent' page.



PTA News

Friday 24th March Non-Uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations which will be used for our Easter Bingo



THANK YOU!

Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to everyone for your donations, we have managed to raise an amazing **£165.30**



Friday 17th March

Non-Uniform day for a small donation.

World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March

Dressing Up

This year we are providing children with a choice, they can either:

- Wear a costume to share their favourite book and we encourage you to use things you already have at home.

or

- Wear their pyjamas for the day to celebrate the 'Bedtime Story'.

Book Swap Shop

On the playground at the end of the day we'll be hosting a book swap. This will be from 3:05pm. Please drop off your unwanted books in the box outside the main office between Monday 27th February and Thursday 2nd March. Whether or not you've got a book to bring along to swap, come and browse and find something you might like to read.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.



Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon - Friday 17th March

Mums are invited to join us in school from **1.30pm on Friday 17th March**. During the afternoon each class will do a short presentation for mums in their classrooms. We have organised the timings so that mums with children in other classes can see both presentations. During the afternoon there will be the opportunity to take part in a range of craft activities.

The timings of presentations in classrooms are as follows:

- 1.30pm - Reception class presentation
- 2.00pm - Year 1 class presentation
- 2.30pm - Year 2 class presentation



We are once again working with Educaterers who will be serving afternoon teas at a cost of **£3.00**. If you have more than one child in school you will only need to purchase one afternoon tea. These have to be ordered and paid for on Parent Pay by **Monday 6th March**, we are unable to place orders after this date. Allergies to be entered in the notes section. A ticket will be given on arrival. Please note that afternoon tea is optional.

Afternoon tea will be served throughout the afternoon and you will be able to collect it at any time with your child (except during the class presentations), all children will be able to have a drink and a cake as well.

If mum is unable to attend we would welcome grandma, auntie or another significant female in your child's life to attend in the place of mum. In order to make the afternoon manageable and enjoyable for all, we can only accommodate one adult with each child.

We look forward to welcoming you in school.



What is a balanced diet?

Eating a wide variety of foods in the right proportions to achieve and maintain a healthy body. A balanced diet can:

- Make you strong
- Make you happy
- Keep you healthy
- Gives you energy

The Eatwell guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy balanced diet.



Tips for healthy eating

- Eat lots of fruit and vegetables, stay hydrated, eat more fish, cut down on sugar!

Portion sizes:

- A portion is the amount of a food that you eat at one time, for example how much food you put on your plate at a meal or how much is in a packet.
- Take a look at BDA's food fact sheet for more information - Bda.uk.com/resource/food-facts-portion-sizes.html

Support services:

- Beat - beateatingdisorders.org.uk



For advice and support, text us on 07507 331 525 or talk to a teacher about making an appointment with C4H, your school nursing service.

Upcoming Events



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| Friday 17th February | - We break up for half term. |
| Monday 27th February | - Children return to school. |
| Monday 27th February | - Class 1Fu Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Tuesday 28th February | - Class 1Lo Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Thursday 2nd March | - RHa Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Friday 3rd March | - RIr Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Monday 6th March | - 2Ev Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Tuesday 7th March | - RDD Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Tuesday 7th March | - 2McG Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Wednesday 8th March | - All Classes Parent Consultations 3.30 - 7.30 pm. |
| Thursday 9th March | - 1VH Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Friday 10th March | - 2Co Parent Consultations 1 - 4 pm. |
| Friday 17th March | - Red Nose Day, Non-uniform |
| Friday 24th March | - PTA Non-uniform day. (Chocolate Donations) |
| Friday 24th March | - PTA Easter Bingo 6 pm. |
| Wednesday 29th March | - 1VH Class Assembly 9 am. |
| Thursday 30th March | - Egg Rolling and Easter Activities. |
| Friday 31st March | - Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Activities. |
| Friday 31st March | - We break up for Easter holiday. |
| Monday 17th April | - Children return to school. |
| Monday 1st May | - May Day Bank holiday - school closed. |

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

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Week 2 W/c Monday 27/2.

Red Green Brown Blue

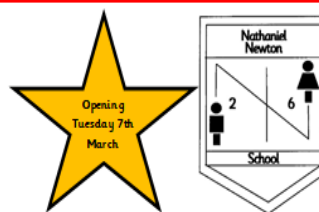
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| Mon | Tuna Pasta Bake | Veggie Toad in the Hole. | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Beef Grill in a Bun. | Plant Power Burger in a Bun | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft bap |
| Wed | Roast Pork in gravy | Quorn Roast | Jacket Potato * | Tuna Mayo soft bap |
| Thur | Chicken Pie | Cheese and Onion Pasty | Jacket Potato * | Ham soft bap |
| Fri | Breaded fish fillet | Breaded Vegetable Frittata | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |

Week 3 W/c Monday 6/3.

Red Green Brown Blue

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|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mon | Cheese and Tomato pizza | Veg Korma. | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Pork Sausages | Cheese Style Plant Based Meat Balls. | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft Bap |
| Wed | Roast Beef | Quorn Roast | Jacket Potato * | Tuna mayo soft bap |
| Thur | Chicken Fajita Wrap | Mac 'n' Cheese. | Jacket Potato * | Ham soft bap |
| Fri | Breaded fish fillet | Breaded Vegetable Fingers. | Jacket Potato * | Egg Mayo soft bap. |

There will be a new menu available from Monday 13th March. We will send this home via email to parents and it will also be available on the school website.



You are warmly invited to our Nathaniel Newton Library Café.

Why not:

- => Pop along and visit our newly refurbished library.
- => Spend time choosing and sharing a book with your child.
- => Borrow any books you choose together.
- => Enjoy refreshments provided.

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Enter through the main school office

*There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all.*