

Newsletter



Friday 3rd February, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen a change with lighter mornings and the daylight lasting that little bit longer - it is great to think that spring is just around the corner!

This week's newsletter celebrates some of the wonderful learning that has been happening in Year 4, together with an overview of what each year group have been studying this half term in History. There are also some key reminders relating to the importance of children arriving at school on time.



Today we have enjoyed a fantastic, maths-filled day in support for NSPCC Number Day. The children have thoroughly enjoyed some great activities planned by Miss Lister, our Maths Lead, and there have been some wonderfully creative costumes on show. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Breakfast and After School Club: We have recently shared our Breakfast and After School Club policy by email to all parents and carers. Please do check the policy as a reminder of the booking system in place: to meet demand and ensure that we can provide adequate staffing, spaces must be booked and paid for in advance by 6pm the day before to avoid any disappointment. This is the case for both breakfast and after school club.

We very much look forward to another busy week next week: we are participating in the Unity Schools Partnership Cooking Festival, have a Reading Café planned for 2AP and very much look forward to our Valentine's Disco on Thursday, 9th February. Don't forget to purchase your child's ticket on ParentPay ahead of time to avoid disappointment!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

Calendar:

February:

Thursday 9th February – 2AP Reading Café, 8.45-9.30

Thursday 9th February – School Discos for all year groups (see info in newsletter)

Thursday 23rd February – 2SA Reading Café, 8.45-9.30

13th – 17th February – HALF TERM

Monday 20th February – Return to school

Tuesday 21st February – Year 6 SATs meeting in the hall, 2.45-3.15

Thursday 23rd February – Year 6 SATs meeting in the hall, 5.00-5.30

March:

Thursday 2nd March – 1ED Reading Café – details to follow

Tuesday 7th March – Parents' Evening (early) -details to follow

Thursday 9th March – 1ES Reading Café – details to follow

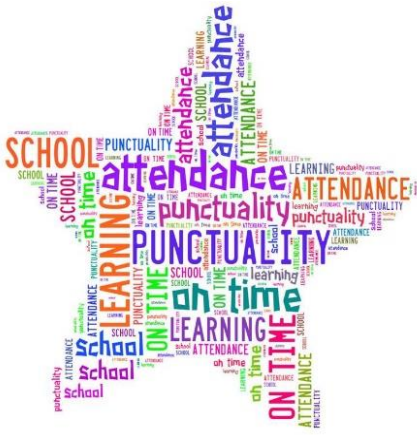
Monday 13th March – Parents' Evening (late) – details to follow

Lates

We are noticing that a large number of children are arriving late regularly. We would like to remind you that the school day starts at 8.35am, with school gates opening at 8.32am.

If your child arrives after 8.45am they are marked as Late in the register. If your child comes into school after **9.05am** the registers are closed, and it counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence

We do appreciate that slow traffic and other factors can contribute to children occasionally being late for school, but please be aware it can be distressing and disruptive for children when they do arrive late on a regular basis. It may also impact on their first lesson, disrupting the entire class and teacher.



Be an Attendance **H.E.R.O**

Here

Everyday

Ready

On time

History

History is an integral part of the school's curriculum and starts in **EYFS** where the children learn about how they have changed since they were born right through the Key Stage 2 studying the ancient civilisations.

Year 1 are currently learning about changes within Haverhill over time which will involve some active learning out and about in the town.

Meanwhile, **Year 2** have been learning about the influences of David Attenborough and Mary Anning on recent History. As part of this unit, the children have been learning about fossils and how they have helped us understand about live millions of years ago.



Year 3 have started their brand-new unit, learning about the Ancient Egyptians which they will be studying for the rest of the year. They will be comparing them to other Ancient Civilisations and will get the chance to visit the Fitzwilliam's Museum.



Year 4 and 5 are also looking at the Ancient Civilisations; Year 4 are studying the Greeks, whilst Year 5 have been looking at the Vikings.



Year 6 are currently in the middle of their 5 Monarchs study learning about Queen Elizabeth I. The children will be learning about the late Queen Elizabeth II in the coming weeks and the influence she had.

I. The children will

Here is a selection of History books from the last few weeks across the school – it is great to see such a high standard of work being produced.

Tuesday 26th January 2023

Remember two things - show what you know

1. Remember King Edward got tied to a tree and was shot by angry Vikings

2. Remember when King Alfred fought against the Vikings and lost so he retreated

These spoils look as though were drawn up in the beach at 1200 during the sea. They can be different sizes like the 50 Circle of ever developed sails.

She was born in 1299. They were a poor family. Still discovered a new society.

died in 1802 she lived in Lytle Regis.

sold son sails for money

Thursday 26th January 2023

7. What happened at the Battle of Salamis?

The Persians got stuck in a channel so Athens and Greeks... Athens won and the Persians lost over a 500 there men.

In the battle of Salamis both sides used firewood to burn the Persians because they were at night. Athens had an advantage because they were a strong navy.

2500 people could start fit onto a trireme.

Just like the battle of Salamis it was Athens vs Persia.

King Xerxes of Persia began the battle.

The Persians conquered Athens on their way to Athens.

The Persians had over 10,000 men but Athens had only 20,000 men. Athens won.

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Ranking

Rank these personal qualities and attributes according to their usefulness in helping a monarch obtain and maintain authority over a nation.

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healthy	just	strong	advanced
alleged	patient	compassionate	

Select three qualities that you think William possessed.

1) strong
2) brave
3) patient

11.01.23
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2) Strong because he won the Battle of Hastings.
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1) A 2) B 3) T 4) B 5) A 6) B ✓

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Remember two things - show what you know

1. Remember King Edward got tied to a tree and was shot by angry Vikings

2. Remember when King Alfred fought against the Vikings and lost so he retreated

Retreat is where you go back to stop an attack. Chronical as an historical events. A ford is a river between 2 narrow intake / dikes.

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Get One

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Monday 9th January 2023

1. How is William I remembered? What legacy did he leave?

Who? William I William the Conqueror

When? 1066 - 1087

Where? Duke of Normandy (a part of France)

Main battles and events

promised the throne of England by Edward the Confessor.

invaded England when Harold Godwinson contested the throne.

faced and defeated Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings, 1066

Battle of Hastings was made to commemorate the victory.

William fought his way through England and built great Norman castles.

Tower of London symbols of power and control the Saxons had never seen before.

ordered the Domesday Survey to begin in 1085

Who? When? Where?

He was called William I (William the first) or William the Conqueror. He was born in 1028 and died in 1087. He ruled for 22 years, from 1066 to 1087, in Normandy, France. Also, he died at 59.

Main battles and events:

Edward the Confessor promised William the throne but Harold Godwinson contested. They then had a battle in 1066 called the Battle of Hastings and William won. To celebrate, a Bayeux Tapestry was made.

Legacy:

He made Norman castles and one that is still standing is the Tower of London. These castles were a symbol of power. The Domesday Book means find

judgement and day means day survey looked at values of places, population, goods, animals and the use or owners of the land.

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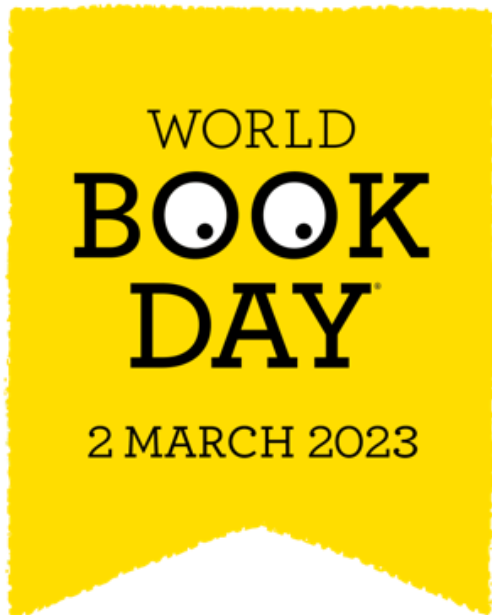
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Book Swap for World Book Day!

The Book Swap last year was so successful that we are doing it again 😊

If you have any books at home that you have already read or no longer need, please bring them in for Miss Jenkins **as soon as you can!**

I am hoping that we can get enough collected again that every child will be able to leave with a book they haven't read before.

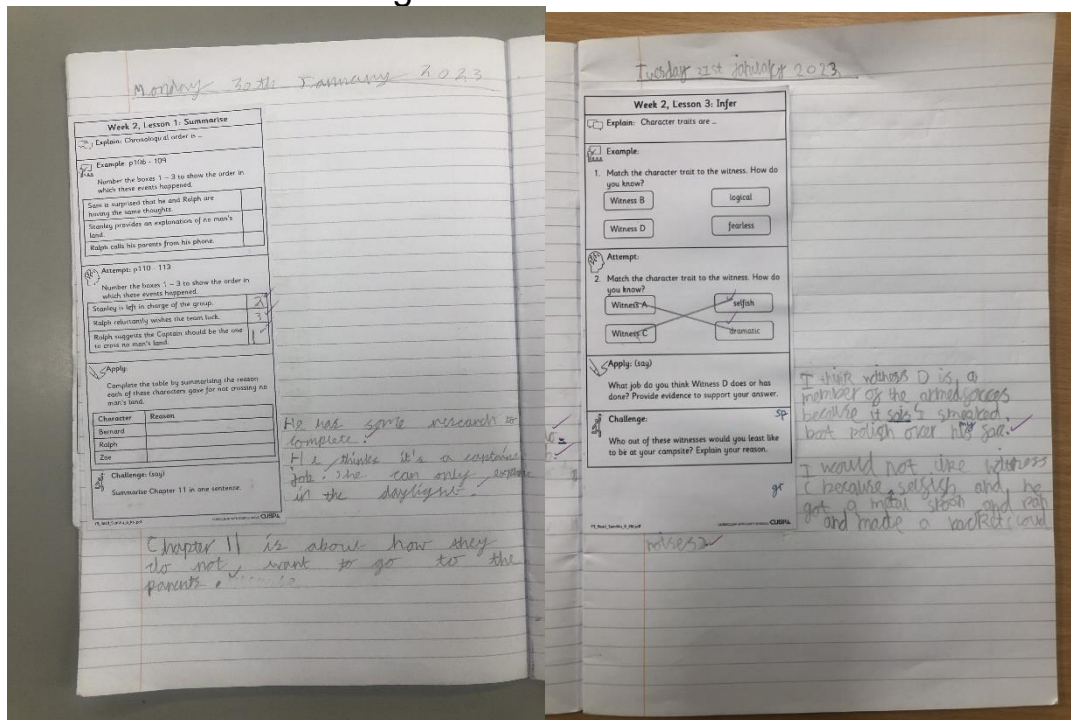
Thank you so much,

Miss Jenkins

Year 3

Reading:

Our core text this half term has been 'Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK' and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed reading it. This week we have been focusing on summarising events in chronological order, using our inference skills to determine character traits and understanding themes.



Writing:

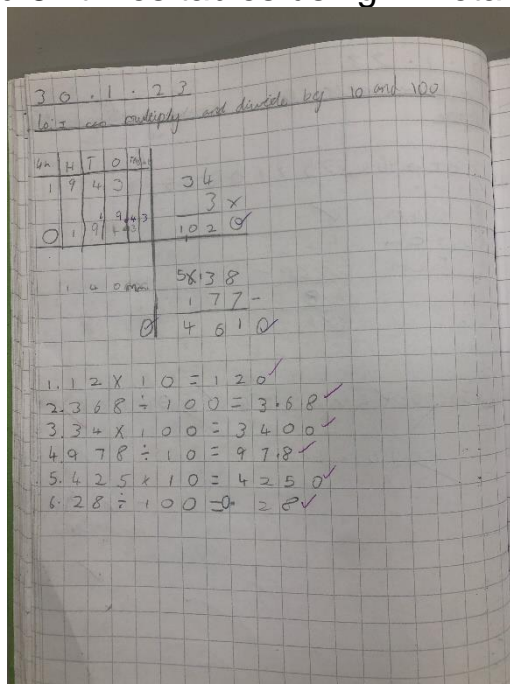
Over the past few weeks' pupils have been learning to perform two poems (Birdman and Śmigus-dyngus) which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

This week we started our new unit on Third Person Narratives and have been looking at a text called Bird Feeder to support our learning.



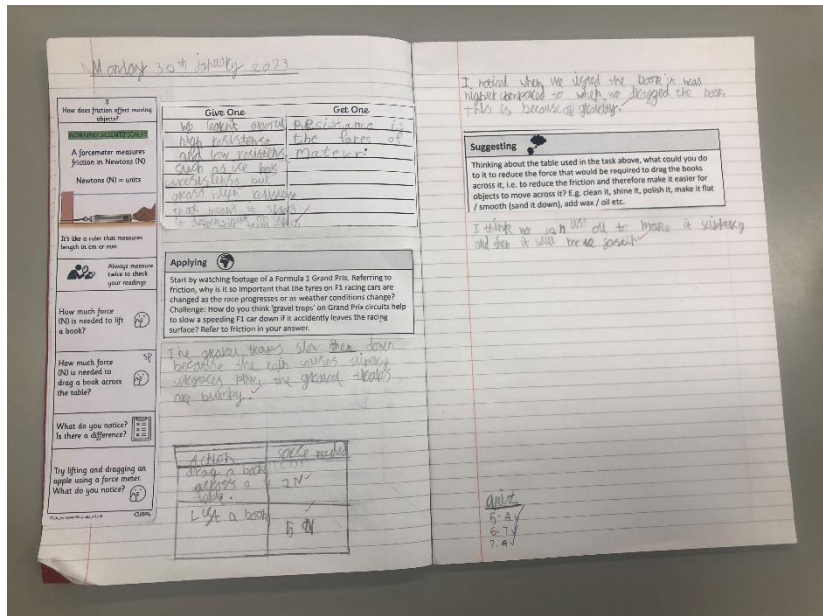
Maths:

Pupils have been revisiting their learning about place value, including multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. They have also been trying their best to learn and master their 3x, 4x and 8x times tables using Timetables Rockstars.



Science:

This half term we have started our new unit on 'Forces and Motion' and so far, we have learnt about resistance, contact forces and friction. This week, pupils have enjoyed using Force metres to measure friction.





Place Farm
Primary

Valentine's Disco!



Thursday 9th February '23

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring a change of clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:15pm- 6:30pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Any money raised will go back to the pupils in the form of an enrichment activity (such as a visitor into school).

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay.



Listen Up, Speak Up

Free 10-minute Digital Training from NSPCC



Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. But there's something we can all do to change that.

That's why the NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take their [free 10-minute digital training](#).

Listen up and learn a little with their Connect the DOTS training. The training will show you where to go if you need support, and how to speak up for children who need it. Because that little bit of knowledge can help keep a lot of children safe. We encourage you to share this training as widely as possible across your school to help as many children.

Click here: [10 Minute Digital Training link](#)



Half Term Family Fun

Finding affordable things to do during half term can be tricky, which is why West Suffolk College in Haverhill are running some short family fun workshops this half term.

Weaving Tuesday 14th February

Come along as a family and have fun with fabrics and yarn
Make a beautiful woven coaster to take home.

Model Making Wednesday 15th February

Bring your children and explore the delights of model making, let your creative side go wild with plasticine, air drying clay and lots of other materials under the guidance of our expert tutor.

Fun with Food Thursday 16th February

Who doesn't love sweet treats, in this fun and interactive workshop you will make some child friendly no-cook recipes which you can take home to enjoy, and the best bit, you don't have to worry about clearing up!

Sessions cost £7.50 per adult with two children
All sessions suitable for children aged 4 and up

All sessions will run from 10.00-12.00

Book your space on Eventbrite or scan the QR code



Adult Education in Haverhill

Want to update your qualifications, looking for a career change or simply want to learn a new skill for pleasure? With a range of part time and leisure courses available West Suffolk College in Haverhill can help.



Maths and English Functional Skills Gain a valuable qualification on one of our condensed Functional Skills courses. Running over 12 weeks, you will learn the core modules to enable you to gain a Functional Skills qualification, recognised as a valid equivalent to GCSE's. Starting: April 2023	Online Learning Looking to expand your knowledge or improve your CV? Then choose from one of our 33 online level 2 courses. With qualifications in Business, Health and Wellbeing, Education and many more. If you have access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone you can get qualified. Start at any time, study online and at your own pace.
Computer Skills Improving your computer skills can help you keep in touch with friends and family, improve work prospects, help with further learning or help you with budgeting and how to shop around and find bargains on the internet. For all levels of ability from beginner to advanced Start Date: TBC	Take Time for you! If you don't want to complete a formal qualification, then why not learn a new hobby or skill on one of our Leisure Learning courses? From drawing to dressmaking, floristry and many more on offer, it's the perfect opportunity to make some time for you and try something new. Various start dates
English for Speakers of Other Languages – ESOL	Improve your English, listening, speaking, and writing on one of our part time or evening courses.

February 1/2 Term Activity Camp



Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February 8.30am-5.30pm
At Coupals Primary Academy, Haverhill

Sports, arts & crafts, inflatables, team games,
quizzes, board games and much more.

**£18 per
day.
Sibling
discounts
available**



Full details & bookings: www.slsportanded.co.uk



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or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961
Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



**The Arts Centre
42 High Street, Haverhill
CB9 8AR**

**Wednesday 8th February
14.00 - 18.00**

**Family vaccination clinic
COVID 1st, 2nd & booster doses available**

To check your eligibility visit www.sneevaccine.org.uk



Scan QR code to get current walk-in clinics across Suffolk & North East Essex along with the most recent information on COVID (available in other languages and easy read)

