



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

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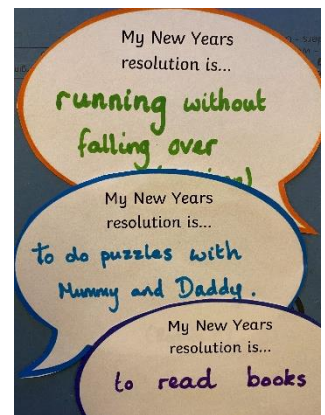
Dear Parents,

A very happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all enjoyed a restful and fun Christmas break; the children certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Monday and we are raring to go with new topics and plenty of exciting activities for the term ahead. Coming up we have class assemblies to look forward to (details to be confirmed) and I hope to see many of you at these. We will also have the Easter assembly at the end of term, again details will be confirmed nearer the time. Our PTFA are busy organising several events to look forward to, so all in all, a busy year to come.

KINDERGARTEN



We have talked about the New Year in Kindergarten this week; how we celebrate, counting down to midnight and our hopes for the future. We watched the London fireworks, and a group of children created their own party. We all talked about our New Years resolutions, and each of us came up with something we wanted to get better at or try in 2024. Happy New Year everybody!



RECEPTION



Welcome back Reception class! We have had a brilliant first few days in school. We have started our new topic of Into the Woods. We learnt that in the Black Forest in Germany locals believe in fairy stories about gnomes living in the woods. We have learnt about positional language, ordinal numbers and discussed further, furthest, fast and fastest.

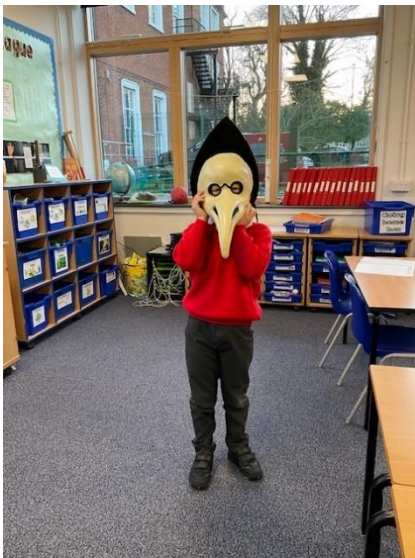


YEAR 1



We have an alien in our class! Year 1 were very surprised to find that an alien had crashed into the playground over the holiday and has asked to stay with us whilst he has a new rocket built. We could not pronounce the name that he uses on his planet, Mars, so after a class vote we named him alien Jo. We are very excited to see what adventures he will have with us. The excitement continued during the first few days back to school with our first school swimming session which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. A great start to the new term, well done Year 1.

YEAR 2



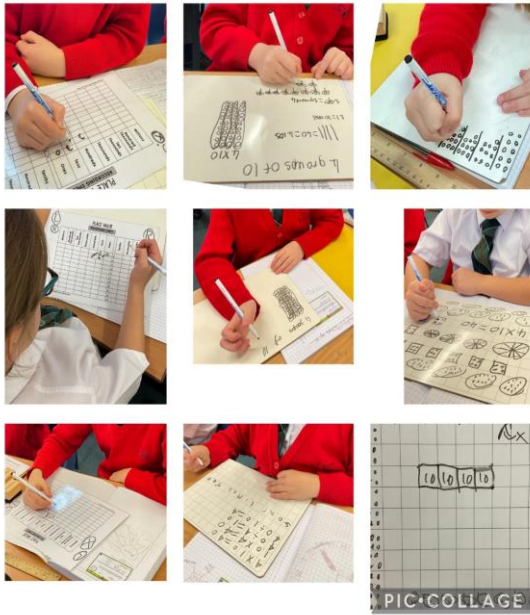
Year 2 have returned after the Christmas holiday and have 'hit the ground running'. We have designed our glove puppets and started to sew them together and in History have learnt how the Great Plague of 1665 arrived in England and spread. Who knew 'Ring a ring a roses' was so scary! Happy New Year everyone!

YEAR 3



Happy New Year from Mrs Periam, Miss Meachen and everyone in Year 3. The Year 3 children came back refreshed, ready to tackle the new term and full of exciting tales of their Christmas celebrations. This week the children created a geography program about Lincolnshire. They researched interesting facts about our wonderful county and presented them in a video format. The children have also started the Healthy Me topic in PSHEE and Science. They have impressed Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen with their excellent general knowledge on how to lead a healthy lifestyle! Year 3 have also started learning a brand-new language! "Bonjour à tout le monde de la Classe 3!"

YEAR 4 - MATHS IN YEAR 4



This week, the children explored multiplying by 10. They were able to visualise making a number 10 times the size and understood that “10 times the size” is the same as “multiply by 10”.

The children used their understanding that 1 ten is 10 times the size of 1 one and 1 hundred is 10 times the size of 1 ten to support them with this step. A place value grid helped us to show this.

They recognise that when multiplying by 10 the digits move one place value column to the left and zero is needed as a placeholder in the now blank column. The children noticed a zero is always used as a placeholder when multiplying a whole number by 10. We discussed that we do not just add a zero to multiply by 10, as this will cause confusion when multiplying decimals in later learning.

YEAR 5



The children have started the new term with a positive attitude, ready to learn! We kicked off our Space topic by learning the planets in order, and the children created their own mnemonics to remember these too. They were given a planet to research, before taking on the memory challenge: the children remembered facts based on their planet, before moving onto being quizzed on their partner's. Some huge numbers were discussed along with the introduction of the curriculum words, including 'axis' and 'orbit'. Year 5 were enthusiastic about this new topic and their prior knowledge was impressive!

In maths, the children have been completing their unit of Fractions.

They have been subtracting from mixed numbers and using their skills of converting between improper and mixed to help. In English, we have been looking at our new genre of Biography. They completed their cold draft, writing a biography without input, before moving onto the features lesson. They then used these skills to identify what to include in their own versions. The children took their learning outdoors, completing a relay race challenge. In teams, they had to decide which were features of a Biography text, before explaining these to their peers.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a busy first few days of Term 3. We have been learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic and identifying ways in which they are similar and different. We have really enjoyed finding out about the different animals and plants which can survive in these extreme climates and are really looking forward to learning more about these fascinating places. In our Geography lesson, we looked at facts about these two places and tried to decide whether they related to the Arctic or Antarctic – we were surprised by some of the answers!

In our English lessons, we are looking at explanation texts and their key features. We have been finding out facts about polar bears to write our own explanation as to how they can survive in extreme temperatures. As our science this term is about adaptation and evolution – we will soon be animal experts! A great start to the new year – well done, Year 6!

MUSIC TEACHING

As from the start of the new term, Mr Lawrence will no longer be working at the school. We would like to thank Mr Lawrence for all his work with the children and wish him all the very best in his future projects. We are very happy to say that Mrs Hare has agreed to return to teach music for the Spring term, whilst we formalise the appointment of a new music teacher.

PTFA NEWS

For regular updates and information on our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES –

Our pre-loved uniform shop will be open next **Monday 8th January** from 3pm – 3.30pm. Please feel free to pop in and have a browse, or if you have any uniform donations, please drop them in.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK...

Y5 AND Y6 OUTING TO WARNING ZONE – MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024



The children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be going on a visit to Warning Zone in Leicester on Monday 8th January 2024.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED AND WEAR:

All children will need to take a disposable packed lunch on this day as Willoughby are unable to deliver before the coach leaves. The children will need to wear full school uniform, including a blazer.

TIMINGS:

The children will need to be in school by 8.15am for the coach to leave at 8.30am for Leicester and we will arrive back at school at 4.15pm.

YEAR 3 OUTING TO THE PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM – FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024



The children in Year 3 will be going to The Peterborough Museum on Friday 12th January 2024.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING AND WEAR:

Your child will need a packed lunch, including a drink. If your child normally has meals via Willoughby Foods, please ensure you choose a packed lunch for that day when ordering online and it will be delivered the day before. To make the experience even more authentic we would like children to come dressed as Ancient Romans; alternatively use the Greek costume from last year.

TIMINGS:

The children will travel by coach and leave school at 9.00am and return for the end of school.

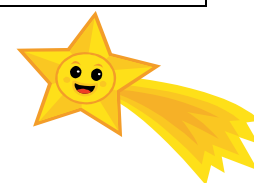
Dates for Your Diary

January 2024	
Monday 8th	Music lessons and School Clubs start this week
	Year 5 and Year 6 outing to Warning Zone – pupils need to be in school by 8.15am and returns at 4.15pm
Tuesday 9th	Reception visit from Riverside Veterinary Clinic – 11am
Friday 12th	Year 3 outing to Peterborough Museum – Roman Day
Wednesday 17th	Year 4 Parent Meeting for Sacrewell Farm residential – 6.30pm
Thursday 18th	Year 4 Saxons and Vikings workshop in school
Wednesday 24th	Fixture – Away – U11 Netball at Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm Fixture – Away – U9 Netball Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm
Friday 26th	Class Assembly – Year 1 – starts at 9am – Parents welcome. PTFA Winter Disco – 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 29th	On-line Safety workshop – Year 2
Wednesday 31st	Fixture – Away – U9 Football Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm Fixture – Home – U11 Netball at AHS against Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

Kindergarten: **Harrison**
Reception: **Edward**
Year 1: **Vera**
Year 2: **Isaac**
Year 3: **Jessica**
Year 4: **Tendekai**
Year 5: **Ernie**
Year 6: **Luca**



We have the following birthdays coming up:

8th January – Rupert and Olivia

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright