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Dates for your Diary

22nd November: CLC in school to work with Y3 on Photo Editing
23rd November: Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
23rd November: Film Night
3:30pm – 5:30pm
24th November: CLC in school to work with Y5 on Coding
28th November: Parent Online Safety Session 3.30pm-4.45pm
4th December: Be Bright, Be Seen Road Safety Assembly
5th December: Basketball Comp at Oakwood High School 12pm – 3pm
6th December: Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm
7th December: POWER Cadets – Upper School Assembly
8th December: POWER Cadets – Lower School Assembly
8th December (Provisional Date): Y6 Wonder Cinema Visit
12th December: Netball Comp at Oakwood 12 – 3pm
14th December: Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals
15th December: Y4 Swimming Begins
15th December: 10am Y5/6 Christmas Concert
15th December: 2pm Y3/4 Christmas Concert
18th December: 10am Y3/4 Christmas Concert
18th December: 2pm Y5/6 Christmas Concert

Book Festival

Last week saw us celebrate the wonderful world of books through the book fair and in class, where children shared a winter book, producing fantastic artwork and writing. The work produced reflected how engaged the children were with their chosen books; it created a real buzz around school.

Away from the classroom, the children all spent time at the book fair, reading through books and discussing their preferences with friends. It was good to hear so many recommendations for books to read! Further, it was also lovely to see so many family members attending the fair: your support of these events is greatly appreciated and valued.

Prior to the book fair arriving, we organised a reading competition where we wanted children to be 'caught reading' and there were many wonderful entries. Thank you to everyone who entered; we certainly enjoyed looking at the photos. There were five winners overall, with each winner receiving a £5 voucher to spend at the fair. The winners, as chosen by our guest judge, were:

Harry White, Zarah Amani, Freya Mounsher, Rayyan Chaudhry and Oliver Baines.



Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our ninth week back we hit 97.8% across school –above target. Well done to the 9 classes who had attendance above target.

4GO: 100%	5ND: 100%
6JB: 100%	6NE: 99.7%
5RE: 99.3%	4GT: 98.3%
6EL: 98%	3NO: 97.8%
3RE: 97%	3SW: 96.2%
4JF: 94.3%	5HS: 93.1%

Y5 Mobile Stars Planetarium

On Monday Y5 were very lucky to receive a visit from the Mobile Stars Planetarium.

During the morning, each class visited the Planetarium in turn to witness a fantastic show, which really brought the universe to life for the children. The show began with a guided tour of the night sky, pointing out the main constellations as they moved across the dome above our heads.

We then watched a slide show, which took us on a whirlwind trip around the Solar System, visiting each planet in turn. As we approached the planets we saw fiery landscapes and frozen wastes, learning more about the Earth and our place in the Solar System.

The children all behaved beautifully during the morning, and really represented our school to the best of their ability. As always, we were very proud of them.



Y3 News

During this week, the Year 3 will be continuing their learning around our class reading book 'Meet Me By the Steelmen'. They will be taking part in lots of learning around acquiring new vocabulary, considering authorial intent, and developing their speaking and listening skills through interviews, freeze frame and role-play. All of this hard work will continue next week in order to provide the children with the knowledge and skills they need to begin writing stories the following week.

In Maths, the children will be interpreting and presenting data using bar charts, pictograms and tables, and solving one-step and two-step problems (for example, 'How many more? And 'How many fewer?'), using information presented in scaled bar charts, pictograms and tables. So, if your child has not yet completed and returned their questionnaires about jobs in the family, it's not too late! They can bring them in this week.

In Topic, the children have been thoroughly engaged in our learning about Rotherham and local street artists. They have been busy practising their skills in designing their own piece of art based on the work of 'Phlegm' or 'faunagraphic' and are looking forward to producing their final piece of art work this week. Also, they will be using a computer programme called 'Comic Life' to present information in different ways. During this learning, they will combine text and graphic to produce an information sheet about one of Rotherham's important buildings, such as the Town Hall or Minster.

On Wednesday of this week, colleagues from Rawmarsh CLC will be coming into school to work with the Y3 children in the ICT suite using a photo editing programme. The children will be using the skills they have learnt to edit a photo taken on our trip to Rotherham. They will learn to change colours, tones and add text to photos.

Y4 News

In Maths, we will be working on the objective 'counting back through zero to include negative numbers'. We will be completing practical activities to aid our understanding including making number lines and looking at negative numbers in real life situations. We will also test our times tables knowledge with our Times Table Rockstars accounts.

In our English lessons, we will be moving onto diary writing. To begin with, children will complete an independent write so that we can assess their starting points and focus on specific targets and skills over the next half term. We will begin with looking at the features of a diary entry including first person, past tense and informal language.

In our Reading lessons, we will continue reading the Firework Maker's Daughter. We will read up to chapter three and answer a range of reading domain questions.

In Topic lessons, we will be looking at the life of a Roman child. We will learn about what they had to do in their school day and compare it to our own. Further, we will be improving our language skills by learning some Latin. After this, the children will be tested to write their own names in Latin! To end the week, we will start to research instructions on how to build a volcano.

We look forward to another action-packed week!

Year 5 News

This week, in English, we will continue to read The Jupiter Chronicles, the Secret of the Great Red Spot. We will begin to look at the genre of playscripts. The children will begin to plan and write their own playscript, based on a chapter of The Jupiter Chronicles.

In Maths, the children will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits, mentally using a formal written method. They will begin to solve reasoning problems, explaining and justifying their methods throughout.

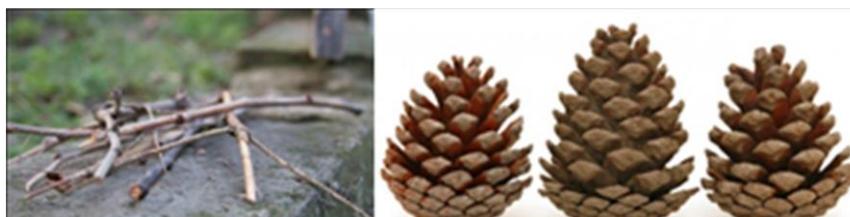
In Topic work this week, the children will continue to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system and begin to produce artwork based on the different planets.

WANTED!

Pine cones and thin sticks

Do you have any pine cones or thin sticks in your garden? Year 4 would love them for their Christmas Fayre projects.

If you have any at home, please send them to Miss French as soon as possible. Thank you



Christmas in School

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas concerts. Tickets are now on sale. Don't forget Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper Day is on Wednesday 20th December.

Club News

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 18TH DECEMBER.

Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the Week' is Relationships.

Children will learn the importance of teamwork and how to collaborate effectively, when working towards a common goal. In school, children will focus on their listening skills, how to negotiate and compromise and the importance of trust. Your child may be asked to work in pairs, small groups, or larger groups on a variety of different tasks.

At home, you can discuss the importance of teamwork and encourage them not to exclude others. Playing board games is an excellent way to inspire teamwork. Whether your child is teamed up with friends, siblings, parents or grandparents, it can be a fun time for young and old to play together. Make sure no one gets too competitive though! Other activities to promote teamwork at home include washing the dishes together, helping out in the garden, preparing food as a family and helping out with the housework.



Y6 News

What an enjoyable day our 'A Child's War' day was! The children looked amazing in their costumes and it really helped them to get in to role. Throughout the day, children demonstrated the Sitwell Seven Skills and demonstrated superb empathy and questioning minds – they had lots of questions about what it was like to be a child during the war. During the day, children were 'evacuated' to different areas of not only the country, but the world; some lucky children were even evacuated to Australia! Each child chose their own traditional WW2 name and made their own replica gas mask and ID label, on which they recorded their new name and date of birth. Following this, they experienced some typical WW2 lessons: reciting poetry; chanting times tables; memorising capital cities; and practicing their handwriting. In the afternoon, children had such fun experiencing typical playground games and learned they don't need technology to keep them entertained – shove ha'penny and beetle drive are just as fun, if not more! The children really enjoyed the competitive element. We ended the day with a good old-fashioned sing-song. The children particularly enjoyed 'Run, Rabbit Run' but 'We'll Meet Again' sounded especially tuneful. Well done to all children – your impeccable behaviour and participation made the day enjoyable, but educational, for all!

In Maths, Year 6 will continue their work on formal written methods of column addition and subtraction, with a focus on reasoning and problem solving.

In English and Topic, children will continue their work on their class' winter book, producing writing and art linked to this. We are very impressed with the start they have already made and can't wait to see the finished displays!