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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back into school. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Botha, Ms Bolton and Mrs Clays to the Year 2/3 Team. We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs Williams, Mrs Christian, Miss Duckett and Mrs Porter to our Teaching Assistant team

Each year group has now started their new topic for the term. Curriculum Overviews will be coming home next week outlining the learning taking place in each of the different subject areas.

Relationships and sex education plays a crucial part in preparing children for the future by supporting their personal development, respect for others, helping them to understand healthy relationships, and their rights and responsibilities.

We have a statutory duty to teach relationships and health education as we explain in the attached RSE policy. We also explain how you can withdraw your child from the non statutory parts of the curriculum if you wish. As a school we have reviewed our policy and would welcome your views. We have included the curriculum to reflect our current teaching in school. Please could we ask that you take some time to read the attached policy and then complete the survey, using this link. https://forms.office.com/e/ vxXYrvPCWi

Kind regards,

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Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



Owls- Arthur Kites- Kseniia Falcons – Aanvi Hawks – Hudson Eagles— Imad

Well done to all of our Stars!

Wednesday 15th January 2025

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 97.1%. Well done Woodpeckers.



ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES:

65 children took home 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn Term. Attendance certificates are given out in class at the end of each term.



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins. Congratulations on starting the term as last week's top bookworms.



AMBLESIDE CLOSE:

A reminder that parents/guardians should not be stopping down Ambleside Close to drop off or collect children as this makes the area hazardous to children and parents walking to and from school.

Vacancy

School Cleaner

Required February 2025 2 hours a day, 5 days a week Hours of work: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Contact the school office if interested

Attendance

Our minimum attendance target is 96.5%. Please help us to ensure your child receives the best education by attending school regularly and being on time.

Our whole school attendance for last week was 92.2% which unfortunately is well below our target.



Foundation Stage have been learning all about Italy after their exciting airport experience last week. They have been learning about Italian food and really enjoyed making pizza today. Tomorrow, we will be writing instructions on how we made the pizza. We also used making pizza to make links to how different materials change.

Year 1 have started their new topic about Victorians with a fun hook up history lesson where they made a spinning top and played Victorian games like a tug of war and a leapfrog. They also had a go at skipping. In english the children looked at some Victorian artefacts (5 mystery objects) and tried to guess what they were. They will be writing a non-chronological report about these objects. In maths they started a unit on place value to 20. In science we went on a 'material hunt' around the school, to see which materials objects around us are made from.

Year 2 and 3 children have been enjoying their new topic The Rainforest. They have been using the book The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry as a platform to their learning in english and looking at the different forms of sentences eg. statements, questions, exclamations and commands and which punctuation to use. In maths year 3 are continuing multiplication and division whilst Year 2 have begun their unit about money. In science we dissected a tulip looking closely at the parts of a flower. To begin our rainforest topic we looked at the location of rainforests around the world and the features of the different rainforest layers and the animals that live within them.

Year 4 have been busy working on their english writing. They have been focusing on using lots of different skills such as prepositions, fronted adverbials, commas in a list, apostrophes and subordinating conjunctions. We have been reading our new text Anglo Saxon Boy and have been enjoying learning about the Anglo Saxons in our history lessons. We have created artist studies and researched our new artist 'Patrick Hughes' to then evaluate his artwork before learning monochromatic skills to replicate some of his work.

Year 5 have been working hard at learning how to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and short division. In Art, they have started to look at Riverscapes and art by local artist Richard Picton. Finally, they have started to develop their knowledge of rivers, out topic for the term.

Year 6 have been immersing themselves in a novel called, 'The Lost Thing'. They are concentrating on using subordinating conjunctions and figurative language to improve their description writing. In maths, we are beginning our unit on ratio, so please feel free to divide grapes and crisps into groups. Maybe one group could have twice the amount?... Yum! In geography, we will start learning about greenhouse gases and our carbon footprint. In PE we will doing hockey will on Mondays and dance on Fridays.



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th January Wednesday 22nd January

Monday 3rd February– Friday 7th February Wednesday 5th February Monday 10th—Friday 14th February Tuesday 11th February

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February

Monday 24th—Friday 28th February Wednesday 12th March Friday 21st March Monday 24th March Wednesday 26th March Wednesday 2nd April

- Census Day-Fish & Chip Day
- Year 1 Trip
- Woodpeckers Class Assembly
- Children's Mental Health Week
- SEND Coffee Morning-9.45-10.30am NEW
- Year 6 Bikeability
- Safer Internet Day
- Half Term
- Year 6 Mock SATS <u>NEW</u>
- Kites Class Assembly <u>NEW</u>
- SEND Coffee Morning—9.45-10.30am <u>NEW</u>
- Parents Evening (In Person) 3.30-6.00pm <u>NEW—DETAILS TO FOLLOW</u>
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- Foxes Class Assembly <u>NEW</u>

Friday 4th April

— End of Term—1.15pm