



NHP News



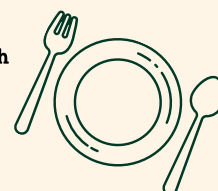
Welcome to our newsletter - a little slice of what we've been up to at NHP!

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

	Friday 25 th September	Friday 2 nd October	Friday 9 th October	Wednesday 21 st October
The Hive	Jacob C and Noah	Lily and Freddie T	Lennie and Esme D	Aoife, George H and Luna
Dragonfly Class	Raffie	Olivia	Theo	Effie
Firefly Class	Freya and Spohy	Mabel	Myah	Theo
Koala Class	Coen	Albie	Arthur	Henry
Panda Class	Robin	Sonny	Ethan	Freddie
Iguana Class	Matilda	Finley	Aila	Lennie
Gecko Class	Naya-Rai	Rose	Rowan	Willow
Jaguar Class	Delilah	Eira	Max	Reuben
Leopard Class	Ethan	Emmie	Myla-Mae	Ralph
Rhino Class	Finley F	Taliesin	Isla O	Marlowe
Buffalo Class	Theo S	Ayva	Felix	Georgia
Attenborough Class	Luna S, Alana C and Arthur B	Oliver	Ted and Daniel	Radley and Evie



School Grid is now available to pre-order meals.
Please ensure you have booked these meals by **Thursday 29th October** for the beginning of Term 2.



Christmas dinners are now available to book, if you had a booking, it will have been cancelled/refunded.

The deadline for booking the Christmas dinner is Thursday 12th December.

A snippet of joy from every yeargroup!

Curiosity Corner

What a wonderful term!

It has been a busy week, filled with a fantastic variety of learning opportunities! We fully embraced Space Week, exploring rockets and the energy needed to launch them into space. The children made marks in moon sand and practised counting down from five to one.

We also joined Georgina for an exciting experiment to learn about asteroids and the craters they create on the Moon. To bring their learning to life, the children took turns dropping different objects into a mound of flour, predicting which would make the biggest crater and comparing the results.



The Hive

We could not have asked for a better first term in Reception! The children have settled brilliantly into their new routines and shown a real enthusiasm for learning.

Our phonics 'Learn with Me' sessions gave the children a chance to share the fantastic progress they have already made. It was a delight to welcome so many parents into the classroom to learn alongside them.

The children have also been learning about harvest, practising a poem and learning songs for our Harvest Festival celebrations. They worked so hard and should feel very proud of their performances. We certainly have some budding performers!

During Space Week, we learnt about Valentina Tereshkova and her journey into space, discovered the different planets and explored how the Earth moves around the Sun. The children loved the hands-on activities, including investigating a rocket crash landing and launching their own rockets, carefully measuring how far they travelled.

To mark Black History Month, we explored a range of diverse texts and learnt about Ruby Bridges and the incredible courage she showed as a young girl. Her story prompted thoughtful conversations about bravery, fairness and treating everyone with kindness and respect.

We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm, hard work and achievements this term. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest and return ready for more exciting learning in Term 2



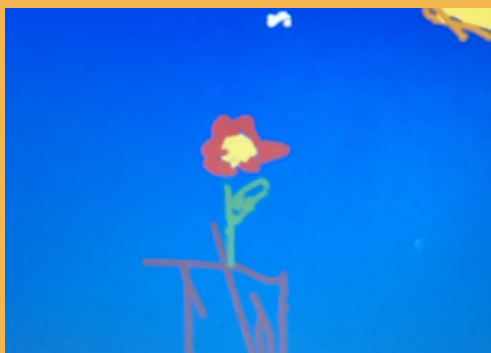
Year 1

We have had a busy and exciting time in Year 1!

In Science, we investigated the properties of different materials, using Venn diagrams to sort and group them. During Science Week, we journeyed around the Solar System, discovering fascinating facts about each planet and learning a rhyme to help us remember their names. We also learnt about Helen Sharman, the first British astronaut, and the experiments she carried out in space.

In Computing, the children have been learning to identify the different parts of computers and laptops. They have practised using a trackpad and mouse to click on and select icons, creating pictures in a painting app. Although this was tricky at first, their confidence soon grew, and they enjoyed experimenting with different background colours and line thicknesses.

In Art, we explored the work of Bridget Riley, discovering how she used lines and patterns to create optical illusions. The children were fascinated by the ways her paintings can trick the eye!



Year 2

What a busy and exciting term we have had in Year 2!

The children have loved learning about the Titanic, showing great curiosity about what life would have been like on board. Their thoughtful questions and enthusiasm have helped them develop their skills as young historians.

In Science, we have explored different habitats, discovering how animals are adapted to survive and how they fit into food chains. The children put their scientific thinking into practice by creating camouflaged moths designed to blend into the school environment.

During Space Week, we learnt about satellites and how they help us. The children became satellite engineers, carefully considering the materials, shape and purpose of their designs. They also designed, built and launched their own rockets using recycled materials!

In Maths, the children have enjoyed using practical resources to deepen their understanding. They have used these to explore a range of concepts, including making groups of three, comparing numbers and partitioning numbers.

We are proud of their curiosity, creativity and hard work, and we can't wait to see what next term brings!



Year 3

Term 1 for Year 3 has been filled with lively and action packed learning throughout our curriculum!

During Space Week, we put our aerospace engineering hats on in order to design, build and test egg moon landers! Our 'egg-naut' needed to be kept safe and secure upon landing, and we thoroughly enjoyed the engineering challenge! Alongside this, we also learned about the key role that software engineer Margaret Hamilton played in the moon landings, and celebrated the life and work of this unsung hero through researching and creating a fact file.

More widely in our science this term, we have been looking at forces and magnets. We have completed a number of experiments into how friction differs across different surfaces, including grass, concrete, carpet, wood and lino. We used force meters to measure the force needed to pull an object across each surface and measure the differing amounts of friction. We have also explored what materials are magnetic, and we used magnets to learn about repulsion and attraction! Our continued deep diving into Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England' has led to us starting to draft letters from Floella's perspective, back to her Grandmother in Trinidad. We have approached this with remarkable maturity and empathy when discussing sensitive topics such as racism, whilst drawing comparisons between life in the Caribbean and here in the UK.

In history, we have further investigated the fascinating Ancient Egyptians. Through an analysis of how their rich civilisation developed around the river Nile, we have grown a greater understanding of their lasting legacy and the culture of their Pharaohs. Finally, in art, year 3 have mixed and used a variety of complementary and secondary colours to match and extend landscape paintings in the style of JMW Turner, while also creating double page spreads on how his life inspired his distinct artistic style.

It's been a fast paced and richly rewarding first term back, and we can't wait to get stuck into term 2's brand new topics!



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed a fantastic term of learning, exploring a wide range of exciting topics and developing their knowledge, skills and curiosity across the curriculum.

In English, pupils have loved reading Counting on Katherine and discovering the inspirational life of Katherine Johnson. They have explored the significant impact she had on space travel and, through their study of her life, researched the Space Race, John Glenn's Friendship 7 mission, the Apollo Moon Landings and the Apollo 13 disaster. Their learning culminated in creating detailed factfiles about Katherine's life, the barriers she overcame and the inspiration she continues to provide for others.

During Space Week, pupils also became rocket scientists, launching their own bottle rockets and investigating how the angle of launch affected flight paths and trajectories.

In History, pupils have travelled back in time to explore Ancient Greece. They began the topic with our exciting Greek Shield Learning Launcher before investigating famous Greek battles, religion, daily life and influential individuals. They have also discovered the lasting legacy of Ancient Greek civilisation and its influence on the world today.

In RE, pupils have learned about the Hindu festival of Janmashtami, exploring why it is celebrated and its importance to Hindu communities.

In Music, pupils have explored the rich cultural traditions behind Samba music. They have learned about its origins and characteristics before working collaboratively to create and perform their own Samba-inspired pieces.

In Science, pupils have been investigating States of Matter. They have worked scientifically, carrying out a range of practical investigations to explore solids, liquids and gases and to understand how materials can change state.

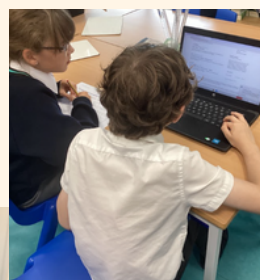
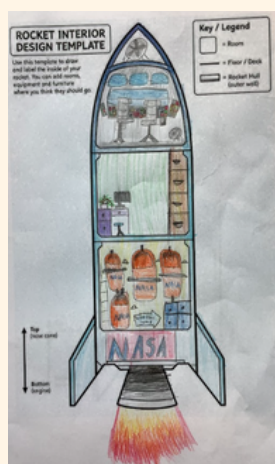
It has been a busy and exciting term, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work Year 4 have shown throughout their learning. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5

During Space Week, Year 5 have been learning about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space. In 1992, Mae spent seven days aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour, where she worked on 44 scientific experiments in the SpaceLab. The children discovered how Mae carried out a range of fascinating experiments in space, including investigating tadpoles in microgravity and exploring how living things and materials behave in a near-weightless environment. Inspired by Mae's work, Year 5 became space engineers and designed their own spacecraft. Their challenge was to create a ship that would provide a suitable environment for Mae to carry out her scientific experiments safely and effectively. The children carefully considered the different areas and equipment their spacecraft would need, while thinking creatively about what it would be like to live and work in space. It has been a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to combine their learning about space, science, engineering and the achievements of an inspirational woman.

In Science, Year 5 became naturalists to find out information about living things in the local area. They researched the life cycle of a butterfly and the process of metamorphosis. They have been observing caterpillars over time, watching them pupate into chrysalises. In Computing, we have been learning about how computer systems work and how devices connect and share information. We have also explored how search engines work and practised refining our searches to find the information we need online.



Year 6

It can sometimes be quite the challenge to single out just a few highlights from a wonderfully lively few weeks, but one moment that stood out greatly for us all was our pig-heart dissection in Science! Could there be a better way to explore the circulatory system than by dissecting and observing the very organ at the centre of it? This hands-on experience crucially allowed us to put a very different set of scientific skills to the test and consider how many biological discoveries are made. This was followed up by a chance to make (very messy) representative samples of blood showcasing the three main components.

Many displays of conscientious maturity and thoughtfulness have also been evident during our English, HHistory and Art lessons - some of which have centred around topics like racial discrimination and oppression. Not only has this been a fantastic springboard for Black History Month, but it has also served as yet another example of how dexterously these children rise to many challenges and critique the evolving world around them.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Date	Event	Info
Wednesday 21st October	Term 1 Clubs finish	
Wednesday 21st October	End of Term 1	
Thursday 22nd October	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed
Term 2		
Monday 2 nd November	Start of Term 2	
Monday 2 nd November	Parents Meetings	Bookings sent via Arbor
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Meetings	Bookings sent via Arbor
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Meetings	Bookings sent via Arbor
Friday 6 th November	Football match NPS vs PSJ	Details shared via Arbor
Monday 9 th November	Term 2 Clubs start	Football Team starts Wednesday 11 th November
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 1 - Learn with Me	9am - Year 1 parents welcome enter via the main entrance
Tuesday 10 th November	Flu Vaccinations	The new date for the Vaccinations
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 13 th November	The Hive parent ,eetings	Bookings sent via Arbor
Friday 13 th November	Year 6 Bath Taps into Science	Details sent via Arbor
Monday 16 th November - Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities within school
Thursday 19 th November	Aerospace Bristol - Year 5	Details sent via Arbor

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Date	Event	Info
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November	UK Parliment Week	Activities within school
Wednesday 25th November	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed
Thursday 26th November	Rocksteady Concert	Rocksteady will send information
Friday 27th November	Family Quiz Night	5pm - 7pm Details to follow
Tuesday 1st December	Year 3 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Thursday 3rd December	Year 2 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Friday 4th December	Term 2 Clubs finish	
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery Nativity	2.30pm - details to follow
Thursday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Monday 14th December	Reception Christmas Production	Starting at 2pm with details to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper	Now available to book
Wednesday 16th December	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Chistmas Event	4.30 - 5.30pm : Details to follow
Thursday 17th December	Cinderella Panto	Activity in school (Reception to Year 6) - details to follow
Friday 18th December	Santa Visit	Details to follow
Friday 18th December	End of Term 2	
Term 3		
Monday 4th January	Inset day	School and Nursery closed
Tuesday 5th January	Start of Term 3	
Monday 11th January	Term 3 clubs start	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Date	Event	Info
Monday 11 th January	Young voices	Details to follow
Monday 18 th to Friday 5 th February	RSPB Schools Birdwatch	Year 4
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd January	Phenomnela Futures Week	
Monday 1 st to Friday 5 th February	National Story Telling Week	
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day	Activites within school
Thursday 11 th February	Reception and KS1 Disco	4.15pm to 5.15pm
Thursday 11 th February	KS2 Disco	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 12 th February	Term 3 clubs end	
Friday 12 th February	End of Term 3	

Wednesday 21st October Halloween Disco Drop off and Collection Points

Drop off/collection points	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Drop off	Gate next to the school hall	Gate next to the school hall
Collection	Reception - Class gate Year 1 - Rear carpark gate next to nursery	Year 3 - Main entrance Year 4 - Gate next to the school hall

Netball team

What a performance from our netball team this week.

A huge well done to the team for hosting Trinity and putting on a fantastic display of netball, winning 12-0.

The teamwork, determination and support shown on court were brilliant to see, with everyone contributing and working together throughout the match.

It's amazing to see the real progression being made as a team, and the hard work, commitment and improvement are really shining through!



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Health Bladders Webinar

Due to high demand, The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer another **FREE** webinar on Health Bladders and Bowels to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 10th November 10:00am

If you would like to attend, please use the link below to sign up.

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PICK EATING WEBINAR

The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a **FREE** webinar on Picky Eating to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 4th November 10:30-11:30.

If you would like to attend, please use the link below to sign up.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/522e14fc-718a-433f-86d2-262eaae12d5c@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466?source=copyLinkLegacyShareEventDialog>