

Norton Hill News



Newsletter 7 - Friday 9th February 2024

Message from Mrs Waterhouse

We have reached the half-way point of the school year as our first Spring holiday half term is upon us. From my office window, I have noticed the sky becoming a little lighter in the evenings and I for one, am extremely glad! It has been a busy couple of weeks and the children have participated in Number Day, Safer Internet Day and a variety of learning challenges based around both. The Valentine Disco is the last event of this term and we hope you will support us as we continue to fundraise for our outdoor play equipment.

Please keep your eye out for diary dates for each class "learn with me" session next term. These sessions give you the opportunity to come into school and participate in a learning challenge with your children. We also share information about how children learn in a particular subject and these sessions also give you the opportunity to take a quick glance at your child's books. At the end of each learn with me, I will attend for a few moments as it was noted on our parental feedback that we have lots of questions that are not in regards to teaching and learning and this will give you an opportunity to ask questions that you may have. I will do my best to answer them but might not always have the answers you are seeking.

Star Books Cafe will be returning next term, these events allow you to come and read with your child. This also gives you an opportunity to take part in some reading for pleasure activities and enjoy a warm drink and a biscuit. All donations go towards new book purchases for our school library.

I recently sent out some communication to you all, sharing ideas on how to ensure you keep your children safe whilst online. Whilst we cover Safer internet Day here at school, the biggest danger is often at home. Please take some time to read the communication sent as it is a useful reminder for all of us. The information also has links to other sites that can support you to ensure we are all party to keeping our children safe whilst online. Please also take a moment to watch the official 2024 Safer Internet film for parents and carers which is available on Youtube.

Finally, have a restful half term, fingers crossed that the weather stays dry for the majority of the week and we all get to enjoy some fresh air with our family and friends. We will be welcoming the children back into our care on Monday 19th February.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Friday 26h January Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Margot
Cricket Class: Delilah
Dragonfly Class: Oliver
Dolphin Class: Esme
Turtle Class: Aidan
Gecko Class: Alana & Darcie

Friday 2nd February Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee Class: Tallulah
Cricket Class: Ethan B
Dragonfly Class: Delilah
Dolphin Class: Alfie
Turtle Class: Felix
Gecko Class: Ted

Friday 9th February Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Elle
Cricket Class: Elise T
Dragonfly Class: Arthur
Dolphin Class: Lilly-Rose
Turtle Class: Aeris
Gecko Class: Orla & Freddie-Maie



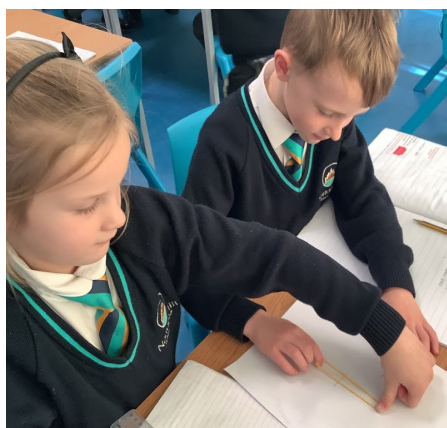
Year 2

We have had a fantastic Term 3 exploring the history of flight and learning lots of information about Amelia Earhart, from her childhood dreams of travelling across the sky like a bird, to growing up and later turning her dreams into reality by setting female world records for flying up to 14,000 feet and across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

We have been able to culminate our learning across Science, DT and History to design and begin to create fairground Ferris wheels. We enjoyed experimenting with different materials in science to ascertain their properties in order to select the most suitable properties for our Fairground Wheels.

We have had an exciting literary focus on Dragons. This has really piqued our interest and we have enjoyed writing (..and publishing!) our very own 'Dragon Machine' stories!

One of our favourite days this term was Number Day, and no - it wasn't just because we all had an ice cream! We have been focussing on our column addition and subtraction, and have begun to feel confident when exchanging during both operations - this has really helped with our mental maths. We also explored the 'never ending number' pi and its relation to circles. It has been a truly tremendous term... hopefully no one will end up 'Dragon Sitting' over the holiday!





Science Week 2024



We will be celebrating British Science Week from Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March. The theme this year is 'Time'.

We will be hosting the 'STEM Fair' again this year, and pupils are invited to design a Science project based on the theme 'Time'. We have attached some ideas, but are also extremely excited to see how creative pupils can be themselves!

Projects need to be brought into school on the morning of Monday 11th March, and will be displayed from 3.15-3.45pm each day for family members and pupils to enjoy in Einstein Room.

At the end of Science Week, we will be presenting prizes for winning projects, and certificates for all who participate.



STEM Fair Ideas



Time is key to so many discoveries in science, technology, engineering and maths. Evolution looks at how plants and animals changed over a long period of time; the Earth's movements show us why we have seasons and different time zones.

Lifecycles are all about how organisms grow and die during their time on our planet. You could investigate the lifespan of other animals, and how they spend their time.

Time is also vital in engineering: complicated machines have moving parts that all need work in time with each other for the machine to work smoothly.

Or, perhaps you could consider the issue food waste by thinking about how passing time impacts different foods!

Outside School Achievements

If your child has received a certificate/trophy please send this in with your child on a Friday morning, so they can share this with us in our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. Please do not send in certificates/trophies on any other day.

Learn with Me

Class	Date	Time
Reception	Fri 9th Feb	9:00 am to 10:00 am
Cricket	Fri 23rd Feb	2:15 pm to 3:15pm
Dragonfly	Mon 26th Feb	2:15 pm to 3:15pm
Dolphin	Thurs 22nd Feb	2:30 pm to 3:15pm
Turtle	Thurs 22nd Feb	2:30 pm to 3:15pm
Gecko	Wed 6th March	2:15 pm to 3:15pm

Starbooks Cafe

Class	Date	Time
Reception	Wed 21st Feb	9:00 am
Cricket	Thur 22nd Feb	9am / 9.30am
Dragonfly	Thur 22nd Feb	9am / 9.30am
Dolphin	Tue 27th Feb	9am / 9.30am
Turtle	Tue 27th Feb	9am / 9.30am
Gecko	Wed 28th Feb	9am

Birthday's

At the NHP we cannot accept birthday cakes / treats brought into the school for children / teachers due to allergies amongst us. This also includes handing out invitations to children within the classroom. Whilst we appreciate that children would like to hand out invites for their birthday parties, we ask that this is done outside of school times. Birthdays are celebrated each week during our Friday Celebration Assembly and children celebrating each week are brought to the front of the assembly to be sung to and to share their Birthday plans with the school.

We also have a birthday book scheme, there is no requirement to take part in the 'Birthday Book' initiative. Books purchased are gifted in Celebration Assembly and a poster is added inside the book with your child's name and Birthday. All books are then placed in the library on our Birthday Book shelf. Please be reassured that we will always celebrate and mark these important days in our children's lives, whether a book is gifted or not.

Nursery Wish List https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IQGG5KNO4VZB?ref_=wl_share

Reception Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2DNUD6UX4WJ21?ref_=wl_share

Year 1 Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DN5R899VG189?ref_=wl_share

Year 2 Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VG9KI2CDS4A6?ref_=wl_share

Office News

Absence

If your child is off school, it is very important you phone by 9am on the morning of absence to tell us why. If you leave a message or email please give a brief description of why your child is off. Our statutory duty is to call you if you have only advised us that your child is ill.

School Meals

Please remember to book your school meals by Midnight on Thursdays for the following week. Unfortunately, if you miss this deadline we will be unable to provide a meal and you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.

Wraparound Care

All wraparound care bookings should now be made via ParentPay. Tax Free Childcare payments will be allocated in ParentPay on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Term 4		
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4	All
Wednesday 21st February	Starbook Cafe: Reception	9 am - 1 parent/adult per child
Wednesday 21st February	Humanism Workshop	Year 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 22nd February	Starbook Cafe : Year 1	9am / 9.30am - See SchoolPing
Tuesday 27th February	Starbook Cafe: Year 2	9am / 9.30am - See SchoolPing
Wednesday 28th February	Starbook Cafe: Year 3	9 am - - 1 parent/adult per child
Friday 1st March	Non-School Uniform Day	All children can wear non-school uniform for a tombola donation
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Information to follow
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 18th March	Dance Umbrella	Details shared with relevant parents
Thursday 21st March	Fossils Workshop	Year 1
Thursday 28th March	No After School Club	
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 4	