

Norton Hill News

Newsletter 8 - Monday 11th March 2024

Message from Mrs Waterhouse

What a fabulous week we had last week! We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day together and all of the children very much enjoyed completing our masked reader challenge. As a staff team, we all enjoyed making it-if only we could share the outtakes with you all. All teaching staff spent the day sharing our time across the various classes, reading stories and participating in learning challenges with the children. The staff team particularly enjoyed getting to know new faces and sharing their favourite books with different classes.

As I type, I can hear the children practising their Dance Umbrella routine in the hall, the nursery children playing outside in the afternoon sun, songs being sung from the Ks1 and Ks2 corridor and I am reminded of why I love this job so much.

This week brings our annual Science/STEM week and the children will be taking part in a variety of challenges across the school. If you would like to visit our STEM Fayre after school then we will be open for you to view our entries, Monday to Thursday after school. I know the teaching staff have been working incredibly hard as always on planning an exciting week for the children and I need to say a special thank you to Miss Young who has worked tirelessly on planning the week, booking in visitors and arranging special things for all of the children to enjoy.



HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Friday 22nd February
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Rose
Cricket Class: Kasey
Dragonfly Class: Riley
Dolphin Class: Averie
Turtle Class: Jaxon
Gecko Class: Ruby

Friday 1st March
Headteacher awards go to

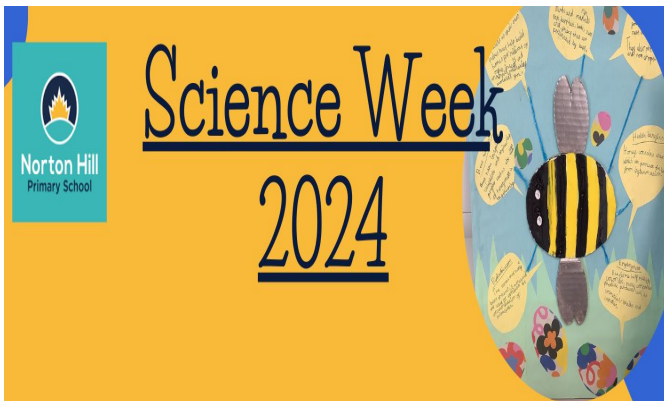
Bumblebee Class: Evie
Cricket Class: Walter
Dragonfly Class: Willow
Dolphin Class: Rayon
Turtle Class: Esmay
Gecko Class: Emma

Friday 8th March
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Aila
Cricket Class: Sophia
Dragonfly Class: Noah C
Dolphin Class: Jack
Turtle Class: Robin
Gecko Class: Archie



Annual Science/STEM week



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 Picasso 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!

Year 3

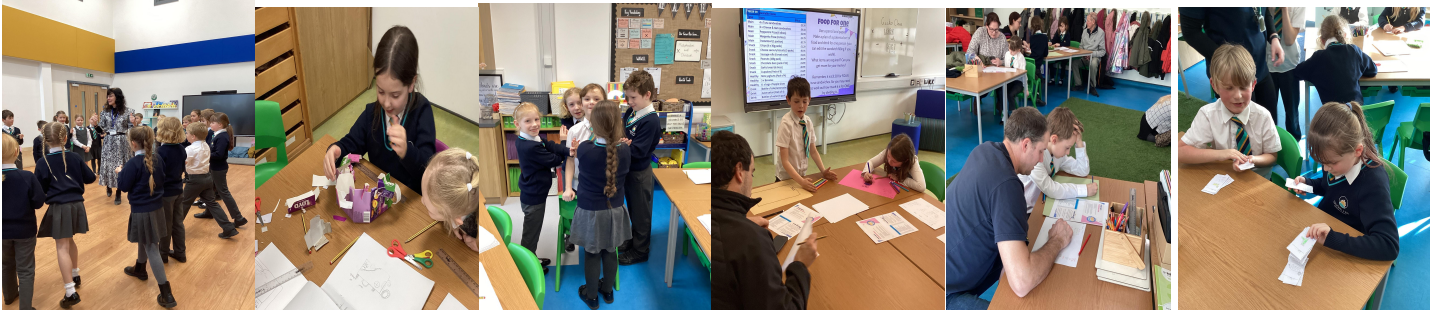
We've been working our Gecko tails off in Year 3 this term!

In English, we've been creating realistic dialogue using inverted commas and adventurous verbs. We also pretended to be volcanoes in order to write powerful volcano poetry. In computing, we've been learning about data and how to store it effectively using spreadsheets - a simple game of Top Trumps helped us with this one. In History, we've explored the Romans and their invasion of Britain - our knowledge on this topic is particularly impressive. Furthermore, in addition to our ordinary RE lessons, we've also had two visitors: one for a Judaism workshop and one for a Humanism workshop.

As if this wasn't enough, we have also been fortunate enough to have our wonderful adults join us for a morning of Starbucks AND an afternoon of party (budget) planning. And celebrated World Book Day too! It's been wonderfully exhausting for us all.

One particular highlight was how quickly we adapted to cross-stitch in D.T. A few of us even persuaded our adults to help us continue this outside of school. Another fantastic highlight is how well we continue to adapt to French vocabulary, especially as we are now learning classroom instructions which can be used by the teacher at any moment...

For World Book Day, we competed to identify the masked reader which was tremendously tricky. We also read the book 'Leaf' and explored the concept of being different or new to an environment through role-play and hot-seating. Our day was broken up by visits from Mrs Waterhouse and Mrs Welch who read us some entertaining stories! And we obviously had to begin a class read-through of Fantastic Mr Fox to finish it all off.



World Book Day



'Congratulations' to our winners from our 'Masked Reader' challenge during World Book Day on Thursday. The children had lots of fun guessing the teacher that was hiding behind the masks.

Bumblebee- Aila	Cricket- Dilys
Dragonfly- Nellie	Turtle- Ayva
Dolphin- Raiden	Geko- Ruby



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?>

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 are now available for Term 5, which can be made via ParentPay. Tax Free Childcare/Employee Voucher payments will be allocated in ParentPay on Tuesdays and Thursday. Please remember to email the School Office with the following information:

Date payment made

The £ amount

Child's reference number

Where you would like the funds allocated ie: Breakfast Club, After School Club or Nursery Fees

PKA Contact Details

Please use these contact details for any matters relating to the PKA. For any questions, suggestions, events ideas, fund raising. Your contact person is Cat Lockett email:

info.pka.nhp@gmail.com.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Term 4		
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 11th March	Audiologist Workshop	Year 1
Monday 11th March	UWE STEM Workshop	Whole School
Wednesday 13th March	Engineering Workshop	Whole School
Thursday 14th March	Conservation Biology Workshop	Whole School
Friday 15th March	Audiologist Workshop	Reception, Year 2 and Year 3
Monday 18th March	Dance Umbrella	Details shared with relevant parents
Tuesday 19th March	Planets in the Solar System	Year 3
Wednesday 20th March	Arctic, Sea Ice and Climate Workshop	Year 2
Thursday 21st March	Fossils Workshop	Year 1
Friday 22nd March	RE and Worldviews Workshop	Whole School
Thursday 28th March	No After School Club	
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 4	
Wednesday 1st May	Longleat Visit	Reception
Wednesday 15th May	Class Photos Outside	Whole School
Thursday 16th May	Folly Farm Visit	Year 1
Tuesday 21st May	Parent Meetings	3:30-6.30 pm
Thursday 23rd May	Parent Meetings	3:30-5:30 pm