

Friday Flyer

26th May

Head of School Update

As we come to the end of half term, the children have been reflecting on their learning and feel proud of all they have achieved. Year 6 and Year 2 have now completed their statutory assessments and I am so proud of how hard they have worked.

Next half term Year 1 pupils will be completing the Year 1 Phonics Screening and our Year 4 pupils will be completing their online Multiplication Check. Both year groups need to keep their skills fresh over the half term break and I would recommend that Year 4 log onto Times Table Rockstars regularly.

The next half term will hopefully bring with it lots of warm weather. Please remember to bring a hat, apply sunscreen before coming to school and always come with a water bottle.

Mrs Johnson continues to recover from her injury and can't wait to be back at school. This is subject to doctors approval, but we are really hoping to welcome her back next half term.

I hope that all of our families enjoy some quality time together over the half term break and come back to school refreshed and ready for the final half term ahead.

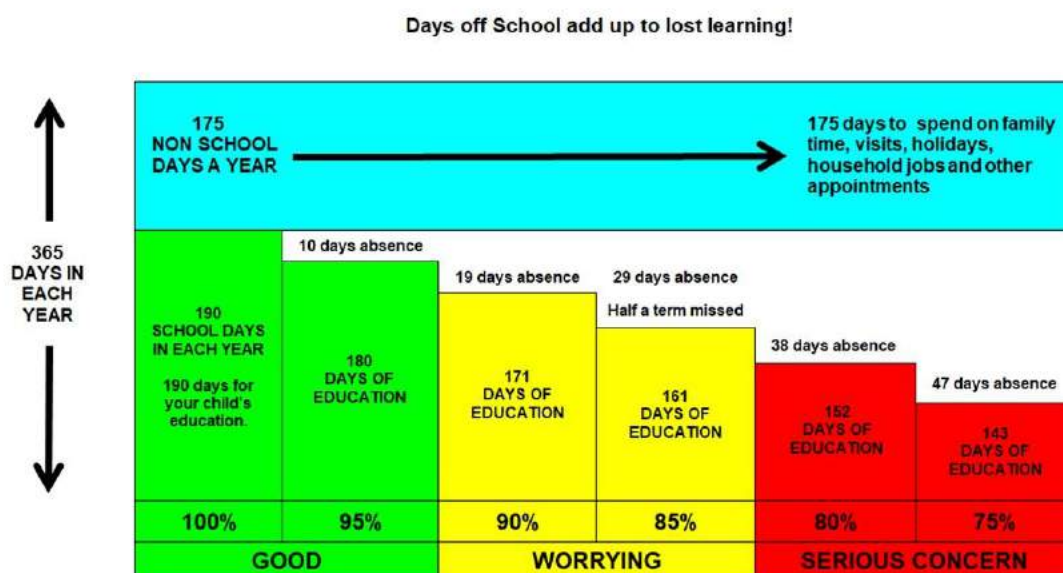
Best wishes

Mrs Blain



Class	Attendance
Reception	94.55
Y1/2	91.76
Y3/4	97.20
Y5/6	91.36

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



**Upcoming events:**

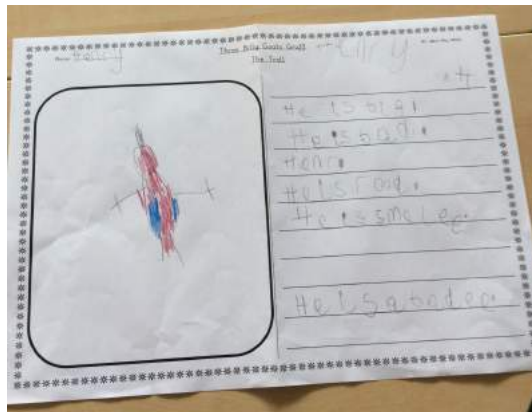
Monday 5 June	Summer 2 begins
Mon 5 - Wed 7 June	Paris trip
Thursday 8 - Fri 9 June	KS1 Bikeability
Week beginning 12 June	Year 1 phonics screening
Friday 16 June	Year 1 and 2 War Song Performance
Friday 16 June	Reception Bikeability
Week beginning 19 June	Bee Week (Y5/6) Stamfordham and Whalton to visit
Friday 23 June	Bikeability Y3/4
Week beginning 26 June	Y6 France trip to St Omer
27 June	Y5 Newcastle Eagles
Monday 3 July	Visit to Belsay Castle (whole school)
Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 July	Year 6 transition days at Ponteland High School
Friday 7 July	Summer Fair
Week beginning 10 July	Flow Exhibition of Pele Trust primary schools creative arts work at Ponteland Leisure Centre
Mon 10 - Wed 12 July	Bikeability Y5/6
Thursday 13 July	Flow Music Concert at Ponteland High School -6pm
Monday 17 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 leavers assembly
Thursday 20 July	Wilding Theatre Group - working with Year 1 to 3
Friday 21 July	End of term - school closes at 1pm
All dates may be subject to change.	



The week in Reception

The children have worked very hard this week even when they have been excited about all of the lovely things they are preparing to do over the half term break.

Our story focus this week has been The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have written about the troll and described him. I was very impressed with how hard the children worked with their writing and it is lovely to see everyone so confident to write. Well done Team Reception!



In Commando Joe's the children enjoyed navigating their way across the field with their friends. The challenge was one person had to be blindfolded and the other person had to make sure they were given clear instructions.



Have a lovely half term break, rest and read but most of all enjoy some much needed family time!

Miss Houghton



The week in Key Stage 1

KS1 had a wonderful visit from Music Lecturer Julia from Newcastle University. We took part in a brilliant singing workshop as part of The Pele Trust Flow project. We learnt lots of new songs about rivers, the sea and the creatures that live there. We enjoyed singing along to Julia's ukulele and practised keeping a beat. We invented new lyrics to known songs and had lots of fun thinking of actions to go with them. We played exciting musical games with props from giant scrunchies to sharks, they really helped bring our music to life!



Have a fantastic half term break KS1! You've worked very hard this half term and should be proud of all you have achieved.
Miss Dixon



The week in Year 3 and 4

What a fun week we have had in Year 3 and 4 this week. The main highlight of our week has been Ancient Egyptian day where we participated in a series of activities including a drama workshop working on a day in the life from different people, we created our own pyramids using cardboard and sand, we worked on creating our own bookmarks using hieroglyphics as well as creating clay models. We were able to look into mummification as well as read a range of different stories about Ancient Egypt. We were able to dress up and everyone loved the entire day!

Earlier on in the week we began looking at poetry in English and looked at different styles of poetry before focusing on performance poetry. We worked in small groups to perform a narrative poem all about Ancient Egypt and then worked on creating this to become a whole class performance. This has allowed us to create our own poems independently and specifically a diamante poem which meant we were able to get creative with our adjectives, nouns and verbs.

Well done on an amazing half term Year 3 and 4 and enjoy your well deserved break!



Miss Cruse



The week in Year 5 and 6

We have had a very productive week and continued with some great learning.

Art

Year 5 and 6 have been finishing their woven river for the flow project this week using recycled materials they collected from home in order to be conscious of sustainability and our environment. They have practised their weaving and produced a beautiful section of the River Tyne

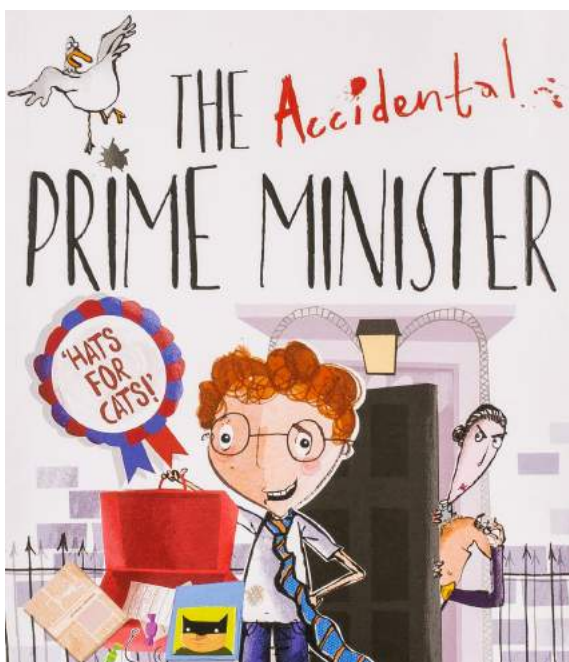




Forest School

In our Forest School session we completed our unit of work on Shelters. We chose our own groups and then we were given the task of designing a shelter suitable for a small animal. We had some very inventive ideas and the local wildlife would be suitably impressed with our designs.

English



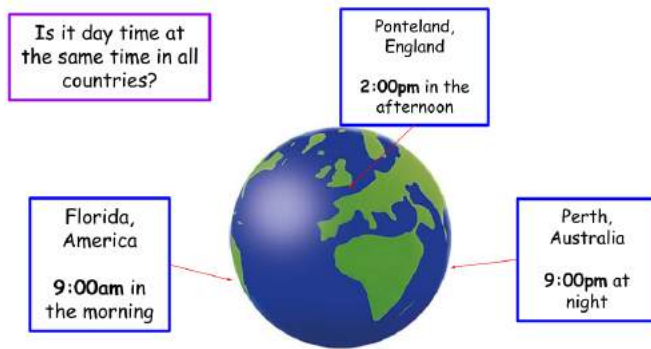
We've come to the end of our book, *The Accidental Prime Minister*, and we've all thoroughly enjoyed it. It has made us think carefully about the role of Government and the power and pressures that a Prime Minister faces in office. This unit of work has allowed us to consider the national and regional governance structures that are in place in our country and compare such systems with other countries in the world.

We have understood the importance of **speeches**, particularly if you're trying to get into power or influence people to follow a cause that you're passionate about. We analysed speeches given by Greta Thunberg, Winston Churchill and Barrack



Obama and the reasons why such speeches were able to connect to the audience, pulling on the heartstrings with ***emotive language*** and getting messages across through ***repetition*** and ***rhetorical questions***.

Science



This week we have studied the different time zones across the Earth and how, when it is night in one zone, it is daytime in another. We reminded ourselves about the lines of latitude and studied that the Greenwich Meridian is where all of the Earth's time is measured from.

Mr Harvey and Miss Thomas