

Primary News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely break, whether celebrating Easter, Eid or just having a rest!

The start of term at WHGS has been fabulous as always. Your children continue to amaze me with the effort and dedication they show towards their learning.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any information at all.

Miss L Dalton
Head of School (Primary Phase)

Coming up...

Friday 19 April	Y3 Theatre Trip
Friday 26 April	Earth Day celebrations
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 10 May	Class photos
Monday 13 May	Y6 SATS begin
Wednesday 15 May	5A class assembly
Wednesday 22 May	5B class assembly
Monday 27 May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 28 May	Half term

"Learn with me" sessions

The next group of "Learn with me" sessions will begin shortly, after a fabulous turn out during last half term.

We will be focussing on Geography and all sessions start at 8.40am. There will be a brief talk by the subject lead before we enter the classrooms.

See dates here:

- Thursday 25 April — Years 3/4
- Thursday 2 May—Years 5/6
- Thursday 9 May—Years 1/2
- Thursday 23 May—EYFS

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance so far this academic year.

Reception	90%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

Nursery

We hope that you had a good Easter break and an enjoyable Eid. This term will be busy and exciting too. Our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be sharing a number of traditional fairy tales which we know the children will enjoy. We will start with the Three Billy Goats Gruff and then focus on The Three Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. We will be continuing to work on letter formation and in particular their first, and for some, second names. The children are doing very well in phonics and many are able to blend simple 3 letter words and recognise several letters. In Maths, we will be focussing on comparing amounts and solving real life problems and we will use the Traditional Tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to enhance this. We will be focusing on re telling fairy stories without a book encouraging the children to really think about the characters and dramatize the stories. As usual, we will be following the seasons and tending our vegetable patch. The weather will hopefully allow us to spend a lot of time in our wonderful outdoor area, practising our physical skills and learning about the natural world. Little Lions will continue this half term and we will be recruiting new families so please see Mrs Fletcher if you are interested. It occurs on a Friday afternoon from 1.45 pm until 3 and is fantastic opportunity to spend some quality time with your little one. Finally, please try to contribute to our Early Years Fund which you can pay in cash or on Parent Pay. It really does support us in buying books and materials for the Nursery. We have the important festival of Eid to celebrate and wish all our families who are celebrating it.



Mrs Fletcher and Miss Murdoch

Reminders:

Early Years Fund

Please continue to contribute to the EYFs fund on Parent Pay.

Uniform

Please rename uniform especially jumpers as the names you originally put in there are fading.

Please check change of clothes bag, we are running out of underwear and socks.

As we are getting Reception ready please try and ensure your child's attendance is good.



Up and coming events:

- Visit to the high school library
- Trip to Fallowfield Library date TBC
- Little Lions to resume
- Sponsored Charity run/walk details to TBC



Reception

This half term we will be reading 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy and linking this to the things we might see in and around our local community. Please could you talk to your child about your local community, making sure your child knows their address and any nearby places of interest in the local community. We will also learn about other popular landmarks. We will be exploring different maps which will lead to creating our own maps. We will be reinforcing directional language as the children need to consolidate this as they continue to independently programme the Beebots to travel around the classroom.

We will create 3D models of local buildings and the children can experiment with their own design ideas by using junk modelling materials to make different types of buildings. In maths, we will be working with numbers up to 20 and working on simple addition and subtraction with numbers up to 10. We are working especially hard in writing this half term and developing confidence in writing sentences independently. Our teachers will be collecting our work to display on our learning walls. We are very proud of our young writers and would like to encourage this at home as well as at school. We are speeding up our reading now and learning how to read with a partner. We are continuing to enjoy listening to lots of stories including traditional tales such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood.

Mrs Halsall and Mrs Arnold



Reminders

Early Year's Fund

Please remember to contribute towards our Early Years fund of £1 a week to help us pay for resources. This can be done via Parent Pay.

Geography Learn with Me

Our next learn with me session will be on Thursday 23rd May

Please remember to send in your old boxes and cardboard tubes for our junk modelling

Home Learning

Please continue to follow the weekly SWAY link to access phonics videos AND set aside quality time to read with your child EVERY DAY

Reading books

Reading books to be returned by every Wednesday and phonics practise books to return on a Monday

Year 1

This half term, we will be focusing on our reading skills with our daily phonics sessions. Your support at home with this is hugely appreciated. In our English lessons, we have been immersing ourselves in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Using this story as inspiration, we will be writing a 'beat the monster' story and instructions on how to grow a magic bean. We are focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation.

In our Maths lessons, we are going to be looking at multiplication and division. In particular, we will be focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. To support your child with this new area of learning, you could practice these timetables using Topmarks website or using items such as pairs of socks (to count in 2s) or pasta (in groups of 5 or 10s).

In our wider curriculum, we will be understanding where we live. We will be comparing human and physical features of an area in the UK and Kenya. In Science, we will be learning about different types of animals; carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

This half term, our outdoor PE lessons will be striking and fielding games skills. In our indoor PE lessons, we will be developing object manipulation skills. In our Design Technology lessons, we will start our first unit in Textiles and we will learn and develop our sewing skills. Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their music lessons this year and we will continue to develop our skills. In RE and PSHE, the children will be exploring the theme of belonging. The year 1 team look forward to immersing the children in their Summer 1 learning.



Miss Khan and Miss Ridley

Timetable

English	Jack and the Beanstalk—Story writing and explanations.
Maths	Multiplication and Division
Science	Animals
Geography	There you are.
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community.
PE	Striking and Fielding Game skills Object manipulation skills
Computing	Digital writing
Art	Textiles
Music	In your imagination
PSHE	Living in the wider world

Reminders...

PE

Year 1 have PE every Monday and Wednesday. It is vital all children have the correct PE kit for these days and the children are independent when getting changed. Please practice this at home.

Reading Books

Please bring in both your reading book and phonics book in on a Tuesday. Unfortunately, we may not be able to change books if they are brought in later in the week.

Important Dates

The phonics screening will take place during Summer 2. It is vital, all children are practicing their sounds and phonics books at home.

Home Learning

We have lots of fun and exciting platforms to learn at home. Please ensure you are using Topmarks to support your child with their maths learning. Please try and read to your child for 10 minutes a day.



Year 2

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope that you have a good break and are ready for another exciting term. We have lots of fascinating learning to look forward to. In English this half term, we are going to start by look at a warning story. We are going to learn about 'How the tortoise got its shell' before writing our own warning stories. We are then going to read 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts and write a non-chronological report about it.

In Maths, we are going to be focusing on telling the time. Children will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. They will also be learning about using different dates. We will be spending time practising the 2, 5 and 10-times tables. It will really benefit the children to start practising these times tables on TT Rockstars at home.

In Science, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and how different materials can change state. For example, water can freeze into ice and then melt back into water. In Geography, we will be learning about rivers, seas and oceans of the world. In RE, we will be looking at different sacred books and why they are so important to different religions. In Computing, we will be using different devices to make music and we will explore how we can use apps to make music in different ways. In DT, we will be making freestanding structures using different materials and in Music we will be learning a song about friendship. In PE, we are hoping to make use of sunnier weather to improve our athletic skills and learn different net games. Finally, in PSHE we will be learning about the importance of belonging to a community and how to manage our money.

Mr Witkin, Ms Yardley– Rees and Ms Caldwell

Timetable

English	Warning Tale/ Non-Chronological Report
Maths	Time
Science	Solids, liquids and gases
Geography	Rivers, seas and oceans
RE	What can we learn from sacred books?
PE	Net and Wall Games/ Athletics
Computing	Making Music
DT	Freestanding Structures
Music	Friendship Song
PSHE	Belonging to a community/ Money and work

Reminders...

We have PE every Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit into school on these days. If your child cannot yet get changed independently, please support us by practising this at home.

Home Learning

We have lots of fun and exciting platforms to learn at home. Please ensure you are logging into Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars daily.

Reading Books

Please bring in both your Bug Club reading book and phonics book in on a Wednesday. Unfortunately, we may not be able to change books if they are brought in later in the week.

Spelling

Each Week, we will also do a spelling test. Your child will receive a copy of this half term's spelling lists during the first week. A copy can also be seen in your classroom window.

Year 3

Welcome back, we hope you are rested and ready for another wonderful term with warmer weather, fun activities and interesting topics to get excited about.

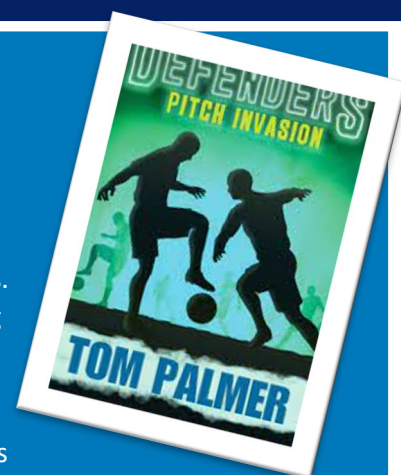
In Maths this half term, we will be returning to the topic of fractions and building from what we already learnt to start thinking about adding and subtracting fractions. A good understanding of times tables will be needed here so you could be practicing these at home.

We have been very impressed with how your children's writing has been developing this year, especially those who have been engaging with reading books at home. This half term we will be revisiting some of the skills we have been introduced to, such as how to write dialogue and using paragraphs.

In our wider curriculum subjects, we have lots of interesting things to look forward to, such as how to make our own Greek salad in DT and how forces affect the things around us in Science. In our Geography lessons, we will be looking at some popular areas of Europe to compare why people want to visit them. We will be continuing with our recorders in Music and hope that we will learn some new songs which will amaze you when you hear them.

Thank you for all your hard work and support so far and we are looking forward to this continuing this term.

Mr Rabey, Mr Cragg



Timetable

English	Portal Story, Explanations
Maths	Fractions, Money and Time
Science	Forces and Motion
Geography	Looking a Europe
RE	Why do people pray?
PE	Athletics, Lacrosse
MFL	French
Computing	Desktop publishing
DT	Food Technology
Music	Recorders
PSHE	Living in the wider world

Reminders

Reading books

Library books stay in school so we can read them each morning. Please bring any you still have at home.

PE days

PE kits need to be worn on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Uniforms

Please ensure your child is wearing a tie.

Home Learning

Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading at home each day and you are reading together whenever possible. This can be recorded in their reading planner.

Spellings

Please see the Year Three spellings list for the spelling rules all students should be able to apply independently.



Year 4

Welcome to the summer term! We are looking forward to warmer weather and brighter days alongside our new learning for this half term. It is going to be another busy one as we continue to prepare for our times tables test which will be after half term. It is important that all children can recall their times tables up to 12x12 at this point and should keep practising on 'soundcheck' to achieve a score in the 20s! Well done to everyone who has been practising regularly—keep it up!

In English this half term, we are thinking about twisted tales. We will be reading an alternative version of Cinderella— 'Zombieella'! As well as reading 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs'. We will then be twisting a fairytale that we know well to tell it from the point of view of another character. Can you choose one of your families favourite stories and twist it to a different version? Perhaps tell the story from another character's point of view.

In Maths, we will be using our knowledge of fractions from last half term and applying it to decimals. Following this, we will be moving onto money and time. At home, you can practise by making sure your child can recognise each coin and can start working out how much change you need when you go to the shops. Encourage your child to start telling the time using both digital and analogue clocks. They should be able to tell the time to each 5 minute interval from their learning in Year 3.

In the wider curriculum we have lots of exciting subjects to cover this half term! We will be thinking about how electricity travels around a circuit in science and will get the opportunity to build a circuit ourselves. In Geography, we will be thinking about earthquakes—how they happen and the effects after they have. In Music, the children have made great progress in their ukulele lessons so far this year and we are looking forward to hearing the songs that they learn to play this term! You could have a go at home if you have your own instrument!

Miss Ashworth, Miss Fisher and Miss Thomas

Timetable

English	Twisted Tales Newspaper Reports
Maths	Decimals, Money, Time
Science	Electricity
Geography	Earthquakes and settlements
RE	Jewish families and festivals
PE	Athletics and lacrosse
MFL	Nationalities and countries
Computing	Photo editing
DT	Torches
Music	Ukulele
PSHE	Community: Money and Work

Reminders...

Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct uniform including a tie. As the weather gets warmer it is more important to have all blazers and jumpers labelled with names so that they don't get lost!

Home Learning

Reading

Your child should be reading daily at home. Make sure your child writes all of the different books they have read in their reading diary and write any comments they have about the book.

Maths

TT Rockstars is so important this half term! Please keep practising on Soundcheck and try to get a consistent score of 25—this will really help in maths lessons.

Year 5

Welcome back Year 5! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break.

In our writing lessons, we are writing emotive diary entries and then, using the same book, we will write powerful persuasive letters. In reading, we will be reading the biographies contained in the brilliant book "Fantastically Great Women Who Saved The Planet". Our work in reading will also see us examining texts which address environmental issues. We will be working hard to use all our reading skills to answer a variety of questions.



In Maths, Year 5 will be looking at statistics and begin exploring properties of different shapes with a focus on measuring internal angles.

In Geography we will be looking at climate across the world. We will be exploring the physical side of Geography and looking at climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle.

Thank you for your support so far this year

We are really looking forward to a great term ahead!

Mr Bagshaw and Miss Alleyne

Timetable

English	Diary entries and persuasive
Maths	Statistics and shape
Science	Forces
Geography	Climate across the world
RE	Why do some people think God exists?
PE	Cricket
MFL	Free time: film and TV
Computing	Vector drawing
DT	Mechanical systems
Music	Dancing in the street
PSHE	Belonging to a community

Reminders...

Uniform

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Chromebooks

Should be coming into school every day, fully charged.

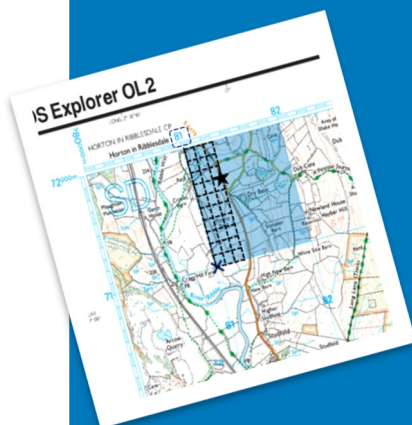
Home Learning

Reading

Your child should be reading daily at home. Make sure your child writes all of the different books they have read in their reading diary and write any comments they have about the book.

Maths

Please keep practising on TimesTable Rockstars. Additional reasoning and word problems sheets are available to take home each day from the maths working wall.



Year 6

Welcome back to another new term, and Eid Mubarak to those of you who celebrated during the holidays.

Throughout the Summer term, Year 6 will be continuing to develop their skills as writers, in order to continue to build a portfolio of work. This will consist of writing a persuasive speech and journal, using our knowledge from wider curriculum subjects to support us.

In Maths, children will explore Algebra, including how to form expressions and equations, as well as making substitutions. During this unit, we will look at improving our fluency as well as our problem-solving and reasoning skills. Furthermore, children are provided with plenty of opportunities to develop and strengthen their ability to understand topics

covering the whole of the Maths curriculum.

During our Geography lessons this summer term, children will be independent learners and plan, undertake and analyse their own geographical enquires. Children will be introduced to 6-figure grid references, as well as taught how to successfully carry out a risk assessment. This will help to prepare them for Geography learning in Key Stage Three.

After SATs week, Year 6 will begin to prepare for the special end-of-year production, which will be taking place in the Great Hall in July. There will be a chance for your child to audition for a role, and we will all participate in regular music and drama rehearsal sessions, leading up to the big show!

Miss Fishwick and Mr Hancock

Timetable

English	Persuasive Speech and
Maths	Algebra and Position & Direction
Science	Functions of the Human Body
Geography	I am a Geographer
RE	Religious Charity, Art and Architecture
PE	Athletics
MFL	My City, the Environment and Recycling
Computing	3D Modelling
DT	Wooden Toy
Music	Music and Me
PSHE	Living in the Wider World

Reminders...

Assessments

SATs week commences Monday 13th May. More information to follow.

Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct uniform including a tie. As the weather gets warmer it is more important to have all blazers and jumpers labelled with names so that they don't get lost!

Home Learning

Reading

Children must read for twenty minutes every night and recording it in their reading journals.

Boosters

Revision sessions are being held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4pm. All are strongly recommended to attend.

Celebrate our successes



Social Action Team

The Y6 Leadership Team did an amazing job of leading their social action project this term. Team 'Hunger No More' successfully raised awareness and campaigned about the need to end hunger in Manchester. Thank you to all families who donated food to the cause. We donated an amazing 372 meals worth of food to Manchester South Central Foodbank! The children presented their project at Oxford University and were true role models for our school.

Budding Authors

Sufiyaan, a Year 5 pupil, took home the Runner Up prize at a fiercely competitive Story Slam North Grand Final. His story, 'Lazer Boy' wowed the audience and the judges as a 'beat the bully' narrative, and his impressive story telling skills had everyone captivated!



6 of our Year 6 pupils attended the Panathlon Challenge North West England Pan Disability Boccia Regional Finals Tournament at Greenbank Sports Academy on Wednesday 20th March 2024 having qualified as winners to represent Lancashire against other regions.

The children performed really well showing respect to other schools and adults and ambition in their performance after missing out on a semi-final spot by 0.3 so being the 5th best Boccia Team with the North West of England, an achievement which they should feel extremely proud about

School Uniform Reminders

Nursery and Reception Uniform List:

- White polo shirt
- Black V-neck long sleeve jumper (no sweatshirts)
- Black trousers or black skirt (must have elasticated waist, no zips or buttons) ☐ Black/grey socks or plain black tights
- Plain black school shoes with velcro fastening (no laces please)
- Waterproof school coat – any colour ☐ Wellington boots (any colour)
- Optional - Black shorts for summer (must have elasticated waist, no zips or buttons) or blue gingham dress to be worn with white socks or white tights ☐ Crested bookbag

Year 1– 6 Uniform List:

- School blazer with WHGS logo
- Plain white button-up shirt (to be worn with WHGS logo tie)
- Black school trousers (not 'skinny' style) or black skirt – must be panel or box pleated
- Plain black tights or black/grey socks
- Black shoes, plain, sensible style (Trainers must NOT be worn)
- Optional - Black V-neck long sleeve jumper (no sweatshirts)
- Waterproof school coat – any colour
- Optional - Black shorts for summer or blue gingham dress to be worn with white socks or white tights
- Crested bookbag or backpack
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and of dark colour



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