



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January – Issue 17

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had reception children joining our Head Teacher's assembly for the first time. I was super impressed with how independent they were and a few children even put up their hands to answer questions. They are now very settled in the dinner hall and have made a fantastic start to the New Year.

A handful of children who are always late are missing out on this positive and happy start to the day. **Please make every effort to get your child into the classroom by 8am.**

This week we have spoken to our year 6 pupils about the dangers of picking up vapes. It is really concerning that disposable vapes are so easily accessible to children. Please have a discussion with your child about the dangers of picking up used vapes from the park or street and if you do use vapes yourself, please always dispose of these in the bin.

A reminder to all parents whose children bring bikes to school. **These must be locked onto the bike rack at all times.** We have recently had a bike stolen from the playground so please make sure your child's bike is safely locked.

We are really excited to be launching our engagement workshops for parents. Please click on the Youtube link below to see the introduction video that will give you some background to the research we have been doing here at school. We hope that the workshop will help us to share our learning with parents and also give you one or two strategies to try at home. There is no need to attend every workshop if you have children in different year groups - the central message will be the same.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Ms Von



Click here to  
watch our video

<https://youtu.be/BsZppz-nBR0>

### Workshop dates

Yr5+6: Thursday 25/01/2024 8.00am

Yr3+4: Friday 26/01/2024 8.00am

Yr 1+2: Tuesday 30/01/2024 8.00am

EYFS: Tuesday 06/02/2024 8.00am

SEN: Friday 02/02/2024 8.00am



**Nurturing and Growing Together**

# Year Two - Trip to the Natural History Museum

On Thursday, Year 2 travelled to the Natural History Museum to participate in the Ocean and Habitat show. The children were able to learn about animals in the ocean and how they have adapted to their habitat linking to their Science and English learning. They even got to see a enormous dinosaur skeleton! The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and exploring all of the ancient artefacts.





# Years Five & Six Police Visit

Our Year Five and Six children enjoyed a special assembly hosted by Newham Community Police.

Now that our pupils are growing older, they spend more time in the local community: walking to and from school independently or using public transport without the support of their parents and carers.

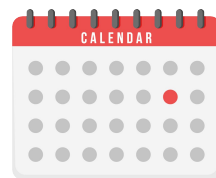
This session focussed on:

- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Road safety
- Stranger danger
- Gang activity
- Weapons

Our pupils learnt what to do if they find themselves in an unsafe situation and had lots of advice about who they can go to for support to make sure they stay safe at all times.



# Dates for the Diary



**09/02/24** - Year 6 Theatre Visit

**12/02/24 - 16/02/24** - School closed for half-term break

**20/03/24** - Parents Evening

**Every Friday 8-9am** - Parent & Toddler Group

## Year Six Pupil Leadership Weekly Reflection

This term, we are focussing on support and thinking about who our support network is.

One group of people who support us is the community police. Some children were fortunate enough to work with Newham Police recently, learning about how to keep safe.

This week, we would like you to think about how you can support others to keep safe and make the right choices. What advice would you give them?



*Zakariya - 6H*



# Attendance at Star

Did you come to school everyday this week?

Which classes achieved the highest attendance?

Who will get the attendance cup?

## Last Week's Results

### Reception

RB - 89.6%

**RP - 98.6%**

RU - 94%

### Year 1

1B - 86.5%

1R - 79.6%

**1S - 94.8%**

### Year 2

**2P - 90%**

2S - 92.9%

2V - 80.7%

### Year 3

3G - 95.2%

**3L - 99.6%**

3R - 85.9%

### Year 4

4H - 86%

**4L - 92.1%**

4S - 85%

### Year 5

5N - 92%

**5R - 94%**

5RK - 90%

### Year 6

**6H - 95.7%**

6P - 90.7%

6R - 94.1%

**Whole school attendance - 90.7%**

# Happy Leaves



This half term we are celebrating pupils who have shown good examples of **SUPPORT**. The winners in this week's assembly were...

<b>Nursery</b> AM - River PM - Fathima	<b>Reception</b> RU - Boateng RP - Manha RB - Mal
<b>Year 1</b> 1B - Mehrish 1R - Maya 1S - Hassan	<b>Year 2</b> 2P - Jayden 2S - Rares 2V - Yaqub
<b>Year 3</b> 3G - Yusuf 3L - David P 3R - Mario	<b>Year 4</b> 4H - Rayyan 4L - David 4S - Alara
<b>Year 5</b> 5R - Blake 5RK - Ozair 5N - Rylee	<b>Year 6</b> 6H - Tommy 6R - Rayan 6P - Guosne

# Golden lunches

Class teachers select one pupil per week to have a golden lunch with the Headteacher or Deputies. This is awarded to those that show the **most progress** or make the most effort in their learning!

## *This week's winners*

### *Reception*

*RB - Jaheim*

*RP - Khali*

*RU - Katherine*

### *Year 1*

*1B - Zaheer*

*1S - Nura*

*1R - Adam*

### *Year 2*

*2V - Elsie May*

*2S - Umar*

*2P - Farheen*

### *Year 3*

*3R - Eshaq*

*3G - Ismail*

*3L - Aisha*

### *Year 4*

*4H - Nashwan*

*4S - Riccardo*

*4L - Hajra*

### *Year 5*

*5R - Blake*

*5RK - Deon*

*5N - Naeem*

### *Year 6*

*6H - Henry*

*6R - Jennifer*

*6P - Amana*



# House Points

Teachers, lunch staff, support staff, school leaders and our office team have been awarding house tokens all week. Pupils have received tokens if they have demonstrated children's rights, shown good leadership skills and have excellent learning behaviors.

Congratulations to the winning house... results below!

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS



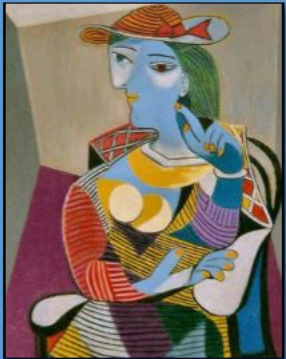
Da Vinci

381



Monet

322



Picasso

427



Van Gogh

386



WINNING  
House

PICASSO

# Weekly Newsletters

All the information you need in one place!

The following pages contain our year group newsletters with all the information about the upcoming week.

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[Year 6](#)





# Nursery NEWSLETTER



**WEEK BEGINNING 19.01.2024**

## THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,



Next week in Nursery, we will start reading **The Bad Tempered Ladybird** and discuss feeling and emotions while we consolidate ways to manage these and self-regulate.

As part of our Personal, Social and Emotional development we will learn about **growth and tolerance** and how these translate in friendships and relationships.



Nursery will start off the week with a science experiment and observation. We will be planting watercress seeds and we will observe what happened to them when we store them in different places: in the sunlight, in the shade or in the cupboard. This will enable our learning about plants and what they need to grow.



## STAR MOMENTS



I make for mummy.

The doll had a bad eye. We're fixing it.

We make it taller.



We are sorting the toys.



I tidy up



Bigger snowman



Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

This week, our **Growth** happy leaves go out to:

AM - River

PM - Fathima

## OVER TO YOU

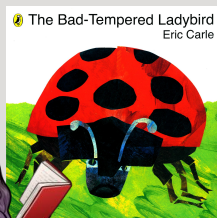
This term's theme is **The Earth Our Home**. Please use this opportunity to discuss with your child what you can do to Cut Your Carbon and look after our Earth - eating all the food on your plate to minimise food wastage.

[Click for more info.](#)



## BOOK OF THE WEEK

**The very busy spider**



Rhymes to practise:  
10 in the bed



- Please keep on sharing your WOW moments from home on Tapestry. Your teachers love seeing them! Thank you to those parents who are active on Tapestry, it's great to have your contributions of the learning that is happening at home!

- Please return your reading folder every Friday to ensure the books are being changed in time for Monday.
- As the weather is getting cold, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing.
- We are accepting donations for plastic bottle tops and cork bottle tops



**Any Questions?**



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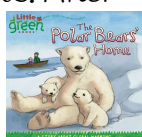


# Reception NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING: 19.01.2024

## THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

We have very exciting week ahead of us! After reading 'The Polar Bears Home' and discussing global warming, we will carry out another great science experiment all about melting, so don't forget your lab coats this week!



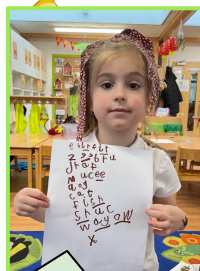
We are going to show curiosity by investigating and exploring and asking lots of questions like Curious Chloe!



We are really challenging children to be super **independent**. Please continue to encourage your child to be independent at all times just like Independent Izzy! We would love to see their independence on Tapestry!



## STAR MOMENTS



I make a list of animals!



I am number 4, I need to stand here!



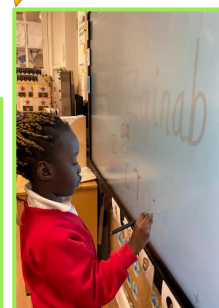
The Gruffalo has orange eyes!



I made a holiday island!



I have 4 teddy bears and I can use my fingers to show 4!!



I'm writing my name!

## DON'T FORGET...

- P.E. is on Tuesday – children need to wear their P.E. kit to school.
- Wear your Fit Friday kit on Fridays. If you haven't purchased this yet, the P.E. kit will be acceptable. Follow the link to purchase your personalised kit: <https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/back-to-school>
- Please ensure your child has at least a set of spare clothes in their bag (top, bottom, underwear and socks) as well as a pair of wellies to be left in school.
- All your child's belongings must be **clearly labeled**.
- Share your **WOW** moment from home on Tapestry. Your teachers will be thrilled to see them.



## Over to you. HOME LEARNING

Here are some links that you can use to watch phonics videos to support your child's learning:



Blending



How to say the sounds

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# Week beginning

## 19.01.2024

# Year 1 Newsletter



## STAR moments

### GOLDEN LUNCH

Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

**1R: Aadam**  
**1S: Liyana**  
**1B: Zaheer**

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown **growth** and **support**.

Talk to your child about how they can develop greater independence and what they can do to cope when things are not going well.

**1R: Maya**  
**1S: Bryan**  
**1B: Mehrish**



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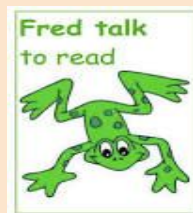
## Our highlights ..

Spring 1: Earth our Home



### English:

As writers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds, reading and writing everyday.



### Maths:

As mathematicians, we will be completing some maths revision. We will review and practice our mathematical methods and understanding.

Mathletics

### R.E.

As theologians, we will be learning about the Sikh story of Guru Nanak. We will discuss what we think the story means and consider what Sikhs believe as a result.

### Art:

As artists, we will be creating a printed figure of an endangered animal in the style of Henri Matisse. To do this we will dip different shaped sponges into paint and apply them to paper.



### Science:

As scientist, we will be discussing how the effects of climate change are making some animals endangered. With this in mind, we will be creating a poster about what we can do try to prevent this.

### Computing

As technicians, we will be using digital software (Sketches School) to create a persuasive poster to help stop climate change.



## Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

### Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily  
(please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. **Phonics session videos** will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics -  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Mathletics



## Don't forget...

- Read everyday for 10 minutes.** We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We expect all children to have read everyday with a comment written in their record books.
- Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday,** again children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- P.E. day is on Monday.** Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- Bug Club and Mathletics** is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds their confidence and vocabulary.



19.01.2024



# Year 2 Newsletter



## Important messages:

Please make sure that homework is completed by Friday every week. Homework is sent out so that your child can reinforce the learning that they have done in the past week. Spellings should be learnt every week by Friday, if you are unsure on how to help your child [click here](#)

## Happy Leaves

Our happy leaves are focusing on Support and Growth. Well done to our happy leaf children this week!



2S: Rares, you have grown into such an independent, mature and helpful class member. You can identify when people are struggling and are always happy to help them.

2P: Jayden. You have shown growth in your attitude to learning. I have noticed that you are recalling and using your phonic sounds to write more in class. Keep this up!

2V: Yaqub, you have shown such fantastic progress and growth in your confidence since before the holidays. I am so impressed at some of your contributions in class, keep it up!

## Our learning... The Earth Our Home

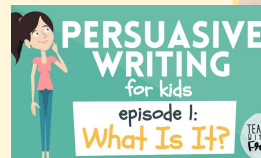
Maths: We will be exploring length and how we measure accurately.



English: In English we will continue our first writing cycle which will be based on a debate about Climate Change and ocean pollution.



Science: In Year 2 we will be lucky enough to look after some chicks and investigate what chicks need to survive.



Geography: We will be learning about where the UK is on a world map.



RE: We will start our new topic of what stories can teach us about peace.

## Don't forget!

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings for 5 minutes and their reading everyday. Each week your child needs to complete their homework and hand it in on Friday morning.

Please also continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.



There will be a winner for our weekly Year 2 competition!  
Fantastic participation to...

2P



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# Week beginning 19.01.2024

# Year 3 Newsletter



LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) engagement meeting is on next Friday 26/01/2024 at 8.00am. Please join us to find out all about Engagement at Star Primary

## Happy Leaves

This week's Happy Leaf recipients were:

3G - Yusuf - For the amazing growth and progress he has made regarding his Task presentation and the quality of his written work.

3L - David P for becoming increasingly responsible and supportive. Growing into a fantastic star leader!

3R - Mario - for his wonderful growth in his independent skills. Mario is now much more confident in organising himself at play and break times. Well done Mario!

Congratulations to the children who achieved a happy leaf this week and to those who had their lunch! We are very proud of your hard work and dedication to your education!

## Earth Our Home

We have lots of exciting lessons planned:

English: We will be publishing our persuasive letters on deforestation. After that we will be exploring leaflets and starting to structure debates

Maths: In Maths we will be exploring capacity.

Science: In Science we will be exploring where our food comes from - We will be looking at whether a particular food type comes from the root, stem, leaves or a seed of a plant.

Geography: Where does our Food come From? We will be locating countries that the UK imports food from and using a key to represent imported fruits / vegetables.

RE: How do Jews celebrate their beliefs at home and in the synagogue? We learned about the harvest festival Sukkot and the special symbols linked to it.

Art Year 3 - Collage and prints inspired by nature was our focus.

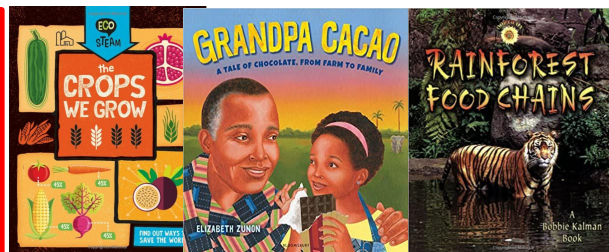
## Don't forget!

Children will be given weekly spellings to practise for 5 minutes each night. They will be tested on Fridays. We politely ask children to practice the strategies and extend themselves by using the words in a sentence so that they understand the meaning. There will also be a big focus on Reading. So, please do ensure that you read with your child daily and that you record their progress in the Reading record provided. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars. P.E is on Wednesday - please wear your PE kit to school. Fit Friday is every Friday.

## Home learning

Please remember to read every day with your child particularly over half term, this should be kept record of in their Reading Record Books. Children will be sent home with books and will be asked to keep them in their book bags which they can now bring to school daily. Children will also be given weekly spellings beginning next week.

By the end of all Year 3 children need to know their 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables fluently. So, please log in to Mathletics and TTRS to help you secure a Bronze Badge before the end of this academic year!



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# Week beginning

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# Year 4 Newsletter



## STAR moments

We are going to start asking the children what their star moments have been. This week 4H.

'I have enjoyed learning about the rainforest, it's scary that people are destroying it, what if we run out of oxygen?'

Kajus

'I liked it when we were talking about the harpy eagle it was interesting to learn it was a predator.'

Rayan

'I saw someone being a supportive partner during science it was nice.'

Aidan

'I realised just how many animals have become endangered, I would like to adopt a morpho butterfly to help save it.'

Jood

Ask your child what has been their 'Star Moment' this week.



## This Week's Learning

In English this week we will learning more on persuasive techniques and the children will learn how to participate in a debate and how to persuade others to see their point of view. The next couple of weeks may get a little heated! In maths we will continue looking at division and multiplication and the children will complete a mental maths and arithmetic tests.

During our foundation lessons in the afternoon, we will continue looking at the Hindu religion in our R.E. lessons and learn how Hindus worship at home. As scientists, children will be describing and explaining how animals have special adaptations for survival. In geography the children will continue their work on the Amazon and looking deeper into deforestation. We will also learn about how changes in the Amazon environment have affected the people who live there. In art, we have been learning about Pop Art and this week the children will look at experimenting with creating mood, feeling and movement by choosing the right materials and techniques.

Shared reading will see us complete our work on the Kapok Tree, all children's work in shared reading should be on their pupil drive as it is all completed on Google Classroom - take a look. We have some amazing readers in Year 4 with many edging closer to becoming members of the reading tree. Keep reading at home it really helps.

# Don't forget!

**Please ensure your child is at the school gate by 7:45am!**

At Star, we have Brighter Starts breakfast and singing in class from 7:50 - 8:00am every morning to support your child with starting the day with as much energy as possible. However we have started to notice in Year 4 children entering school much later than this. Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

## Over to you...Home learning

Log on to **Mathletics** and complete the work assigned to you each day! **Log in details are in your reading record.**

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

Strive to achieve your bronze, silver or gold awards on **Times Tables Rockstars** too.

Mathletics

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# Year 5 Newsletter



## STAR moments

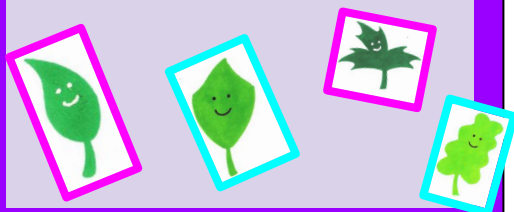
### Happy Leaves

Happy leaves this term are awarded for Growth (RIGHTS) or Support.

**5RK - Ozair** - Ozair is awarded the happy leaf this week for **Growth**. He has developed such a mature attitude since returning in January and his work has improved greatly as a result. Well done Ozair!

**5R - Abdullahi** - who demonstrates excellent learning behaviours and a growth mindset. He has a real thirst for knowledge. Abdullahi is a Star reader as he reads at home every single night. Well done Abdullahi.

**5N - Rylee**, for demonstrating an increasing maturity and consistently making the right decisions both in the classroom and the playground. It is wonderful to see this growth in Rylee - keep it up!



## Next week's learning...

**Maths:** In Maths next week we will be consolidating our work on line graphs with a journaling lesson. We will then be starting our Fractions unit.

**English:** In English, we will be completing and publishing our information leaflets about climate change.

**Carbon Schools/Computing:** We will be continuing our project, looking at how food and purchasing contributes to our carbon footprint. We will add this to our Google Site.

**RE:** We will be exploring the concept of accepting things we find difficult by looking at an ancient Buddhist story.

**Geography:** We will be exploring how humans have affected the environment in North America - in particular, California.

**Science:** We will be comparing and contrasting the life cycles of two different mammals.

**Spanish:** In Spanish, we will continue learning new vocabulary relating to the weather.

## Don't forget...

Your child should be reading at home each evening and completing their reading record. These need to be in school each morning to be checked by the class teacher.

Spellings will continue to be uploaded to the Google Classroom on a Monday.  
Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.  
Please encourage your child to practise these throughout the week.

## Over to you...Home learning

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Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

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# Week beginning

## 19.01.2024

# Year 6 Newsletter



## STAR moments

### Golden Lunch Pupils:

6P: Amana 6R: Jennifer 6H: Henry

### Happy Leaves

**6P: Guosne**, for demonstrating a range of supportive techniques. Guosne has taken on the role of a prefect with a lot of enthusiasm and dedication; she is always there to support others, even children in lower year groups. Keep it up Guosne!

**6H: Tommy**, for his independence and support. Tommy is always looking to make a start with his learning - showing determination for his book work. Tommy is also unafraid to ask for help and receiving support from peers and teachers. Very responsible, Tommy!

**6R: Rayan**, for his constant support for his class members and friends around them. Rayan is very observant and when someone is struggling or needs a friend, he discreetly be there supporting in anyway he can.



## Our topic is...Earth our Home

**In Reading**, we will be focusing on reading a range of fiction texts and answering comprehension questions to develop our understanding of the text.

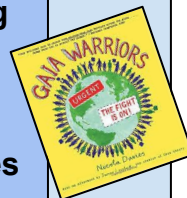
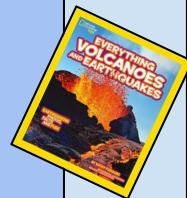
**In English**, we will be focusing on developing our grammatical skills by delving deeper into contractions, possession and plural possession.

**In Maths**, we will be continuing to learn how to subtract fractions with the same and different denominators.

**In Science**, we will be describing how plants are classified.

**In Geography**, we will be identifying and describing the physical features of a volcano.

**In Art**, we will be using our chromebooks to create fonts and prints that could be added to our collages similar to that of the art work produced by Barbara Kruger.



## Don't forget!

Your child should be reading at home each evening and completing their reading record. These need to be in school each morning to be checked by the class teacher.

## Over to you...Homework

This week, you will be given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. If you haven't done so already, begin to use SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve your Reading, Grammar and Maths. You could start by consolidating some Year 5 topics and then move onto Year 6 topics. Your teachers will be assigning tasks for you to complete. <https://app.satscompanion.com/login>

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