

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th November



HEADline

This term has started well and children are keen and interested in their learning. We have already had an Outdoor Classroom day, focusing on using our great grounds for a whole range of learning, ranging from maths to science to art and design. We have been learning about Remembrance, and were lucky to have a VIP visitor to our Armistice Day assembly to teach us more about the history of the day. We have visited the Memorial and reminded ourselves how lucky we are for our local environment and surrounding area.

This week saw the opening of the Royal Voluntary Services Victory Community Centre and Café in Melville Court. The grand opening was very well attended by the Mayor, and many other local voluntary organisations and services. It is a great resource and is going to grow from strength-to-strength. If you haven't popped in already, visit for a coffee and a chat and see what is on offer.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of family occasions planned – including all of our Christmas celebrations and festivities.



Here's a handy list - save the dates!

- 29.11.19 Christmas Fair Tag Day – watch for posters around school for information
- 11.12.19 9:15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration to Families (toddlers welcome)
- 11.12.19 2:15pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration to Parents (Adults only)
- 16.12.19 10:45am FS1 Nursery Christmas Singing
2:30pm FS1 Nursery Christmas Singing
- 18.12.19 Christmas Lunch
- 18.12.19 2:00pm FS2 Nativity for families
- 19.12.19 2:15pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service (Parents welcome)
- 20.12.19 1:30pm Christmas Fair

**20th DECEMBER
NO FRIDAY CLUBS ON THIS DAY
OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OR AFTERNOON NURSERY**



Key Staff

Mrs Mason *Headteacher*
Mrs Prentice *SENCO*
Mrs Marie *LKS2 Leader*

Mrs Price *Deputy Head FS & KS1*
Mrs Lewis *FS Leader*
Mrs Tindall *UKS2 Leader*

Mr Presneill *Deputy Head KS2*
Mrs Price *Y1 Leader*

Mrs White *Chair of Governors*
Mrs Bass *Acting Y2 Leader*

Mrs Liddle *Family Liaison Officer - 07535 696125*

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THIS TERM'S ACTIVITIES

NURSERY

Last term was a busy term for nursery. Our new children have settled in well and are enjoying being curious in our new environment. We explored autumn and identified the changes that we could see. Children loved looking for conkers and the nursery is now full of many conkers of different sizes and shapes! We have also discovered that we love singing and have learnt many new rhymes. You will always hear us singing both indoors and outdoors and now we have discovered the musical instruments to accompany these rhymes.

We are now looking forward to starting our second term in nursery. We love our new outside area that we have waited patiently for. We can't wait to see how the children use this area and will be watching it develop into an amazing learning space for our children full of awe and wonder. Week beginning 18th November is World Nursery Rhyme week and we will be joining in with this event. Watch out for more information including a nursery rhyme dress up day. Towards the end of term, we will be incorporating Christmas into our play. We will be inviting parents in for a Christmas crafting session to make decorations for our nursery. On the 16th December, your children will be proudly performing their Christmas singing concert and we will send out more information nearer the time.

RECEPTION

Children in reception will be learning about why we celebrate Bonfire night, Armistice Day and Christmas. They will all be taking part in our Christmas nativity play so we'll be learning songs and lines to help bring the nativity play to life (18th Dec). We will be discussing day and night and what animals come out during the night. We will be baking Christmas biscuits and creating our Christmas crafts with family members (Friday 13th Dec).

We will also be joining in with the Schools' Christmas dinner (18th Dec) Christmas Jumper Day (19th Dec) and having fun at our Christmas party (19th Dec).

In maths, children will be learning about how long a minute is, and how many things can be done in that time. They will be learning about 2D shapes and will learn vocabulary to describe the shape-sides and corners. We will also be learning about weight and helping Father Christmas to sort parcels in order of weight. We will be writing letters to Father Christmas and hoping for a reply.

YEAR ONE

In term 2, children will be continuing the topic 'Ourselves'. A representative from the Guildhall Museum will visit to deliver a workshop. Children will learn about old toys and compare them to the toys that they play with now.

Children will learn about Remembrance and Fireworks. They will retell the story of Guy Fawkes and describe the fireworks that they have seen.

In PSHE, children will learn about feelings and emotions. They will be able to say how their actions can affect other people.

Children will learn songs ready for their Christmas performance and they will have the opportunity to explore instruments to accompany the singing.

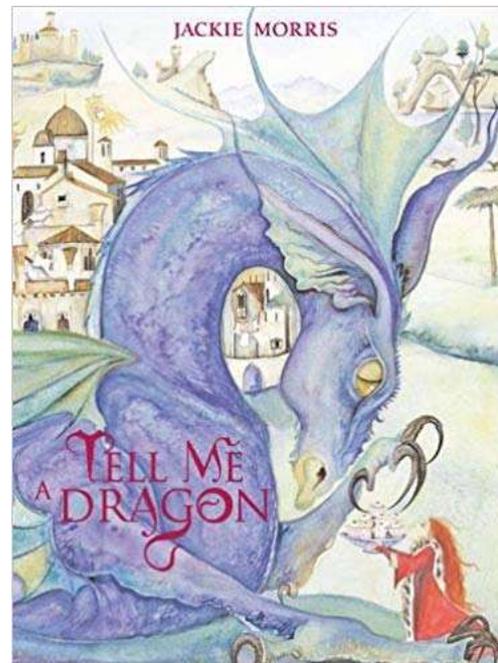
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YEAR 2

This term, in Year 2, we are continuing our 'Fire and Ice' topic. There will be a giant egg arriving in the school grounds, which may or may not contain a fire-breathing dragon! The pupils will then be sharing dragon stories such as 'The boy who grew dragons', 'Dragon Post', 'Tell me a dragon' and 'Dragon Stew'. We would love to see which other dragon related stories you have at home or find in the library. The children will then be creating their own dragon books during their Friday writing workshops. The pupils will be taking part in ice-themed science experiments as well as snowy Christmas activities towards the end of term. They will be learning about the Nativity in RE lessons and learning songs for the Christmas show in music classes. For more information, please check the weekly blog on the website.



Also, can I put in a request?

If anyone has any plain (preferably white or light-coloured) mugs that they no longer want, please donate them to KS1 for a project. We will not be able to use any with pictures, patterns or writing on them. *Thanks for your support.*

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

This term Year 3 and 4 will be continuing their learning about the Stone Age, where they will be finding out their own questions about Stonehenge and then presenting the information that they have found. In preparation for their trip to Kent Life, the children will be completing some work related to it and ensuring that they have some knowledgeable facts and questions to ask whilst they are experiencing the different sessions there.

In maths, the children will be continuing their work on number operations and in particular, multiplication and division. It is therefore important that children are continuing to access Times



Tables Rockstars at home as this will support them in their learning.

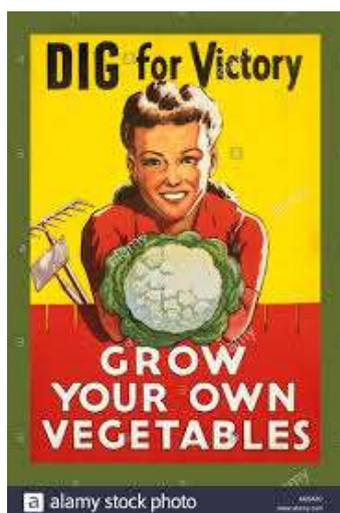
Furthermore, children will also be carrying on with their music, computing and PE lessons weekly as well as beginning to think about the Festive time of year . . . Christmas!

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UPPER KEY STAGE 2

In Year 5 and 6 we are continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks this term but we will be focusing on the geography of the region and in particular we will be learning about the Spartans and the Athenians. We have already been out and about this term, as part of the phases' act of Remembrance we paired up with children from our Foundation Stage and visited the Royal Naval War Memorial and the younger children laid wreaths that they had created. This was a wonderful opportunity for the eldest children and some of the youngest children in our school community to come together and has paved the way for more opportunities for the children to learn and experience side by side – so watch this space!



Our “Dig for Victory” campaign is now well underway and several of our Year 6 children are currently working with Miss Staples every week, preparing and planting out our vegetable plot. It is our intention that this work will support and underpin the phases' learning about World War 2 in terms 5 and 6, when the children will find out more about the government's “Dig for Victory” campaign, which was launched to encourage the nation to grow their own. We are hoping that the children, through “having a go” themselves will have a greater understanding of this. Already Year 5 have been using the outside classroom to support their science learning for this term by collating data about worms and how their distribution affects bird populations and Year 6 are hoping to get outside this week to plant some bulbs which links with our scientific learning about plants and plant reproduction. Of course,

this term sees us enjoy the Christmas season in school, like other phases we will be creating some wonderful things for you to buy at the Christmas fayre- so don't do all your Christmas shopping just yet! We look forward to seeing you all as part of our celebrations later on in the term and we thank for your continued support.

KEY DATES

Christmas Term 2019

Tuesday 5th November – Friday 20th December

Winter Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Easter Term 2020

Tuesday 25th February – Friday 3rd April

Spring Term 2020

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May
(Bank Holiday Friday 8th May)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th November 2019

Application forms for Friday Clubs will be sent out

29th November 2019

Christmas Fair Tag Day - watch for posters around school for information

11th December 2019

Christmas Show to Families (toddlers welcome) – 9.15am

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th December 2019

Christmas Show to Parents (adults only) – 2.15pm

12th December 2019

KS1 Panto (at school) – 11am

12th December 2019

Panto Yr R, Yr1 Yr2 - £3

13th December 2019

Christmas Crafts for FS2 – 8.45am – 11am – All welcome

16th December 2019

FS1 Nursery Christmas Singing – 10.45am

FS1 Nursery Christmas Singing – 2.30pm

18th December 2019

Christmas Lunch

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FS2 Nativity Play for families– 2.00pm – Main Hall

19th December 2019

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – parents welcome – 2.15pm

20th December 2019

Christmas Fair – 1.30pm

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