

NORTHERN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS (City of Wolverhampton)



Northern House School
City of
Wolverhampton

Autumn Term, 2018



*Dear Parent/Guardian,
Welcome Back!*

Summer seems a distant memory and we are back into our routine. Thank you to all parents/guardians who have sent their children to school in full uniform, equipped with a good attitude and ready to learn! We now have new class names - **Panthers, Tigers, Jaguars** and **Lions**.

Exciting Curriculum, Exciting Teachers:

We have got straight to work in our classes and we would like you to have an overview of all we have learnt:



Panthers – Year 3/4

Teacher - Mrs Chand

Class Aim - To grow in confidence and ability and to form positive relationships

Topic: The Tudors

Literacy - We have been practising some basic skills including **punctuation** and **reading comprehensions**.

Numeracy – **Addition** is used every day in daily life, so we have been using number squares and doing practical activities in order to calculate addition.

Topic – Ask us about the **Battle of Bosworth** or **Richard III** or **Henry VII!**

RE – We have started to learn about **Hinduism** and their gods.

Art - We are improving our **drawing skills** and are listening to step by step instructions.

DT - Making **fortune tellers** was fun!

Outdoor Education - We enjoyed a **scavenger hunt** outside!

Food - Week 1 - we made **shortbread**; Week 2 we made **diggers!** Yummy yum!



Tigers – Year 4/5

Teacher - Mrs Wilkins

Class Aim - To work together as a team, improve aspirations; understand our own feelings and those of others; increase our attainment in core subjects

Topic: World War 2

Literacy - We have been reading Goodnight, Mister Tom focusing on **homophones** and **correcting grammatical mistakes**

Numeracy – We have been statisticians **collecting data in tally chart, drawing and interpreting bar charts and beginning to understand the function of pie charts.**

Science - Learning about **habitats** and **food chains** has been fun and we discovered different ways to **research information**.

Topic – Ask us how **World War 2** started!

Music - **World War 2 music** is so different to today!

RE – We are learning to **understand ourselves and others**.

Art - Could you design an **air raid shelter**?

DT - Making **3d buildings** is fantastic!

Outdoor Education - We looked around the school for **different habitats**.

Stem - We made our first attempt to **build bridges** with different materials and started to compare the strength of the structures. We can't wait to continue with this next week!

Food - Week 1 - we made **flapjacks**; Week 2 we made **cornflake cakes!** Delicious!

Circle Time - We have been **establishing relationships** and **getting to know each other** and we used our friendship skills to sit together and choose and name our **class pet - Gizmo, the Rabbit!**



Lions – Year 6A
Teacher - Mr Phillips
Class Aim - To prepare all pupils for SATs
Topic: World War 2



Literacy - We have looked at **prefixes** and **word classification** in order to improve our independent writing.

Numeracy – We have revisited **Roman numerals** and recapped **addition and subtraction using the column method**.

Science - Our theme is '**Our body**'. We have learnt about **foods** that we need and have investigated aspects of our **skeleton**.

Topic – We are learning all about **Sport** and so far we have researched some famous **sporting stars**, creating **graphs** and **charts** based on our likes and dislikes. Ask us about our **sport shirts!**

Music - We have been discovering a range of **instruments** and learning to read **graphic score**.

RE – We have had some very thought-provoking and mature discussions about **Sikhism** and **Islam**.

Art - We have been learning to **sketch** independently.

DT - We have designed **planes!**

Outdoor Education - We went into the **Forest Schools** area and developing our **social skills** with some exciting activities.

Stem - We had to complete a range of **Lego-building tasks**.

Food - Week 1 - we also made **flapjacks** and **cornflake cakes!** We enjoyed making and eating them!

Circle Time - We played some board games sharing ideas and feelings and learnt how to look after Ford and Hetty - our tortoise class pets!

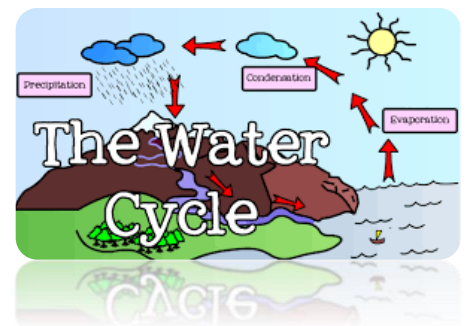




Jaguars – Year 6B

Teacher - Mr Cooper

Class Aim - To prepare pupils socially and academically



Topic: Holes

Literacy - We have been expanding noun phrases to describe characters and contracted apostrophes.

Numeracy – We have been practising place value and number sequences.

Science - We can now describe a water cycle

Topic – We started to get to know the storyline, characters and plot of Holes

Music - We practised timing and rhythm.

RE – We are exploring commitment.

Art - We created figurative symbols and art Jackson Pollock style.

DT - Ask us about our steady hand project!

Outdoor Education - We hunted for objects for our 5 senses and compared the desert with our environment.

Stem - We created a bridge together using this exercise to build bridges between us as a class! We have also created a zip-line for an action figure!

Food - Week 1 - we made flapjacks; Week 2 we made cornflake cakes! Yummy yum!

Circle Time - We have been learning how to make friends and learnt how to self-reflect.

Place Value			
	Tens	Ones	
	8	6	eighty-six
Hundreds	Tens	Ones	
3	8	6	three hundred eighty-six
Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
1	3	8	6
one thousand three hundred eighty-six			

Since September, we have welcomed two new pupils. They have settled in well and made some very good friends. We would also like to welcome Mr Cooper on board who joined us in September and Mrs Wilkins, who has been with us since Summer Term 2.



Attendance:

Primary pupils have always been a credit to the School. Attendance has been good and at present, it is at 96.2%, but our aim this year is **98%**!

I want to congratulate our "100%ers"! The class in the lead for the **Attendance Trip** is currently: **JAGUARS at 98.8%**, with Lions a close second at 98.61%, Tigers at 94.44% and Panthers at 91.52%.

Well done, so far - especially to our individual 100%ers!

Best Conduct:

Every day, your child has been bringing home their Behaviour Charts. A **Green Day = Golden Time** (reward time)! A **Green Week = Platinum Time** (a special activity on Friday)! Every half term, those who have achieved their target **SMART** points will be rewarded with a trip, a voucher or some other privilege chosen by staff. Encourage your child to gain their **SMART** points and reach their target!



School Values:

It is important that we instil within our children the values we hold so dear in our society, so every half-term we focus on one of the British Values which we promote as a school. This half-term, class teams will focus on the **Democracy**. This includes voting for a representative for the Primary **School Council** and electing a **Head Boy** and a **Head Girl**.

Important

Reminders:

PE Kit: Please supply black/navy shorts and a white t-shirt for PE. See PE days below:

Panthers: WEDNESDAY

Tigers: MONDAY

Lions: THURSDAY

Jaguars: TUESDAY

Outdoor Education: Please supply old trainers or wellies and leave them in school.

Dinner: those who have to pay for school meals, please remember you can use the online system, ParentMail to pay for dinners or alternatively send the money in an envelope with your child. Any outstanding monies need to be paid asap.

Contact: you can use ParentMail to contact the school. Go on to the app to see how!

Parental Support

I would like to finish by again recognising how valuable you are to your child's education. We have baselined your child and will be sending you **Progress Trackers** with the next newsletter where you will see your child's starting point, their current attainment and their accelerated target. Please look out for weekly homework on Fridays which will mostly consist of spellings. At the end of each term, we will present the **Spelling Award** to those who have done well in their spellings. Spelling is a very important part of life. Please help your child to succeed!



Autumn Term 1

21 September - Jeans for Genes
25 September - Theatre Performance
26 September - European Day of Languages
3 October - No Pens Wednesday
5 October - MacMillan Coffee Morning
16 October SMART Trip
17 October Attendance Trip
19 October - Black History Morning

HALF TERM 20 October - 4 November

Autumn Term 2

5 - 9 November - National Non-Fiction Week
12 - 16 November - Anti-bullying Week
16 November - Children in Need
19 - 23 November - Road Safety Week
7 December - Enterprise Day
12 December Attendance Trip
13 December SMART Trip
21 December Parent/Carer Consultation Morning

END OF TERM 22 December - 6 January

Spring Term 1

18 January - SMSC/World Religion Day
28 January - 1 February - National Storytelling Week
5 February - Chinese New Year
6 February - Safer Internet Day
12 February - Attendance Trip
13 February - SMART Trip

HALF TERM 16 February - 24 February

Spring Term 2

6 March - Amazing Maths Day
7 March - World Book Day
15 March - Red Nose Day
18 - 22 March - Shakespeare Week
22 March - World Water Day
2 April - World Autism Day
8 April - Attendance Trip
9 April - SMART Trip
12 April - Parent/Carer Consultation Morning

END OF TERM 13 April - 28 April

Summer Term 1

6 May - Bank Holiday
8 May - Bike to School
15 May - National Family Day
21 May - SMART Trip
22 May - Attendance Trip

HALF TERM 25 May - 2 June

Summer Term 2

3 - 7 June - National Growing for Well-being Week
10 - 14 June - Art Week
20 June - World Music Day
16 July - SMART Trip
17 July - Attendance Trip
18 July - Primary Sports Day
22 July - Consultation Morning

23 & 24 July - INSET Days

SUMMER HOLIDAY STARTS 25 July

Timetable



BREAKFAST 9:00 – 9:25	5 MINS BRAIN GYM	PERIOD 1 9:30 – 10:15	PERIOD 2 10:15 – 11:00	PERIOD 3 11:15 – 12:15	PERIOD 4 12:50 – 1:20	PERIOD 5 1:20 – 1:50	Ref/Gold 2:05 – 2:20
MON		NUMERACY	LITERACY PHONICS/HANDWRITING	SCIENCE	OUTDOOR ED.	TOPIC	★
TUES		NUMERACY	LITERACY READING COMPREHENSION	RE	FOOD		★
WED		LITERACY GRAMMAR/PUNCTUATION	ZOOLOGY (KL)	NUMERACY	PE		★
THURS		ART (LL)		STEM	MUSIC (RW)	DT	★
*FRI		NUMERACY	LITERACY BIG WRITS	CIRCLE TIME PLATINUM TRAY	MRS CHAND		★

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THURS		ZOOLOGY (KL)		STEM	FOOD		★
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 CLIMBING ASSEMBLY 12:15 – 12:30