

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Newsletter 21

18 February 2022

Dates for the Diary

18 February – Term 3 ends
28 February – Term 4 starts
3 March – World Book Day
6 & 7 April – Parent/ Carer consultations
25 April – Year R National Child Measurement
Programme (info sent 16/12/21)

INSET Days this academic year

Thursday 2 September 2021
Monday 1 November 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 29 April 2022
Monday 4 July 2022

We've made it to the first half of the spring term and it definitely hasn't been the end of term we were expecting! This has certainly been a very busy term with a wide range of unexpected challenges, but the children have continued to be amazing, being the very best they can be – we continue to be so proud of them.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half- term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th February.

Best wishes

Mrs Flanagan

School meals – important information

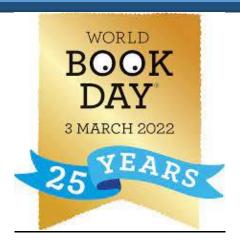
In our newsletter last week, we advised you that we have appointed new caterers in school from next term (menu was included at the end of the newsletter and can also be found on our website using the link below:

https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-dinners

For the time being, please can you continue to book every day that you wish your child to have a school dinner (referring to the menu) but you will not be able to specify the meal choice on ParentPay for your child. When children get to the hatch they will need to let our kitchen staff know their meal preference then. We apologise for this and we will hopefully have our systems up and running properly very soon and we will let you know when this has been done.

Food bookings can be made up to 3 weeks in advance. If you can also let your child know what they will be having each day to help with queues it would be very much appreciated!

Thank you for your assistance. We are very excited with our new caterers and hope to return to normal systems very soon!



World Book Day

This year World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 3rd March**. It's the 25th anniversary of World Book Day so it would be great for everyone to be involved. This year's message is '**you are a reader**' so we will be celebrating reading for pleasure on World Book Day and all-year round.

Children can dress as their favourite **fictional** book character (there really is no expectation to buy any costumes or go to any expense making a costume) The link below has some great ideas for creating costumes for the big day.

https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/

https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/easy-costumes-world-book-day-17813704

We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes!

Antarctica Class

In Antarctica class this week we have focused on our handwriting and counting skills.

We have revised all our letter formations over the course of the week. Forming letters correctly in YR is vitally important as a foundation for our future joining and fluid handwriting later on, which in turn makes writing more comfortable and automatic. Have a look at our videos on Evidence me to see our relaxed way of practising – you could try this at home!

We love counting in Antarctica class and we are getting much better at counting backwards too! Have a lovely Half Term everyone and **don't forget to read!**

Australia Class

We are now halfway through this academic year and year 1 are thriving and shining! I am so proud of them all! This week we have been looking at telling the time to the half hour and using purple mash to create story books.

Next term we have a few timetable changes: PE will now be on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please ensure all children are wearing appropriate PE shoes for this as we will be going outside for most sessions.

Year 1 are also super lucky to have forest school with Mrs Gray next term on a Thursday PE. An email outlining details for this was sent out earlier this week.

Have a restful half term and I will see you all fresh and ready on the 28th.

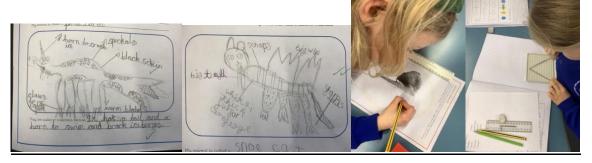
Africa Class

We have had a busy end to Term 3 in Africa class! We have continued learning about shape in maths and enjoyed using geoboards to create different shapes. In English, we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of

Robert Falcon Scott and we have created some truly beautiful pieces of writing. In science, we have been learning all about animal adaptations. We have been singing songs that help us to remember some different types of adaptations as well as learning about how polar bears and elephants are both well suited to their own environments. We also created our own animals that are suited to living in Antarctica and thought carefully about what they may need to survive!

Next term, Year 2 will have P.E on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child is wearing their P.E kit on the first day back to school ready for this.

Have a wonderful half term!



Europe Class



Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this week on their first oracy project. They have been recalling previous learning about Samuel Pepys and using tons of amethyst power to work in small groups researching, creating posters and planning a presentation. We were planning on presenting to the class today however this is now planned for the first week back after half term. They have also been writing some incredible Viking non-chronological reports and sharing all the things they have learnt this term during topic lessons.

Just a reminder that Year 3 will be starting cricket coaching on the first day back (Monday 28th February) therefore they will need to wear their PE kit on the first day of term 4. This will continue throughout the term which will mean for term 4 PE days will be Mondays and Tuesday.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and can't wait to welcome you all back on 28.2.22.

Asia Class



This week Year 4 have been planning and rehearsing their very own Oracy presentations. They have used the tablets to research various animals and their habitats and designed according posters and scripts. They will be presenting these the first week back after half term. Look forward to hearing them!

North America

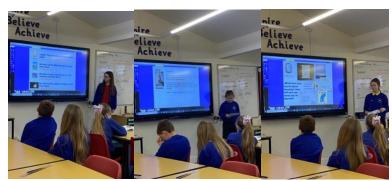
What a fantastic term it has been! This week was no different. We completed our dance to 'Rise Up' and performed it to some very special guests. We have written some fantastic information texts that demonstrate all our historical knowledge about Prehistory and in Maths, we have been looking and angles and transformation of shapes.

Every child has come home with a book that they have chosen and we have shared our recommendations with one another. I have challenged them all to read five times during half term and remember their reading records on Monday so that we have a whole class set next term. Reading is so important and we are trying to develop the love of books and reading in all of our children.

Next term, PE days will be changing to Monday (Cricket) and Wednesday (Gymnastics). Hope you all have a lovely half term.

South America

What an end to a busy and eventful term 3! We have almost completed our Independent Write of our adventure stories. The children have been writing and editing their stories about their main character going on an adventure and becoming separated from their parents, just like Michael in 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In maths, we have continued learning about ratio and how to use the symbol and the associated language and we have been solving ratio problems. This week the children have been pushed out of their comfort zone as we have been brushing up on our oracy and presentation skills. They will be using these skills in term 4 to present their learning expertly to their captive audience! Some of the children had an additional chance to do this as they led this week's class worship.



Have a lovely half term break and I will see you next term!

Just a reminder – P.E. will be on a Monday next term so children will need to wear their P.E. kits to school on the 1^{st} day back.





After two years of the Pandemic as we move forward...

If you are struggling...

If you just want someone to talk to...

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email: m.strange@fromesidechurches.org.uk

South Gloucestershire Community Learning and Skills Service

*FREE courses for Adults – January - July 2022

www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning/

f www.facebook.com/sgloslearning/

Hsgcleam

*FREE workshop
Spring Crafts for Families



Something for February half term holidays - for primary school children, accompanied by their parents/carers.

An opportunity to create crafts out of everyday household objects. The course will:

- provide skills and knowledge which will help you gain confidence in your creativity
- · encourage you to learn together with your children
- · encourage creativity and individuality

Where: St Nicholas Family Centre, Abbotswood area, Yate

When: Thursday 24th February 2022, 10.00 – 12.30

Contact to book: Sam: samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk / 07768 293842

*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications. Accredited IT and employability courses MAY be subject to fees unless you are on low income and/or means-tested benefits. Please ring for further information

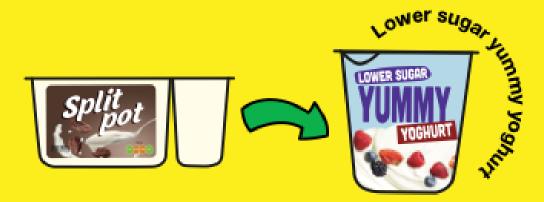








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