News from EYFS









We are so excited as we have baby blue tits nesting in the bird box on the tree outside Nursery 😂



News from Year 1

We have been reviewing and updating our curriculum, ready for the new academic year, 2023 - 2024. Here is the new unit overview for this year group.



- 1 Here & Now
- 2 Old & New
- 3 Town & City
- 4 Hot & Cold
- 5 Big & Small
- 6 Near & Far

Do you have a child in year 1 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the phonics screening check in June.

The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum.

In 2023, the check will take place during the week commencing Monday 12 June.

With some exceptions, all pupils who have reached the age of 6 by the end of the school year must take the check during that academic year. For most, this will be in year 1. This includes pupils registered at maintained nursery schools who will reach the age of 6 before the end of the school year and have completed the year 1 programme of study.

What if my child does not reach the standard in year 1?

If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of year 1, a programme of support should be put in place and their teacher will consider a re-take in year 2.

Information for parents:

2023 phonics screening check

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words.

Pseduo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning.

Pseudo-words are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills.

All pseudo-words in the check are accompanied by a picture of an imaginary creature. Children are taught that when a word has a creature next to it, it is a pseudo-word. This is to ensure that they are not trying to match the pseudo-word to a word in their vocabulary.

The check is designed to give teachers information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes, your child's teacher will share your child's score with you in the last half term of year 1.

If your child has found the check difficult, your child's school should tell you what support they have put in place to help them improve. You might like to ask how you can support your child to take the next steps in reading.

Children who have not met the standard in year 1 will re-take the check in year 2. The results of any re-take will also be shared with you.



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- 1 Heroes & Villains
- 2 Bravery & Fear
- 3 Similarities & Differences
- 4 Creation & Conservation
- 5 Life & Loss
- 6 Opportunity & Innovation

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Y3

- 1 Emperors & Empires
- 2 Pride & Downfall
- 3 Dreams & Beliefs
- 4 Curiosity & Discovery
- 5 Adversity & Hope
- 6 Rocks & Metals

News from Year 3

5 - Invention & Innovation

6 - Difference & Equality

our Y4
children who
are working
hard at the
multiplication
3 - Freedom & Captivity
4 - Darkness & Light

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- 1 Power & Principles
- 2 Invaders & Settlers
- 3 Equal & Diverse
- 4 Ambition & Desire
- 5 Philosophy & Democracy
- 6 Philosophy & Democracy

News from Year 5





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- 1 Democracy & Equality
- 2 Migration & Opportunity
- 3 Migration & Opportunity
- 4 Ethics & Integrity
- 5 Activism & Action
- 6 Activism & Action



