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Welcome to the new week

It feels as if we've been back at school for a long time now; helped by the fact that the children are now immersed in their second unit of learning. I spent some time on Friday visiting classrooms and was delighted to see such excellent behaviour and fabulous attitudes towards learning. Every classroom I visited was filled with enthusiastic, keen children all working hard and enjoying their learning. I also spent time outside with some children and it was a delight to see them enjoying their playtimes as they always have.

Your children have adapted amazingly well to their new normal; taking everything in their stride and confidently operating within the new rules and guidelines. It's also lovely to have you all back on site twice a day - never underestimate the importance of a smile or hello with us as you drop off or pick up your children. Our days are filled with new challenges too and knowing that we have your support means a lot to us. We really do appreciate it.

This week you'll receive detailed information about your child's Reading Entitlement- a digital booklet filled with information on how we teach your child to read and how you can support that development. Should you experience any difficulty accessing the electronic version, it will be available on our school website or you can request a paper copy by contacting the school office after 10:00 am.

We will also soon be inviting you to a virtual Phonics Awareness event. We run these every September and usually supply cake! Unfortunately, this year we will be running the session online and there won't be refreshments. However, the knowledge you'll get about early reading and phonics will more than make up for that! If your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1, keep an eye out for your invitation.

Keep reading this newsletter for more details about our exciting new initiative - Every Child a Musician. Our school is being praised by NMPAT for our ambitious project to allow every child to experience high quality music tuition, during every year of their time in primary school. Find out below how your child will benefit.

Vicki Masters (Head Teacher)

IT'S MONDAY!
DON'T FORGET TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD
TO TAKE THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL TODAY.



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Please check out our uniform requirements on our website. Children should be in the correct uniform at all times please.

For safety reasons, children should **not wear earrings** for school. Plastic retainers may be worn. Please ensure that your child complies with this rule.



Every Child a Musician

The positive benefits of playing a musical instrument are widely known. Research shows that playing a musical instrument can help your child in many ways:

- Music helps the brain to develop
- Music encourages children to focus
- Music relieves stress
- Music allows your child to express themselves, their feelings and emotions
- Music can improve social skills
- Music develops your child's creativity, which will help them in creative subjects
- Music is closely linked to maths, supporting your child's mathematical development
- Music increases self-confidence and self-esteem
- Music is fun!

For a long time, individual & small group music tuition has been heavily-subsidised and we now intend to bring our fees in line with NMPAT's fees. Other schools charge this amount each term.

We are still offering individual and small group music tuition and have increased the range of instruments on offer. We are now able to offer tuition in the following areas:

- . keyboards
- . brass instruments
- . woodwind instruments
- . percussion instruments
- . upper stringed instruments (violin and viola)
- . lower stringed instruments (cello and bass)
- . vocal coaching

Your child may have expressed an interest in playing an instrument and paperwork will be distributed to you this week, in order for you to book your child's place in these groups.

We've reduced the amount we subsidise individual tuition in order to provide a much wider range of musical experiences for all pupils. Every year, all children in school will experience high-quality musical instrument experiences. Every child will - over the course of their primary school career - play a wide range of different instruments.

These experiences will cover a range of musical instruments from drums to ukeleles to brass instruments. Some projects will last for two terms; others will run for the whole year. Some will offer the opportunity for your child to continue playing in a small group afterwards. All will fill your child with a sense of achievement whilst they have fun learning new skills.

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Your child has now begun their second unit of learning. Please see below for a summary of your child's learning.

Year 1 - Journeys & Exploration	Year 2 - A Twist in the Tale
Personal Development: RE - Muslims and Sikhs RSHE - Dreams and Goals Safety - Online Safety Inspirational People - Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins / Muslims and Sikhs from our community Aspirational Places - The World / USA Resilience Rainbow History - Journey to the Moon Art - linked to space Geography - World Maps Science - Earth, Sun and Moon Maths - securing numbers to 10: counting, ordering, addition, subtraction, applying and problem-solving English - developing English skills through book studies - Stories About Space	Personal Development: RE - Stories from different faiths RSHE - Being Me in my World Safety - Online Reputation Inspirational People - Piet Mondrian, Wassily Kandinsky Aspirational Places - Our local community Resilience Rainbow British Values - Tolerance & Respect Geography - The Local Area Art - The Colour Red Science - Plants Maths - Place Value and numbers to 100, mental addition and subtraction, measures, English - developing English skills through book studies - Traditional Tales
Year 3 - Awe and Wonder	Year 4 - Freedom and Creativity
Personal Development: RE - Christian and Jewish Celebrations RSHE - Healthy Me Safety - Copyright & Ownership Online Inspirational People - Athletes Aspirational Places - Around the UK Resilience Rainbow History - The Stone, Iron & Bronze Age Art - Stone Age Art Geography - UK Map skills and geographical features Science - Rocks and Light Maths - Place Value to 1000, addition and subtraction, the inverse, problem-solving English - developing English skills through book studies	Personal Development: RE - Sikhs and the 5 Ks RSHE - Celebrating Difference Safety - Online Safety Inspirational People - Civil Rights Campaigners / Famous Sikhs Aspirational Places - USA Resilience Rainbow British Values - Individual Liberty and Tolerance and Respect History - Civil Rights in the USA / 1960s Britain Geography - North America Art - Graphic Design and the link to history Science - States of Matter and Habitats Maths - Numbers beyond 1000, addition and subtraction, multiples, factors, times tables English - developing English skills through book studies
Year 5 - Ambition and Desire	Year 6 - Migration and Movement
Personal Development: RE - Sikhs and Seva RSHE - Relationships Safety - Privacy and security online Inspirational People - Influential Sikhs / Phillipe Petit / Malala Yousafzai Aspirational Places - New York City Resilience Rainbow British Values - Democracy, Individual Liberty, Tolerance and Respect History - 9/11 and its place in world history Art - Andy Warhol Geography - North America Science - Forces Maths - Large numbers, negative numbers, Decimal numbers, multiples, factors, prime numbers, mental multiplication, mental division English - developing English skills through book studies	Personal Development: RE - How did it all begin? Christianity, Humanism and Hinduism RSHE - Celebrating Difference Safety - Online Bullying Inspirational People - Andres Curruichich Aspirational Places - South America and Mexico Resilience Rainbow British Values - The Rule of Law / Respect and Tolerance History - Ancient Civilisations - The Maya Art - Mayan Art Geography - geographical features of North and South America Science - Heart and Lungs Maths - Place Value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, factors, multiples, primes, equivalent fractions, comparing, ordering adding and subtracting fractions English - developing English skills through book studies

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