

BHPS Newsletter

Spring 1



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A message from Miss Jobey:

It's been fantastic to have all the children back after Christmas and hearing all the wonderful things they've been up to.



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This term has been jam packed with exciting learning opportunities for our pupils. Our whole school has taken part in a food waste project, working with Georgie from Bind UK and the Eat Smart Project. This has helped raise awareness of the far reaching implications of food waste. Hopefully your little one has come back with some interesting information to share! We've already halved our food waste, but we aren't stopping there!

And of course, we're continuing with our cycling project. After a successful bid to Rise funding, more than 110 of our pupils have achieved their Bikeability award. We have lots more planned, including trips to Northumberland, The Coast to Coast and ultimately a cycling trip to Holland, so watch this space! If you haven't already seen it, read our article in the Chronicle here <https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/health/cycling-battle-hill-primary-rise-28544652>



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Term Profile		
Term	Days	Weeks
Autumn 1	40	8
Autumn 2	35	7
Spring 1	30	6
Spring 2	24	4.8
Summer 1	29	5.8
Summer 2	35	7
Total	193	38.6

Bank Holiday
School Holiday
Weekend
Local Election
Teacher Training

Teacher Training Days

4th September 2023, 8th January 2024

26th February 2024, 19th July 2024

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 26th February - staff training day
- Tuesday 27th February - children return after half term
- Tuesday 5th March - FSU Mother's' Day event. More information to follow
- Tuesday 5th March/Wednesday 6th March - Parents' evening
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 12th March - Dance Festival, Whitley Bay Playhouse
- Tuesday 19th March - Reception and Y6 height and weight
- Thursday 14th March - First Lego League Tournament
- Wednesday 20th March - FSU Open Evening 4-30-5.30
- Thursday 21st March - SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am
- Friday 29th March - break you for Easter holidays
- Wednesday 24th April - FSU Open Evening
- Thursday 9th May - SEND Coffee Morning
- Monday 13th May - Y6 SATs Week

EARLY YEARS

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The FS1 children have enjoyed sessions with Mr Football. They have been using the apparatus to climb, jump, crawl, shuffle and balance.

They all received their free Bookstart pack from Book Trust. We hope you have enjoyed reading the book at home!



Playgroup children have been enjoying music time with Ashley from the North Tyneside Music Education Hub (NTMEH)



FSU children enjoyed a visit from the ladies at EatSmart. They came in to talk to us about healthy eating and food waste.

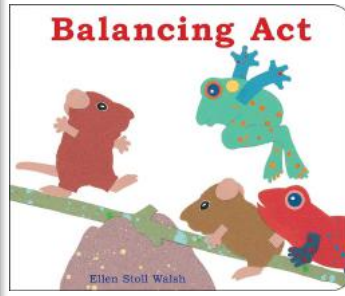
Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Potty Training	https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/
NHS Orange Book	https://nenc-northtyneside.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/the-little-orange-book/
Maths:	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks
What to expect in EYFS	https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf

Don't Forget!

Parents/carers of FS2 (Reception) children please preorder your child's school lunch through Hutchinson Appetite website. Any problems please ask!

Check your Seesaw app for messages, photos and videos of your child's learning at school.



FS2

FS2 children have been learning about weight in Maths. We have been using the language 'heavy, light and balance'



They enjoyed making a balance cake, using an egg in one side of the balance scale and adding the ingredients until it balanced.

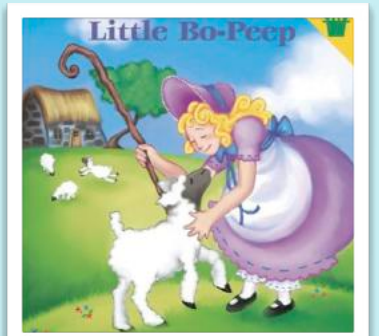
We took our learning outside making seesaws or 'teeter totters' following on from the story Balancing Act by Ellen Stoll Walsh.

NURSERY RHYME TIME

Incy wincy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain, and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain.
So, Incy Wincy spider went up the spout again.



Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
And does t know where to find them.
Leave them alone and they will come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.



Our artist focus this half term has Matisse - Snail Trail. We used scissors to create our masterpieces!



Commando Joe's

Seahorses and Jellyfish have enjoyed an afternoon completing Commando Joe missions all about traditional tales.

They built a bridge for Goldilocks, made bowls to carry porridge to the three bears, thought of ways to help Jack sneak the gold from the giant and how to help Jack get back down the beanstalk.

The children worked in groups, practising their collaboration and communication skills. They all came up with very innovative ideas and were able to explain why they came up with their them.



LEGO PROJECT

We are lucky enough to be one of the schools running First Lego League Projects. This years theme was 'Masterpiece'. We explored music concerts, museums and theatres. From this the children thought of their own ideas for a show and a venue whilst thinking of their audiences whole experience. The children worked together on their own ideas showcasing what they had learned throughout the project. We then invited parents in so the children could show off their projects. The children confidently presented their ideas to the parents. They then all received a medal and trophy as a reward for all their hard work.



Useful Information

Please bring iPads to school fully charged every day.

Reading books to be in school every day.

Jellyfish PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Seahorse PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please remove earrings on these days.



The Dolphin's worked really hard during our Lego week. They worked as a team to produce their own 'Masterpiece'. A huge thank you to all the parents who came in for the last celebration session.



In science we have been learning about animals. The children sorted the animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In PE we have been creating dance motifs on the topic of Magical Journeys. The children worked in pairs and performed to each other.

Books we have read in English this half term:



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Year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Jarrow Hall this half term, learning all about how the Anglo-Saxons came and settled in Britain. The children were able to visit a model farm and village before exploring the Bede museum.




We were lucky enough to learn about road safety from the GoSmarter team this half term!

Both classes had the opportunity for some problem solving and adventure with Commando Joe's.




Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Maths:	trockstars.co.uk
Spelling:	spellingshed.co.uk
Geography:	digimaps.co.uk
French:	languagenut.co.uk

Current year 4 students will have the opportunity to visit High Borran's next year! Remember to return your **completed form and initial deposit** to the office no later than **Friday 16th February** so we can allocate numbers and rooms. Please note: If numbers are too low the trip may not go ahead.

Year 5 Art

Mono Printing

Mrs Hall's class have been learning all about the physical and human geography of India. We then chose iconic images of India and created amazing Mono prints using oil pastels.



Year 6 Science

Year 6 have been investigating circuits and how the number of components can impact their effectiveness.

Mr Brunton's class were able to design their own fairground style buzzer games and test them out with other pupils. Combining tight turns and rest stops, the final products were amazing!

This topic leads us perfectly into next term when we will be looking at how we see light and how light moves.



YEAR 5

Year 5 we're fortunate enough to go to the Vertu Motors Arena in Newcastle to work with Newcastle Eagles!

We learnt all about the different roles that science, engineering and maths play in the world of sport and basketball. The children had an opportunity to step foot on the court and practice their skills, see how design and engineering improves the player equipment as well as how stats and analysis inform strategy and game management.



Dates to remember!

	Year 5	Year 6
Maths HW	FRI-FRI	TUES - TUES
English HW	FRI - FRI	FRI - FRI
Outdoor P.E	Friday	Monday
Indoor P.E	Thursday	Wednesday

Safetyworks and Road Safety

Our annual trip to Safetyworks! took place this half term and, as always, was a huge hit with the children. This trip provides our students with the opportunity to learn vital lessons and skills to keep them protected and safe both at home and in our local area.

Year 5 we're lucky enough to learn about road safety, from the GoSmarter team this half term.



“I really enjoyed Othello, I can't believe how Iago treats his friends!”

Othello by William Shakespeare has been the focus of our English lessons this half term in year 6, captivating our students with a gritty tale of betrayal and manipulation.

This text has produced some fantastic writing opportunities including a letter from Honest Iago and some vivid sentence description of General Othello storming towards a Cypriot fort.

Hopefully this will inspire a few more avid young readers and actors to pursue theatre.

