

BHPS Newsletter

Spring 2



This week we said a final goodbye to our colleague and friend, Katie Smith. She was loved by everyone, especially the children she worked with. She will leave a huge void at Battle Hill Primary, but we will be forever privileged to have worked with her and had her on our team.



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[https://
www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)

We will be holding a fundraiser day, which will contribute to a memorial at school, with the rest of the funds raised going to St Oswald's Hospice. We will send out details in the near future. Rest in peace lovely lady xx





2023	July	August	September	October	November	December
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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:

- Wednesday 24th April - FSU Open Evening 4-30-5.30pm
- Monday 13th May - Y6 SATs Week. Please make sure your child is in school and punctual
- Friday 17th May - non uniform day (50p donation towards STEM week)
- Wednesday 12th June - FSU Father's Day event
- WC 17th June - Sports Week
- Thursday 20th June - Race for a Life -FSU 10.00am, KS1 and KS2 1.30pm
- Wednesday 19th June - choir, NTLT Music Extravaganza Glass House. Tickets now available on Glass House website
- Wednesday 3rd July - Summer Fair 3.30-5.00pm
- Wednesday 10th July - FSU Sports Day 10.00am
- Tuesday 16th July - FS2 (Reception) Graduation 1.45pm
- Wednesday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Disco 4.30-6.00pm
- Thursday 18th July - Leavers' Assembly 2.00pm
- Friday 19th July Training Day

EARLY YEARS

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13 FEBRUARY 2024



FS1 have been thinking about our "growing" topic. We have read "Jack and the Beanstalk" and planted beans which are growing nicely as we water them. We have visited the garden and were so excited to find frogspawn which we looked closely at. We talked about the changes that happen during the lifecycle of a frog. We will be returning to see the tadpoles and frogs over the coming weeks. We also looked under logs to find all kinds of interesting insects.



Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers regarding the sad passing of Miss Smith. She will be greatly missed by us all. 💜



What a great success the Mother's Day Breakfast/Afternoon tea was. We hope you enjoyed it!

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 Hutchison 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 had a super busy half term.

We have been learning about planting and growing and are busy watching our cress heads germinate.

Our story focus has been The Gruffalo. We have looked at the setting, characters and new vocabulary such as what stroll, poisonous and fled mean.

NURSERY RHYME TIME

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
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 So, he flipped it and he flapped it and the
 fly flew away

Powder puff and curly whiskers
 Powder puff and curly whiskers
 Powder puff and curly whiskers
 So, he flipped it and he flapped it and the
 fly flew away



Our artist focus this half term has been Andy Goldsworthy . We used natural resources to create land art.



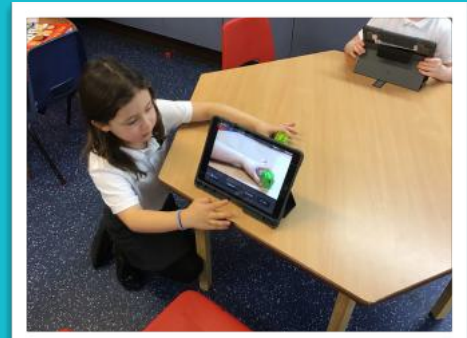
KS1 Dolphins, Jellyfish and Seahorses



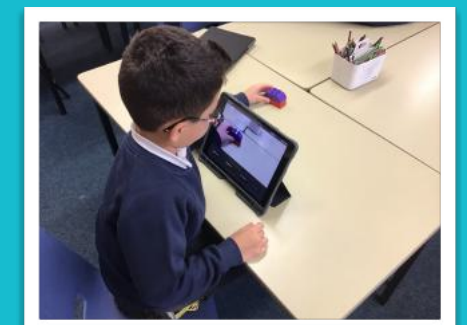
Easter Afternoon
Key Stage One had a fantastic time celebrating Easter. We shared our Talk for Writing story and songs with our grownups. Easter crafts and treats made by the classes were enjoyed by all!



Our DT topic has been all about Healthy Eating, We have practised our cutting, grating and peeling skills to create our own delicious fruit salads. We have enjoyed sampling our creations too!



This half term we have been learning about animation in our Computing lessons. We have used the app IMotion to create our own stop motion videos using classroom objects and figures.





NUSTEM

KS1 welcomed NUSTEM this half term to work with all of our children. They took part in a Naval Architect workshop. We made boats out of clay and tested the boats on the water. Then we made tin foil boats and tested these to see how many washers they could hold. The children loved testing out their boats and enjoyed the story.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day this year. We embraced our inner rap star to become Mc's. We had a go at rapping some of our favourite stories and enjoyed participating in a range of World Book Day activities.



Things to remember!

PE Days

Year 1 Dolphins and Year 1/2 Jellyfish - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 Seahorses- Wednesday and Friday

IPADs- Please bring charged iPads daily

Reading books



This half term, we've been learning all about plants in science. We've found out about the functions of different parts of plants and all about the seeds. We've even planted some seeds of our own and watched them grow.

We've been busy in history learning about Ancient Egypt. We found out about the process of mummification, which we found interesting (and equally disgusting). We had a go at mummifying tomatoes and we'll find out what has happened to them after the Easter holidays.



In DT, we made healthy snacks. We started off by trying and evaluating the smell, taste and texture of some current healthy snacks. We had mixed opinions! Then, we chose ingredients to make our own snack. We tried dried fruit and seeds and chose which ones to use.



Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Maths:	TTRS
Reading:	Myon



	Year 3 Meerkats	Year 3 Lions
Homework	Friday-Friday	Friday-Friday
Indoor P.E	Monday	Monday
Outdoor P.E	Thursday	Thursday

Year 4 Wildebeests and 4/5 Giraffes



Year 4 and 4/5 had the fantastic opportunity to have an Entomologist workshop with Mel from NUSTEM. We investigated different insects, drew them then made a model of them to take home. We were even lucky enough to be joined by some of our wonderful families who could see how much fun we have.



Both classes have had a brilliant time on the bikes this half term. What a lot of progress they have made!

We had an amazing World Book Day this year learning how to rap stories with MC Grammar.



Coming up:

Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Maths:	trockstars.co.uk
Spelling:	spellingshed.co.uk
Times tables:	https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check
French:	languagenut.co.uk

Mrs.Huthart's class will be going back out on the bikes on Monday 15th April for 3 weeks.

The Y4 multiplication check will begin week commencing Monday 3rd June- get practising please!

Y4 swimming starts week commencing 17th June for 4 weeks.

Year 5 Eagles, Year 6 Falcons and Magpies



Year 6 Science

Year 6 have learnt about the properties of light whilst investigating the theft of a laptop. Week by week we have cleared a suspect's name from the list and are getting closer and closer to



Lego club

Mr Brunton, Miss Burt and Mrs Barnes were fortunate enough to take two teams to this year's Lego competition and they didn't disappoint! Fantastic attitude, behaviour and excitement from all those who took part. A special well done to Build the Inspiration for winning the innovation project!



Eco-Warriors

Our fantastic eco-warriors have lead a culture of change across Battle Hill this year and have taken part in the great NTLT litter picking challenge, collecting a total of 5 full bags of waste from around the school site.



Balance and counter-balance.

Year 5 have been learning about different balances and counter-balances in gymnastics this term. Displaying core skills such as communication, teamwork, strength and coordination.



Dates to remember!

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

SATS	Year 6
Easter booster pack	Answers added to Showbie on the last weekend.
Math booster	Tuesday nights.
English booster	Thursday nights.
SATS week	Starting 13th May 2024 - please make sure your child is in school and on time.