



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .05



Welcome to January's edition of the school newsletter.  
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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled break. It's been lovely having the children back at school, full of energy and excitement to find out all about their new learning topics.



**Yr R**  
In Reception the children will be learning about lots of different types of transport through their topic 'Are we nearly there yet?' In Year 1 the children will be exploring all aspects space related through their topic 'Destination Outer Space'. In Year 2 the children are investigating the rainforest habitat through their topic 'The Living Rainforest'. You can find out more about the programmes of learning through the year group pages on the school website.



**Yr 1**  
As you may have seen, we are very excited that work on our new section of the playground has started. Hopefully it won't be too long until it is finished and we will celebrate with an official opening. We would like to extend a personal thank you to Mr Veasey who has supported us with the planning and conservation aspect of the project and Mrs Adds who has been fundamental, working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the project on track.  
Exciting times ahead!



**Yr 2**  
Exciting times ahead!

## Diary Dates

16.01.2023	Winter day -Science Focus
19.01.2023	Snowy Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am
23.01.2023	Chinese New Year day
26.01.2023	Barn Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am
30.01.2023	YR 1 VR Space experience
01.02.2023	NSPCC Numbers Day
02.02.2023	Tawny Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am
03.02.2023	YR 2 visit to Kew Gardens
06.02.2023	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.2023	Internet Safety Day
09.02.2023	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00 am
09.02.2023	YR R- Vintage Bus visit
10.02.2023	Finish for Half term 3.00 pm
20.02.2023	Inset Day for staff
21.02.2023	School re-opens
21.02.2023	Book Week More details to follow
23.02.2023	Visiting Author Bears at Bedtime at 5.00 pm
24.02.2023	Book Week Dress up day
02.03.2023	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00 am
09.03.2023	Squirrels Class Assembly 9.00 am
13.03.2023	British Science Week
16.03.2023	Otters Class Assembly 9.00 am
17.03.2023	Comic Relief - Red Nose day Details to follow
23.03.2023	Foxcubs Class Assembly 9.00 am
30.03.2023	Rabbits Class Assembly 9.00 am
31.03.2023	Finish for Easter Holidays 1.15 pm

# Class Assemblies

During the Spring Term each class performs a Class Assembly. This provides an opportunity for the children to share the learning they are proud of in a number of different ways. Each Class Assembly takes place in the school hall at 9.00am. On the morning of your child's Class Assembly, please wait round by the school hall. Each Class Assembly will last about 15 minutes with a 5 minute period afterwards to spend with your child / children.



Upcoming Events...

Thursday 19th January - Snowy Owls Class Assembly  
Thursday 26th January - Barn Owls Class Assembly  
Thursday 2nd February - Tawny Owls Class Assembly  
Thursday 9th February - Badgers Class Assembly  
Thursday 2nd March - Hedgehogs Class Assembly  
Thursday 9th March - Squirrels Class Assembly  
Thursday 16th March - Otters Class Assembly  
Thursday 23rd March - Foxcubs Class Assembly  
Thursday 30th March - Rabbits Class Assembly



## Book Week

21st February to 24th February

From Tuesday 21st February to Friday 24th February we will be holding our annual 'Book Week'. As you know, we use key texts for each topic which enables children to fully immerse themselves in their learning and engage with quality texts to support the development of a higher level breadth of vocabulary. During Book Week, we develop this even further with an increased focus on the love of reading. During the week we have lots of exciting things planned.

These include:

- Wednesday 22nd February Book buffet - your child is invited to bring their favourite story to school (make sure it is labelled with your child's name).
- Thursday 23rd February Visiting Author - John Dougherty - there will be an afternoon assembly for parents to attend as well as a book signing after school.
- Thursday 23rd February Bears at Bedtime. We invite the children back to school at 5.00pm for a bedtime story with their class teacher (come wearing your pyjamas and dressing gown and don't forget your teddy!)
- Friday 24th February Book Week dress up day. Dress up as your favourite book character for the day. During the day there will be lots of different fun activities planned to celebrate our love of reading.

The Scholastic Book Fair pop-up book shop will be with us all week. You and your child will be able to visit and to purchase books on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of Book Week.

# School PE Uniform

Learning to have the correct equipment and getting changed for PE is an important life skill. To support please can you make sure that your child brings to school in their PE bag suitable PE clothing for the Winter months.

For inside PE- the children need

- A white Tee- shirt
- A green pair of shorts
- A pair of plimsolls



A few little reminders

For outside PE- the children need

- A white Tee- shirt
- A green pair of tracksuit bottoms
- A pair of trainers
- A school sweatshirt (this can be their normal school uniform)

Unless it is unsuitable weather we will continue to do our outside PE lessons.



## Watches

Its great to see that so many of our children have an interest in learning to tell the time and its clear to see that having a watch was on so many Christmas list this year.

Can we remind you that smart watches and Fitbits are not to be worn at school. Watches can form part of our uniform policy for Year 2. These watches need to be analogue watches please.

Thank you for your support in this matter

## Parent Conferences

We just want to give you advance notice of the dates for our Spring Term Parent Conferences. Just after half term, we will send you information on how to book and then open the live booking system.

Parent conferences provide you with 1 on 1 time with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. We run day time conferences and one evening parent conference. Please see the dates below.

Monday 20th March Snowy Owls Parent conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 21st March Badgers Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Wednesday 22nd March Rabbits Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Thursday 23rd March Squirrels Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Friday 24th March Hedgehogs Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Monday 27th March Foxcubs Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 28th March Barn Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Wednesday 29th March Otters Parent Conferences 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Wednesday 29th March- Evening Parent Conferences for all classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Thursday 30th March Tawny Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon





# History

## What's been happening at HVS ...

We want our children to develop an enthusiasm for learning about the past and how people used to live and begin to explore why people did things and what happened as a result.

One way in which we help children to develop an understanding of the past is through the use of pictorial timelines.

By using timelines we help children to begin to understand chronology. They use common words and phrases relating to the passage of time and learn about how significant people fit into a chronological framework.

### A timeline of our history

Roman Invasion of Britain 43	Saxons 449	Norman Conquest 1066	Tudors 1485	The Great Fire of London 1666	Victorians 1837	WWI 1914-1918	WW2 1939-1945	Queen Elizabeth 1953	First man on the moon 1969	Tokyo Olympics 2021

Classes create their own timelines over the year. This helps children develop a sense of time as they connect people and events from the past and present.

Have a look at the timeline for each class the next time you pop in.



You can find out about how we sequence our learning in history on the school website. Head to the curriculum tab and then select the History page. Here you will find a progression of skills and knowledge document as well as information about our history curriculum.



Last term as part of Remembrance we learned about life in Horsell at the time of the First World War.

By using pictures of the village, or the inside of a house, the children were able to talk about how things have changed or remained the same.

Learning about our Local History is very important to us. If you have any stories or photographs that you would love to share with us we would love to hear from you. Please send them into the school office.





# Reception

## What's happening in Reception...

We hope you had a relaxing holiday and we are very pleased to see the children back at school so eager to start their learning. We have seen some excellent attitudes to learning already with children displaying their concentration, creativeness, pride and linking their prior knowledge with new knowledge.

This month sees the beginning of our new topic "Are we there yet?" · We will be exploring how to create 3D forms by using junk modelling to create different modes of transport. The children will use colours and materials for a purpose within our independent creative play.

In Phonics, we will be continuing to learn new sounds and reviewing the sounds we have previously learnt. We will focus on digraphs and trigraphs and we will extend to exploring alternative pronunciations for sounds. We will be using speech to rehearse our skills for reading and writing and will encourage them to read their writing back to us. Also, we will begin to use colourful semantics to structure our sentences.

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of the composition of number within 10 and introducing zero. We will be counting forwards and backwards within 10. We will be exploring odd and even number by making pairs..



Magnetic

Rolling

Energy

Changed

Over

Different

Traffic Lights

Safety

## Phonics

ai ee igh oa oo oo

ar or ur ow oi ear

air ure er

## Tricky Words

we are you all was





# Photos from our Learning





# Year 1

## What's happening in Year 1...

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for the term ahead.

This half term we will be introducing our new topic 'Destination Outer Space'. We will launch our topic with an unexpected spaceship crashing in our playground! Where did it come from and who does it belong to? We will be describing the crash and thinking about headlines in order to create a news report. We will be reading and basing our learning on QPootle5 by Nick Butterworth and will use our question words to think about the questions we would ask QPootle5. We will also create story maps thinking about what we would change about the story and why.

Our next text is Beegu by Alexis Deacon. We will be creating our own characters and writing character descriptions, as well as thinking about feelings.

In Maths, we will be exploring addition and subtraction within 20. We will be using a variety of resources to show our knowledge of number bonds. We will explore how we can use our knowledge of number bonds to 10, to work out number bonds to 20. We will be thinking about how we can recognise and represent numbers in different ways. We will also look at partitioning numbers.

In Science, we will use our investigation cycle to think about what we already know about space. What would we like to know? How will we find out? We will also explore Day and Night and ask the question, 'how does the length of the day vary across the seasons?' We will also investigate light and shadow on the moon.



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reflect

numerous

galaxy

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explore

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orbit

compare



## Phonics

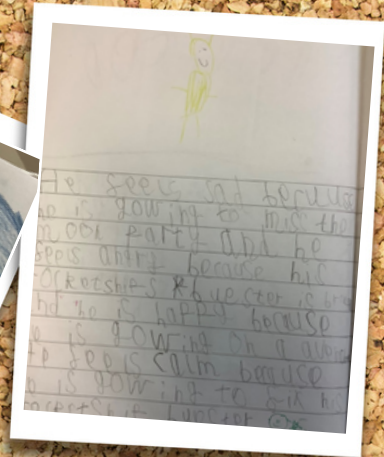
The children will be working through the Phases in their Phonics groups:

Phase 3    Phase 3-4    Phase 4  
Phase 5

Please talk to your child about the sounds they are learning - these can be found in their reading diary.



# Photos from our Learning



How do the Earth orbit around the sun? Why does it have a atmosphere?





# Year 2

## What's happening in Year 2...

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. The children have come back full of excitement and are already showing their brilliance by returning to school life quickly and enthusiastically.

We are very excited to be starting a brand new topic all about the rainforest. It is called, The Living Rainforest, and we will be learning about this amazing habitat and all the plants and wildlife that can be found living in a rainforest. To help us, we will be starting with the story, The Rainforest Grew All Around. We will use it to learn key facts about the rainforest and as inspiration for our own poems. You can watch a video of the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejhi-eratgw>

In Maths we will revisit shape and embed our knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move on to solving problems involving money.



### SPELLING


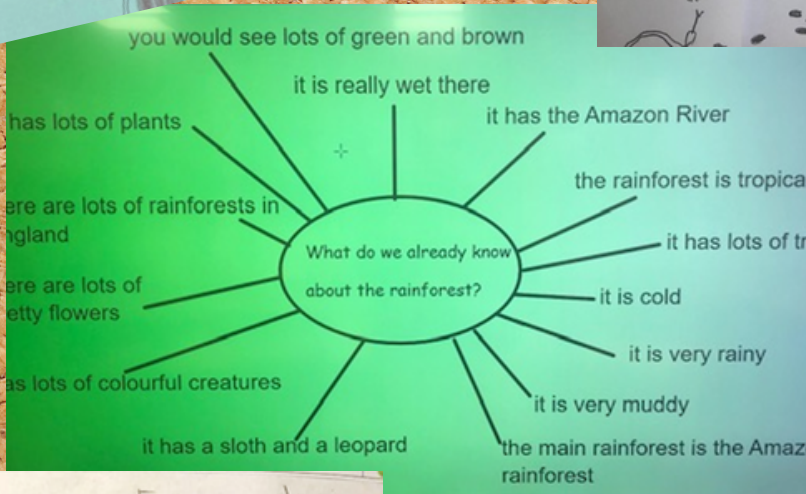
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silent



# Photos from our Learning

Underneath the tree there was a shiny, slithering snake the shiniest snake you ever did see

Allah lives in the sky

Everyone loves Allah.

1. Allah don't need to eat or sleep.

2. Allah has 99 names.

3. Allah is the most merciful.

4. Allah is the most generous.

5. Allah's creation was the best.

Also know he walks everyone