

Weekly Newsletter Friday 2 May 2025



Message from Mrs Langton:

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. We have had a really good start to the term with some lovely weather, giving the children the opportunity to get outside at playtimes and for PE. Please remember to send them to school with a hat, bottle of water and put some sunscreen on before they come. They love to play outside and it is good for them to get some sun but we need to make sure they are prepared.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of trips, events and learning. We will try to give you dates for things in advance through the newsletter, e-mails and texts so hopefully you will be able to plan ahead. We are already looking forward to our VE day celebration on the 8th May and hope you will be able to join us. We were going to start after school clubs next week but due to Bank Holiday Monday and our VE day celebrations we will wait until the following week (beginning 12th May). We have tried to introduce some new clubs so that more children can have the opportunity to join if they want to.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Dates for your diary:

Mon	5 May		Bank Holiday
Tue	6 May	9am	Class RK Assembly
Thur	8 May		VE Day celebrations
w/c	12 May		Y6 SATs week
Tue	20 May		School photos
Tue	20 May		Class BC Parent's Evening (rescheduled)
Wed	21 May	9am	Class BC Assembly
Wed	21 May		Y6 visit to Driffield
Wed	21 May		EYFS visit to Bridlington
	26 May -	30 May	Half term holiday
Mon	9 Jun	am	Y6 Kid Alert event
Thur	12 Jun		Y1/2/3 visit to Bridlington
Th/Fr	3/4 July		Y6 Bikeability training
w/c	7 July		Y6 Transition week
Wed	9 July	am	Y4 music event - Connexin

More information will follow regarding individual events.

School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for w/e 25.04.25 was 92.1% Individual classes were as follows:

F1—83.9%	<i>CG</i> - 90.5%	BC - 99.1%
HD - 94.0%	RK - 94.2%	SB - 90.2%
JS - 94.6%	CM - 85.6%	CH - 89.1%

Well done class BC having the highest attendance last week.

Sullivan = 8

ClassDojo team winners:

w/e 25.04.25 - Johnson

Weekly wins so far this school year:

Johnson = 6

Skelley = 5 Wilberforce = 7

Parent/Carer's information:

Free meal - Thursday 15 May

Chicago town pizza with zigzag fries and dessert - please prebook on School Money or amend your choice if already booked.

Thank you



Foundation stage - F1/CG

In the foundation classroom this week, the children have continued to develop and change aspects to the original story of Dora's Eggs. We have thought of other animals, which lay eggs, to take the place of Dora in the story. The children have also continued to learn the signifiers and follow the story map to help retell the story.

In maths this week the children have been practising counting on from a given number and made up their own number stories using, first, then and now sentence openers. In F1 the children have developed their skills of subitising to 4 using dice, animals and spotty cards. The children even made their own spotty cards to show subitising.

We have all learnt about a new artist, Georgia O'keeffe. We looked at her artwork and this inspired us to create our own large flowers using different materials to make a collage.



We have also started to learn more about lifecycles. The children have

carried out a bean experiment using lock zip bags, cotton wool and water. The children have displayed these on the class window to observe changes over time.

Family homework - a huge thank you to all of those families that sent in photographs of their family members. It gave them good opportunities to talk about home life.

If you have any plants or seeds that we could plant in our gardens and courtyards, it would be very much appreciated.

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Year 1 - BC

In English this week we have finished the 'Tiger who came to Tea' with the children writing their own stories about a different animal coming to tea. We have also spent a few days practicing writing sentences using correct punctuation and making sure we use the common exception word and phonemes mats to help do our best spelling. Next week we will start to look at instructions so we finished the week checking that everybody knows what a question and question marks are and talking about command sentences. Our handwriting focus this week has been the special friends zz, ck, qu, ch, sh and words containing these.

In maths we have started to look at the numbers to 50. We have practiced counting to 50 and filling in missing number sequences. We have also looked at the multiples of 10 to 50 and practiced counting larger numbers by grouping in tens. In more maths we have started to explore capacity by investigating what is meant by full and empty.

During Jigsaw this week we have talked about families and how there are lots of different kinds of families. The children have all drawn pictures of and talked about their own families.

We have continued to develop our athletics skills in PE this week exploring moving at different speeds and how our strides get longer as we move faster. We have also talked about how are arms should be moving to help with running. The children really enjoyed playing balance tig as part of our lessons. Can I just remind you again about the children bringing in the correct PE kit, I still have children who don't have either sandshoes or trainers and my supply of spares doesn't have all the necessary sizes.

Finally this week we have been learning about Amy Johnson, talking about who she is and why she is famous. The children have done some artwork drawing their own biplanes and we are also learning a song to help remember the key events of her solo flight to Australia.

Year 2 - HD

The children have really enjoyed starting our Africa theme this week! They have learnt the names of the seven continents of the world and located hot and cold places around the world and how this links to the equator. They then focused on the continent of Africa locating Kenya and discussing the climate.

In Maths this week we have looked at the 5 times table and using the bar method to divide by 5. We then looked at how the 5 and the 10 times tables are linked.

In English we have worked creating expanded noun phrases this week. We first recapped a noun phrase and created list of adjectives we could use. We then looked at expanding the phrase using verbs and adverbs to add more detail.

Our new unit in Science is Plants. We started by looking at a range of seeds and bulbs. The children wrote questions about what they noticed and recognised. They then planted their own bean that they are going to monitor the growth of.

In PE we started our athletics unit developing the sprinting action and jumping for a distance. In our striking and fielding unit we learnt how to control a ball as a fielder.

Year 3 - RK

What a great week in RK this week. In our English lessons this week, we have picked out some more inspiration to begin our long write and are nearing the end ready to begin a new topic next week. The children have had marvellous ideas for writing their own narrative. In maths, we have begun our topic on statistics. We have looked at reading data on pictograms and bar charts. Our Jigsaw this week was all about families and household responsibilities. In RE, we discussed more about Judaism and explored the story of Abraham and Isaac. The children were fascinated in the deeper meaning of the story and trust bonds. We would also like to say thank you to those who are reading and practising spellings at home every week, we know you are all super busy and making time for these activities with the children is really appreciated. Looking forward to another amazing week in Year 3, have a great weekend, we hope to see lots of you for our class assembly on Tuesday morning at 9am.

Year 4 - SB

We have had another action packed week in Class SB. In maths we have started our new topic of decimals. We have focused on tenths of a fraction and of decimals. The children have problem solved with both activities. In English, we have carried on with our text The Tomb of Wonders. We have looked at expanded noun phrases and using similes. We also worked in pairs to write a cliff-hanger ending.

In reading we have started our new class novel called The Last Try. It is based on the true story of a man from Hull who was famous for playing for HFC and also for fighting in World War 1. The children have used their story voices and looked at vocabulary. They then had to locate evidence in the text to show that war was imminent.

In PE we started tennis. The children worked in pairs to try out different skills. They learnt how to hold the racket correctly and named the different parts.

In science we carried out an investigation into how shadows are formed, the children worked together to use torches to see if opaque or transparent materials made shadows. In Jigsaw we started our new topic with the focus on our characteristics. We talked about where we get our features from in our family.

In history we started our topic on Hull looking at fishing in the medieval times. The children made notes ready to present as an information poster.

Year 5 - JS/CM

Welcome to the Summer term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Since returning to school, the children in Year 5 have picked up where they left off last term, working hard and enjoying their new topics. This term we are looking at the Americas and the ancient civilisation of the Mayan people. In Reading, both classes are also reading a novel by American author Louis Sachar. The book is called Holes and tells the story of Stanley who is unfortunately sent to a juvenile detention centre in the middle of the desert. This week we have made predictions, looked at some American English and begun analysing the character Stanley. In English, the children have continued to look at writing diary entries, this week planning and drafting their own independent version. In Maths, both classes have continued their work on decimals and percentages, applying their learning in problem solving. This half term's Science focuses on the Earth in Space which the children have already shown a keen interest in. We have looked at the planets in our Solar System and their orbits of the Sun. As we have now finished our sessions with Hull KR, in PE we will be developing skills in athletics, cricket and tennis. Please remember in the warmer weather, it is really important the children have a water bottle, especially on PE days.

Year 6 - CH

We've had a great couple of weeks since returning back to school after the Easter break and have luckily had some glorious weather too! Within our maths lessons, we have been recapping fractions, decimals and percentages, focusing on how to add and subtract mixed number fractions, as well as multiplying and dividing decimals and fractions by a whole number. In reading, we have looked at a range of different text types, really focusing on developing our comprehension about what we are reading and looking for 'evidence clues' to answer questions about the text. For English, we began by innovating our model diary entry text (about Charles Darwin's Dragons'. Within these pieces of independent writing, the Year 6s worked hard to include learnt features such as the subjunctive form, relative clauses, subordinate clauses and colons to make their writing as descriptive and entertaining as possible. In Science, we extended our learning of 'evolution' further by looking into how fossils are formed, what 'natural selection' means and how both plants and animals adapt over time to suit their environments. For our P.E. lessons, we have enjoyed developing our athletic skills through having some in class 'Sports Day' style competitions with running races and throwing activities. We have also begun our rugby sessions with coaches from the Hull Kingston Rovers foundation on a Thursday afternoon - can I kindly remind parents that children should be bringing appropriate PE kit to school for PE on a Tuesday and Thursday, and now that the weather is warming up, children should also be bringing a bottle of water and can bring a sunhal/suncream to school to protect against the sun. We look forward to seeing some of you next Thursday for our VE Day celebration on the front field from 3pm.