



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

It's great to see everyone back after the Easter break. The children all seem to have grown - maybe it's due to the lovely weather we have had recently! Children seem to be happy to return to school and have enjoyed playing with their friends at breaktimes this week. The blossom on our fruit trees is looking beautiful too.



## Democracy in Action

Today, Kallum Taylor, a councillor for Holgate ward spent the morning in school. He presented the designs for a new local park then the children had the chance to vote for their preferred design. Kallum also met with the School Council who had thought of some very interesting questions to ask him.



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## Focus on our school rules

This half term, we are re-visiting our school rules 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' to remind everyone about the behaviour that we expect in school.

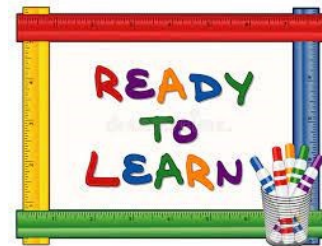
Each week we will have a focus on one of our rules, exploring what this means in different situations in school.

Look out for some new awards too!

The focus for next week is '**READY**'. These are the kind of actions that we expect for this rule.:

- Active listening – look at the person who is speaking, not fiddling
- Sitting up straight - not rocking on chairs
- Having classroom equipment ready at the right times
- Knowing & following routines quickly and quietly
- Lining up quietly, facing the way you are going
- Walking around school quietly and calmly
  - Thinking and giving your ideas
- Following instructions straight away and the first time you are asked
  - Working hard and doing your best
    - Being on time for school
- Having PE equipment on the correct days
- Bringing reading books into school on the correct days
  - Wearing correct school uniform

Please support the children by helping them to have the correct equipment for school on the right days and talking about these actions at home. Perhaps you could make a list with your child about what 'READY' looks like at home too?



## Dates For Your Diaries (new dates added)

Monday 9th May—Y6 SATs tests

Friday 20th May—Non –uniform day & Attentive bake sale

Friday 27th May—Jubilee Day—wear red, white and blue or 'royal' clothes.

Week beg 30th May—Half Term

Monday 13th July 9am —St Barnabas Day service at church

Friday 1st July—non uniform day & Nyong'o bake sale

Thursday 21st July — end of term disco in the evening

Friday 22nd July 1:45pm— Leavers' Service at church / 3:15pm school closes for summer

**Term Dates** have now been set for 2022-23.

[Click here to view them.](#)

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## Nyong'o

### Miss Curry

We have had a wonderful first week back in Nyong'o class, everyone has come back refreshed and ready to learn!

In Phonics we have started Phase 4, looking at consonant blends. This week we were learning how to read and write CVCC words e.g. belt, tent, hand. We have also started learning some new tricky words - said, so, have & like. Our Literacy learning started this week with a surprise suitcase full of characters and props for us to guess our new story! The children were very quick to recognise that it was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We also had a go doing an independent writing task completely on our own! I was very proud of how well everyone sorted out their own resources and had the courage to complete it without an adult.

In Maths we recapped how to match a number to the correct amount, challenged ourselves to see how high we could count and completed a maths counting challenge from Firecracker all by ourselves! On Wild Wednesday we had lots of fun searching for mini-beasts and carefully brushing them into our specimen pots for a closer look. We then made sure we put them back in the correct habitat. In PSED we talked about who is a stranger and why we need to be careful around strangers. We then talked about who our friends are, what it means to be a good friend and what the word 'lonely' means. We had a great first dance session with Drew, learning about different dance moves and then making up our own dances. In PE we started preparation for Sports Day, learning how to run in a straight line down a track and that we need to not be afraid of the finishing tape but run straight through it! In RE we started looking at special places through talking about places that are special in school and places that are special to us outside of school.



## Attenborough

### Miss Davison

An amazing first week back full of lots of fun and learning!

For this term we will be revisiting all of our phase 3 and phase 5 phonic sounds, starting this week with ay, a-e, ea, e and the tricky words eye, sure, pure, said and were. In English we have started a new book which we are really enjoying: Where the Wild Things Are. We have looked at the main characters' emotions throughout the book, we have created a class story map, drawn our own story maps and have learnt all about what an exclamation mark is and how and when we use it. In maths we moved onto our division unit with learning about how to create equal groups and how to share objects equally. We even used real biscuits!

In RE this week we discussed the word belonging and talked about groups that we belong to such as sport clubs and what belongings we have that we treasure such as friends, family and teddies. In computing we started looking at the keyboard and how it can be used for writing. We even had a go on the chrome-books and wrote some of our friends and families names. Wild Wednesday saw us going on a big hunt! We found lots of creepy crawlies and used magnifying glasses to see the really small creatures. In PSHE we looked at our different families and how they are similar and different and in science we started our plants topic by looking at differences of seeds and bulbs and different flowers. In PE we started hockey and the children amazed me with their brilliant skills of using the hockey stick and controlling the ball.



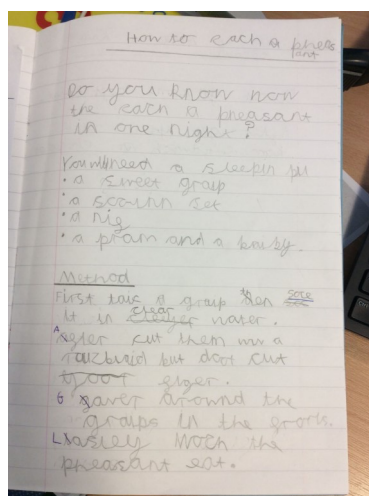
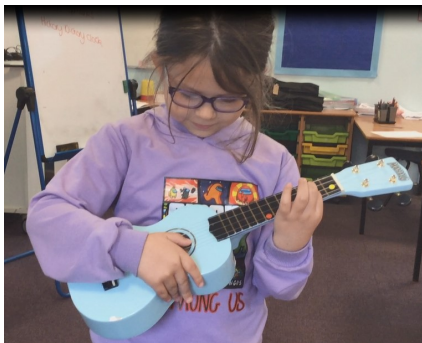
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## Johnson Mrs Taylor

What a great start back Johnson class have had this week! I have given them lots to do and they have got on with enthusiasm and a smile. We have been working hard revising for our year 2 SATs coming up and the children have been amazing. With maths we have been focussing on solving a range of word problems. We have also been looking at solving  $+$   $-$   $\div$   $\times$  calculations like the booklet I sent home before the Easter break. Any practise you can do at home with this would be great. We have had fun this week writing instructions using our class novel Danny the Champion of the World. The children enjoyed thinking about how to put a pheasant to sleep using the method from the book. We talked about using accurate instructions as demonstrated when they tried to help Mrs Taylor put on her cardigan. The children started learning to play the ukulele this week in music. It was lovely to see the children learning the basic hold and learning some notes.



## Farah Mrs Bruce

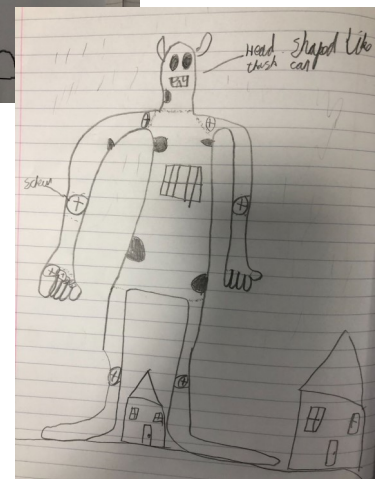
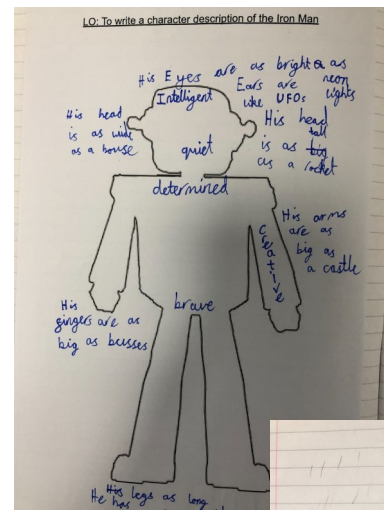
Ms Graystone has now gone off for her surgery and Mrs Bruce is holding the reins until she comes back. We hope her surgery goes well and are looking forward to updates on her recovery.

We have had a great week back and have been working very hard. In maths, we have been using the fractions work we have done to help us move on to looking at tenths and hundredths as decimals. I have been really impressed with how well they have picked it up.

In English we have started our new class novel, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We have been using the text to picture what he looks like, ready to write a character description. We have also looked at some Ted Hughes poetry in our reading lessons. The children were brilliant at understanding the imagery, rhythm and rhyme in the poems.

We also started our new geography topic, The Americas, and began by finding cities, states and countries in North America.

What a fantastic start to the summer term!



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## Kahlo

### Mr Levick

In Kahlo Class this week, we have been working hard to cement our knowledge and recapping key pieces of information in the run up to our assessments. The children have all been working incredibly hard, and often we're getting through two lessons a day in maths because of their effort, determination and willingness to put the work in. Special shout out to the Year 5s, who are really supporting their Year 6 peers and genuinely being great friends and encouragers.

Our writing this week has seen us dive into the world of diary writing - a key aspect that will help us tick off that elusive 'writing for a range of purposes with the appropriate tone and grammatical features' aspect. They've been doing a brilliant job as we began to practise our writing in this form, and we're looking forward to writing our own independently.

Overall, another fantastic week filled with learning, laughter and lots of hard work. Keep it up Kahlo Class, you're doing amazing.



## School Council

Our new school council met for the first time yesterday and had a very good meeting. Queenie has been elected as chairperson and Alick as deputy chairperson, with Zain and Joey being voted in as secretaries, all in a secret vote. It was extremely close and I am proud of all the school councillors for putting themselves forward - well done!

We are starting by doing some work to promote and celebrate great behaviour around school. The children have begun to create some eye-catching posters to remind everyone of our three school rules to be **ready**, **respectful** and **safe**. These will go up around the school when they are ready.

On Friday we had a visit from Kallum Taylor, councillor for Holgate Ward. The children had some super questions from him and enjoyed finding out about how he had been elected as a councillor, in similar ways to them.

