

Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Note from headteacher

Latest Covid National Guidelines - Update

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after **5 full days** if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both **day 5** and **day 6** and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information on self isolation is available by clicking on the link contained in the covering email to this newsletter.

Reception news

The children have really enjoyed taking food orders, making bookings and serving toy food this week with a range of role play areas. In the play dough area, they have been making pizzas. The home corner has been transformed into a restaurant, and outside we have a McDonald's!

The children have also enjoyed taking home their new reading buddy and lending library books this week! The children have an allocated day to swap their library books each week and get to keep their reading buddy for the whole term! The reading buddies would like to hear as many stories as they can while they are at home with you! Photographed here we have two EYFS children with their reading buddy.



In Phonics, we have been learning the 'v' and 'j' sounds, and in Number Time, the children have been using 10 frames to add two numbers together.



Dates for your Diary

11th February – last day of term
21st February – first day back



Year 1 and 2 news

Key Stage 1 pupils have really impressed their teachers as they have settled quickly to work after the Christmas break and it has been wonderful to hear all four classes responding eagerly to the flashcards sounding out the phonemes.

Year 1 have been thinking about the purpose of letter writing and identifying the features of a formal letter. They have started writing a letter, practising first the layout of an address. In Maths they have been using a number line for subtraction and are gaining confidence in counting backwards. They have ended the week with finding the difference between two numbers and used their subtraction skills to write a number sentence to match this. In Science they are studying Animals including Humans and have been listing the characteristics of animals and sorting them into five categories. They were fascinated to learn that humans are mammals and which other animals are in the same category.

Year 2 parents:
Please read the email sent on 12.01.22 from your class teacher titled "SATs PARENT INFORMATION 2022"

Year 2 have been revisiting the continents of the world in Geography and have been concentrating on the continent of Africa. They have described the country of Kenya using human and physical features. Then using the geographical language have compared Kenya with England in particular discussing the coastline and plantations. The comparison also included the capital city of

Nairobi and London, thinking about landmarks in both cities. Year 2 were interested to see the National Park surrounding Nairobi and were thrilled to see how elephants roam across the savanna right up to the urban areas.

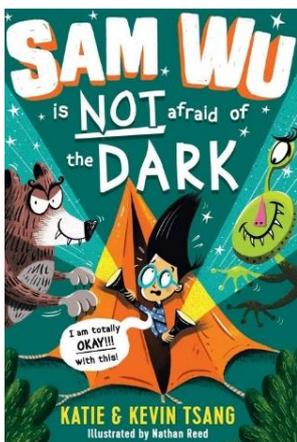


Year 3 and 4 news

We welcomed back an energetic and enthusiastic **Year 3!**

This week in writing, we have started a new topic producing a non-chronological report about the United Kingdom. We have started by looking at the organisational devices used within a non-chronological report and starting to plan for the content in each paragraph.

In Mathematics, we have continued our topic of multiplication and division, focusing specifically on the short methods for both. The children have been gaining confidence and are becoming more fluent with both.



'Sam Wu is not Afraid of the Dark' is the latest book we are working on in our reading lessons. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the start of this book and have been keen to predict what might happen as we move through the chapters. The main focus this week has been retrieving information and recognising how the layout of the book impacts the reader.

We have also started a new Geography topic called UK Study. The children have dived deep into the countries, cities, counties and regions of the United Kingdom and have been researching a variety of landmarks from all corners of the country.

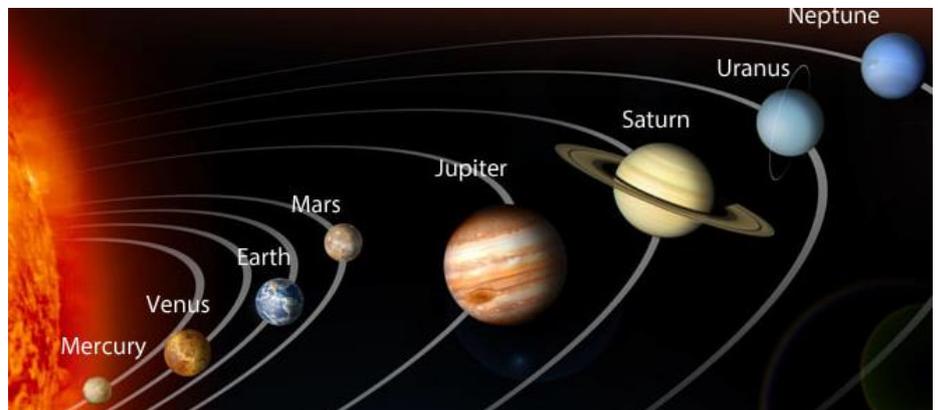


Year 4 have had a great week of learning. In Writing, they have been learning about Sweden and St. Petersburg and how they can include cultural references about these locations in their narratives. They have also been experimenting with expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. They have read a poem called 'The Raven' written by Edgar Allan Poe and have explored the narrator's changing feelings and poetic features such as rhyme, alliteration and repetition. In RE, they have been exploring the question, 'Could the Buddha's teachings make a world a better place?' whilst considering their own perspectives about when the world seems a wonderful place. During Maths, children are continuing to work on Multiplication and Division focusing on the formal written methods. In Science, they have started their new topic of Animals, including humans where they have learnt about human teeth, what they do and how teeth and the mouth can help with digestion.



Year 5 and 6 news

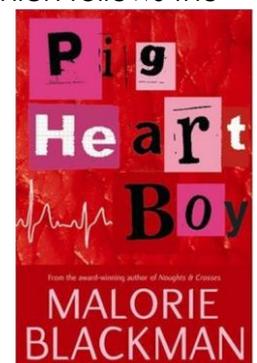
This week, **Year 5** have been learning about Earth and Space. They have found out all about the eight planets of the solar system and the demise of the dwarf planet, Pluto. They have learned about why the tilt of the Earth causes the seasons and have found out the names of the phases of the Moon. They have also began writing both haiku and cinquain poems in English and performed them to their classmates.



Year 6 parents:
Please read the email sent on 12.01.22 from your class teacher titled "SATs PARENT INFORMATION 2022".

Happy New Year to **Year 6!** The children have started the new year excellently. Their learning behaviours and attitudes to work and each other have been outstanding - Miss Dale and Ms Kinley couldn't be prouder! In the first two days back, children started to read their new class book *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. They have been intrigued by the twists and turns of the story so far, which follows the life of thirteen-year-old Cameron, who needs to have a transplant... from a pig! By sheer coincidence, children (and teachers) were amazed to find out that the first ever *actual* pig

heart transplant took part on Friday 7th January - the classes enjoyed reading the newspaper articles about this. In Maths, children are working on the four quadrants by plotting coordinates and tackling reasoning and problem solving questions about this. In Science, they have enjoyed finding out about the circulatory system, including the composition of blood. Ask a Year 6 to recall the four main parts of blood!



**Brambleside raised
£145.75 in November for
the Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal.**



Sports News

Gymnastics Event Today

Year 3/4 pupils (pictured left) and year 5/6 pupils (pictured below) took part in a gymnastics competition today at Kettering Gymnastics Club. They had two routines to perform and were required to use a vault too. The children all performed well and tried really hard. Year 3/4 girls came in 4th place. Our year 5 / 6 team who performed this afternoon came in 2nd place. Two of our team came joint 1st for their floor routine out of 45 children. Fantastic! Well done to all of these children that represented Brambleside today.

TAKE HOME



In the news this week

The \$10bn (£7.45bn) James Webb Space Telescope, thought to be one of the most impressive and ambitious, has been sent into space on top of a huge rocket. On Christmas Day, scientists confirmed that the observatory, which has faced many delays, was operating well following a nerve-wracking lift-off. Described as a time machine by scientists, the telescope will allow astronomers to study the beginning of the universe shortly after the Big Bang, 13.8 billion years ago, and to hunt for signs of life-supporting planets in our own galaxy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever used a telescope? If so, what did you see?
- > Does space and the wider universe interest you?
- > Do you think it's important for us to learn more about our universe?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

