



Nun Monkton Foundation Primary School

"Be curious, be brave, believe"



Wednesday 26th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to welcome back all our pupils after the half term break – we've had a super first few days back with children all visiting Forest and enjoying the sunshine.

This term there are quite a few events happening beyond our usual curriculum. On Thurs 6th March it is World Book Day. We have made the decision this year that we will do some extra book-themed activity in the afternoon and children are asked to bring their favourite book to school. **It is not necessary for children to dress as a book character** – they can if they really want to, but this is not an expectation.

You will see below more detail about what children will be learning about this half term, with a focus on Geography, DT and RE as well as all the other usual subjects. Last term we had some super History sessions with a visitor who brought in artefacts to inspire our pupils in their historical skills and considering of how things changed over time. The Unicorn class learnt lots about Knights and Castle, the Griffin class enjoyed hearing, thinking like archaeologists about Stone and Bronze age items and Phoenix class did lots of thinking and discussing about Norse and Viking times. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the visits by our 'expert' visitor John.

This half term, the PTFA are funding two trips for the children. On Thurs March 13th all the pupils in Griffin and Phoenix classes are off to see a 'Horrible Histories' performance at York Grand Opera House. We will be leaving at 0910 and returning in the early afternoon. Our cook will provide packed lunch-style dinner for all the Year 2 children. For Year 3 – 6 children the school dinner option that day will be a 'packed-lunch' style lunch or you can send your child with a packed lunch from home if you prefer. We will assume the Year 3 – 6 pupils are bringing a packed lunch from home unless you tell us otherwise – please let Ms Hirons know no later than Wednesday 5th March if your child will need a School 'Cold' dinner on March 13th The Unicorn class are also going on a trip out – we are just finalising the details and then will let you know details of that visit.

Our Year 3 – 6 pupils will be singing at York Minster in a few weeks, performing some Mothering Sunday-themed pieces during a 30 minute service. They have been learning pieces of music as part of their weekly singing sessions with York Minster's Singing Lead. If you would like to attend the service then you are welcome to do so – it is on Tues 25th March at 1.30pm. You don't need a ticket, just say that you are attending the service and you'll be let into the Minster free of charge to attend the service.

Our pupils will also be taking part in a French Day on Thursday 27th March, where our Years 2 – 6 will have opportunities to use the French they have been learning in a variety of situations and enjoy some French cultural experiences (I don't mean any wine tasting!). Our Unicorn

class will also be involved in some of the activities that day so they have experience of different languages.

Please make a note of our School Easter Service which will be held on the last day of term (Friday 4th April) at 2pm at St. Mary’s church – family members are very welcome to come and join us for this if they are able to. Children will begin their Easter holiday when the service finishes!

So, there’s certainly a lot to look forward to in what promises to be a very busy six weeks. Thank you as always for all the support that you give to the school

With every best wish

Angela

Angela Mitchell

Headteacher

LEARNING THEMES THIS HALF TERM

Curriculum Area	Unicorn Class	Griffin Class	Phoenix Class
DT	Making structures	Making structures	Making structures
Computing	Grouping data	Pictograms	Data logging
Geography	Animals around the world	Countries and seas around the world and European countries	Scandinavia and South America
Science	Animals (including humans)	Animals (including humans)	Animals (including humans)
RE	Easter and why it's significant for Christians		
PSHE	Relationships		
British Values	Democracy		
Languages		French Bon appétit Theme	

Children will continue their learning through PE, Forest, Music and Computing activities, as well as their Maths and Literacy work.

Geography work will be focused on the location of countries and places around the world, with Griffin and Phoenix classes studying the human and physical features of certain countries in more depth.

HEADLICE

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of headlice is if everyone in the school community can check their child’s hair at the same time and deal with any headlice if they are there. That way everyone is clear of them at the same time and hopefully there are no headlice to be passed around. **So, please could we ask that everyone checks their child’s hair on first weekend of each month (Sat 1st – Sun 2nd March is the next one!).**

If you do find headlice or eggs please treat your child, but note that the **whole household, (not just the child)** needs to be treated to prevent the headlice from re-occurring.

Thank you for your help with this

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Who for/ Details
Thurs 6 th March	All day	World book day – please bring one of your favourite books to school with you. If children want to, they can come dressed as a character from a book but this is an option, not compulsory	All children
Thurs 13 th March	Leaving 0910	Children in Griffin and Phoenix classes go to Horrible History performance at Grand Opera House, York	Years 2 – 6
To be confirmed		Children in Unicorns go on a visit	Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Tues 25 th March	12 noon, returning by 3.30pm	Years 3 – 6 go to sing at York Minster – Mothers’ Day themed music	Years 3 - 6
Tues 25 th March	1330 - 1400	Service in Minster that our children are singing at	Any parents/ family members who would like to attend
Wed 26 th March	morning	Dance Festival for all of Unicorn classes (Years Nursery, Reception and Year 1) They need to <u>come to school in their PE kit</u> that day	Unicorn Class
Thurs 27 th March	All day	French Day in school (more details to follow)	All pupils
Fri 4 th April	2pm	Easter Service in church	All pupils and any family members who would like to attend
Fri 4 th April	1530	Easter Holidays begin	All pupils
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 23 rd April	0900	Summer term begins	PARENTS – please note it’s <u>WEDNESDAY</u> that the children return