

# NEWSLETTER

## This week in Year 1

The last two weeks in Year 1 have been packed with fun, learning and lots of new skills!

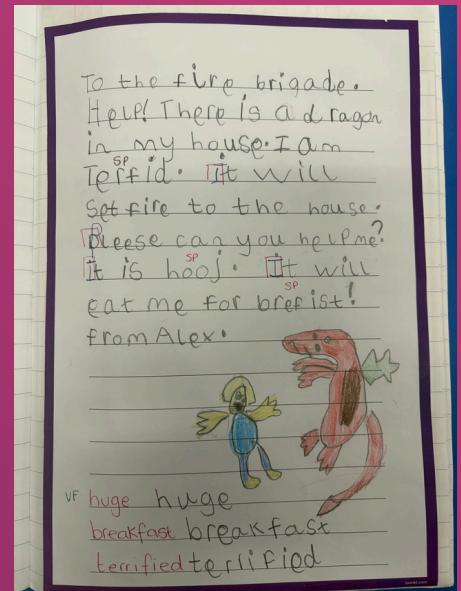
In P.E., the children have loved dance and cricket sessions. In dance, we've been working on timing and rhythm, moving to a steady count of 8. In cricket, we've been lucky to work with brilliant coaches from the Durham Foundation, developing throwing and catching skills – even adding claps and bounces before catching! Showing fantastic focus and perseverance from everyone.

In Science, we have continued learning about the amazing human body, moving from naming body parts to zooming in on our five senses. The children guessed sounds, smelled herbs, tasted lemons blindfolded and even voted on their favourite crisp flavour! Learning has been very hands-on and lots of fun.

Our writing has been truly impressive. Our latest book, 'Dragon Post' has captured everyone's imagination, especially when we returned to school to find a "Danger! Do Not Enter" sign and mysterious footprints on our door! After discovering a dragon in the story (and maybe our classroom!), we wrote letters to the fire brigade asking for advice. Once their reply arrived, we wrote clear instructions explaining how to safely douse the dragon with water. Such creativity and effort from all!

This linked beautifully with Geography, where we've been learning about our school, local area and answering the question, "What is an address?" It was lovely to receive letters back to school as part of their homework. The children enjoyed reading them aloud, fixing a jumbled school address, and even designing their own stamps.

A very busy couple of weeks full of hard work, learning and smiles. Well done, Year 1 – we are so proud of you!



## This week in Year 6

Year 6 have started to work with a cricket coach who will attend school every Thursday. In our first session we focused on the skill of catching. Children started off slowly before more complex elements were introduced into the catching game to replicate possible match play. Over the coming weeks we will focus on throwing, bowling and batting before embarking on a full match.



## *Stars of the week*

	Maths	English	Citizen	Values
<b>Reception</b>	Jude	Jayden	Elijah	
<b>Year 1</b>	Danny	Riley	Tommy	Darcy
<b>Year 2</b>	Reuben	Myles	Cecily	Leo
<b>Year 3</b>	Amara	Anira	Caelan	
<b>Year 4</b>	Charlie	Emily	Henry	Johnson
<b>Year 5</b>	Oscar	Dominic	George & Eve	
<b>Year 6</b>	Alex	Alex	Alexis	Mollie

## *Attendance figures this week*

<b>Reception</b>	97.00%
<b>Year 1</b>	97.67%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.00%
<b>Year 3</b>	95.17%
<b>Year 4</b>	95.19%
<b>Year 5</b>	91.29%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98.21%</b>

## Dates for your diary

27 January Year 5 Worship 9.15am

11 February Valentine Disco

13 February Valentine Lunch

17 February Shrove Tuesday  
pancakes dessert

17 February Year 5 Visit to  
Hamsterly Forest

23 – 27 February half term  
holidays

Polite reminder that children who have vomited or have had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to ensure your child is fully fit before returning to school and also to help stop the spread of illness to children and staff.

Polite reminder that no dogs should be brought onto school property including those being carried.

## Childcare Provision

Breakfast Club 8.00 – 8.45am (last entry 8.20am)

Monday Multisports (R-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday Jujitsu (1-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday TASC Football (2-6) 3.30-4.30pm

Wraparound

3.30 – 6.00pm (Monday to Thursday)

3.30 – 4.30pm (Friday)