

This week was:

Happy New Year

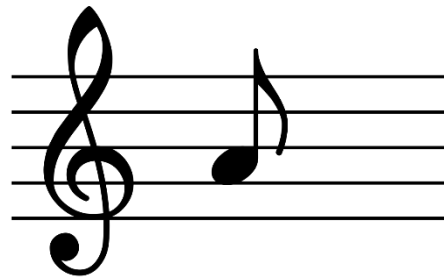
We would like to wish everyone a happy new year. It has been a great first week back and we have enjoyed welcoming your children back in to school and starting our new topic of Childhood. We have lots of exciting things coming up this term and we look forward to sharing these with you.

Class names

Our eight classes now have names! Each class has been named after an influential composer and the children will be learning all about them over the year. There are biographies outside each class to help learn about these composers and we will be listening to their compositions and performances in class and in assemblies.

The class names are:

Nursery	Handel
Reception	Holst
Class 1	Debussy
Class 2	Schwartz
Class 3	Tchaikovsky
Class 4	Williams
Class 5	Schumann
Class 6	Puccini



Last term's disco

The money we raised from the end of term disco before Christmas has been used to purchase some headphones for Key Stage 1 and 2 to use during their computing lessons and when completing tasks on the laptops. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this.



Young Voices

On Wednesday, 39 Key Stage 2 children and 6 adults attended the Young Voices concert at FlyDSA Sheffield Arena. There were 5053 children taking part in total and the atmosphere was electric! The children took part in a 3-hour rehearsal in the afternoon where they joined the other schools. They sang a variety of previously learnt songs with a live band and guest singers. This year's artists were Tony Hadley, The Shires and The Voice UK winner, Ruti Olajugbagbe. They performed songs and the children joined in with the chorus'. The dance group Urban Strides also performed and taught the children some dance moves.

This concert is such a wonderful experience for the children and really pushes some of them out of their comfort zone. They showed maturity and resilience and represented [#teamclarborough](#) brilliantly! We hope the parents and family members that attended enjoyed it and that the late night was worth it!



PE

This week the children began learning fencing in their PE lessons. We have some brand new equipment for them to use whilst learning this skill. The children really enjoyed practising a new sport and we would like to thank Ben Ennals for continuing to provide interesting and exciting PE lessons in school.



Water safety

Due to the leisure centre being closed for maintenance this week, our usual swimming lesson for years 3, 4 and half of 6 was held in school and the children were taught water safety skills. They learnt a variety of different things and took part in a practical workshop (without the water!).



Next week will be:

Foundation will be talking about toddlers; how they grow, what they can do, and how they stay safe and healthy. We will also be learning about 2D shapes, reading the story of Sleeping Beauty, and learning the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme.

Class 1 have begun their new topic, 'Childhood' and the children have already explored a range of old toys, comparing them to toys that they play with today. Next week, the children will look at how materials used for making toys have changed over the last 50 years and will design and create their own wooden toy.

The children have also had their first session of computing and used a music creator programme to understand scales, chords, rhythm and tempo. Next week, the children will use mixing tools to build a song using different sampled voices.

Children are invited to bring in a toy on **Tuesday 21st January** and will need to talk about what materials it is made from. If any parents or grandparents have toys from when they were children (nothing too precious or sentimental), this would also be great to compare with modern day toys.

Class 2 will be solving missing number problems, identifying the properties of 2-D shapes and using money to make different amounts in maths. In English the children will continue to read Oliver Twist. They will learn about the past and present tense, describe the character Oliver and retell the story. In history we will compare the toys the children play with today to the toys parents/carers/grandparents played with when they were young. The children will also consider the materials used to make toys and consider the materials suitability.

Class 3 will be finding out about the Roman invasion in Britain. They will be exploring different perspectives and looking at writing instructions on how to be a Roman soldier. The children will be making clay sculptures of the Roman shields and they will be designing and making catapults and then testing their creations. In Maths, the children will be introduced to short multiplication so please ensure your child is continuing to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Class 4 will be solving problems involving factor pairs and learning how to use the column method to multiply numbers together. They will also be taking on the roles of journalists in Year 4's Newsroom, to unveil and deliver the wolf's story in 'The true story of the three little pigs'.

Class 5 will be using the formal written method to multiply numbers up to four-digits by a two-digit number; exploring what life was like for children working in Victorian workhouses; writing a letter or diary extract from a workhouse child, and continuing to create their own eBook about the Victorian era.

Class 6 will continue their learning about the human body by exploring the circulatory and digestive system. In maths we will be multiplying decimals.

Class 6 will be selling cereal bars at first break next week in order to raise some money towards their trips. All bars cost 50p each and all children are welcome to buy one. Please send them with their money each day they wish to buy one.



This week's achievements:

Attendance

Week ending 19th December 2019

Class 1	87.50%
Class 2	86.03%
Class 3	88.54%
Class 4	93.75%
Class 5	80.88%
Class 6	84.38%



Well done to Class 4!

House Points

This week's House Points running totals are:

Attenborough

Wilberforce

Pankhurst

Hawking



This week's house points have not been calculated.

Out of school achievements

Just a polite reminder that the deadline for anything you wish to appear in a newsletter is 4pm on the Thursday of that week. Anything later than this will be included in the next week's newsletter.



A huge well done to Isabella R in Class 1 for achieving her Stage 2 swimming award. Keep up the good work Isabella!

School dates for your diaries:

January

6th Term begins

February

11th Valentines disco **NEW** More info to follow

14th Last day of term

17th Half term begins

24th First day of term

27th Level 1 Bikeability – year 3

28th Swimming gala at Worksop Leisure Centre

March

5th World Book Day

7th Swimathon at Retford Leisure Centre

16th Level 2 Bikeability – year 5

17th Level 2 Bikeability – year 5

31st Year 1 & 2 at church for Easter activities

April

3rd Last day of term

6th Easter holidays begin

20th Term begins

May

8th May Day bank holiday

11th Key Stage 2 SAT's week begins

21st Summer Census Special Lunch

22nd Last day of term

25th Half term begins

June

15th – 17th Class 5 & 6 residential trip

July

10th Sports Day (Reception to year 6)

17th Reserve sports day if 10th cancelled

Last day of term is still to be approved by Governors and as soon as it has been, we will confirm.

