

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 11 - 9th February 2024



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting couple of weeks of learning at Cupernham Infant School and the children particularly enjoyed junk modelling, Bikeability, George's Marvellous Medicine and sketching and painting their own royal crown, fit for a King.

This week, we have recognised Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Learning this week was all about empowering them by providing them with opportunities to express themselves. It was lovely to see so many children coming into school today "Dressed to Express!" We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th February as we have an INSET day on Monday 19th February.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Half-Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February
Yr. 1 Phonics Information W/shop	Wednesday 21 st February 3.30-4.00pm
World Thinking Day	Thursday 22 nd February - Please see information below
Yr.1 Sea City Museum Trip	Friday 23 rd February
Yr. 1 Titanic Dress Up Day	Friday 1 st March
World Book Dress Up Day	Thursday 7 th March
Mid-Year School Reports	Friday 15 th March
Fabulous Finish Class Assembly	Woodpeckers - Tuesday 26 th March @ 2.50pm
Fabulous Finish Class Assembly	Kingfishers – Wednesday 27 th March @ 2.50pm
Fabulous Finish Class Assembly	Nightingales – Thursday 28 th March @ 2.50pm
Scholastic Book Fair	16 th -19 th April - After School in the Library
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10th June

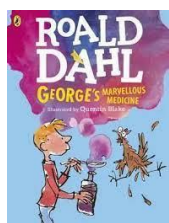
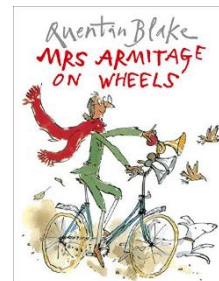
Our Learning This Week



Year R

The children have been looking at the story of 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels.' They have labelled their own bicycle, using the story for inspiration. The children were extremely excited about planning and modelling their vehicles for Junk Fest and celebrating this with their special grownups! Year R have been learning about finding pairs, doubling numbers and looking at odd and even numbers. We have also explored measurement and the vocabulary used around length and height. Year R have thoroughly enjoyed developing their gross motor skills during their bike ability sessions and have spoken with lots of excitement about their experiences!

We wish you all a very happy and safe half term and we look forward to welcoming you back, in time for our new topic!



KS1

Year 1

What a fab half term we have had! This week Year 1 have been busy using all the facts we have learnt about King Charles III and putting them into a fact file. We explored what a fact file was and how the features like headings and sub-headings. We then wrote lots of information about when he was born, who his family are and when he became king. Why don't you ask your child about the interesting facts we have found.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great half term. This week, we have been writing some brilliant character descriptions about Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine, using a great array of interesting adjectives. We have also been learning all about our multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s in maths.

In science, we have been exploring forces to see what happens to objects when we push and pull them with a different force.



HOT TOPIC



Personal Development



We are proud of our opportunities we are able to offer our children at break and lunchtimes to make their free time fun and exciting. At Cupernham Infant School, we continue to develop and support children's character, giving them qualities they need to flourish in society. We also want them to develop their confidence and resilience so that they can keep themselves mentally healthy.

Next Half term we are introducing a number of lunchtime clubs for the children to come along to and enjoy. There is no need for them to sign up. Children can turn up each week. We only ask that they stay for the whole session.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Club	All Welcome Choir	Year R&2 Art & Craft	All Welcome Wellbeing / Mindfulness	Year 1 &2 Gardening / Outdoor Classroom	Year 1 Lego
12.30-1.00pm					



We also have the 360 Degree Sports Coaches come into school on a Wednesday and Thursday Lunchtime to play multisport games with the children and football matches on a Thursday. Next half term will be football for Yr. 2 girls and then Yr. 1 boys and girl's football.

Internet Safety Day

This week the children have been discussing how to keep safe online and offline. They have also shared how they use technology and the games they play.

As parents/carers, whilst the internet is such a wonderful thing it can bring its challenges. Having regular and open conversations with your child about their use of technology is the best way to stay up to date with what they are doing and seeing on line.

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely.

A number of children shared with us the games they are playing or watching older siblings play. Some of our older children shared that they are playing Fortnite: a game that is not age appropriate.

The behaviour of your child could be affected by some games they play. Very intensive games can result in short-term bad behaviour such as poor temper or 'ragequitting', which is getting so upset they stop playing immediately. Ensuring a game's suitability can help, as can limiting playing time.

More information about keeping safe online can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



The Tree Council – Young Tree Champions

Last Year the school applied to the Tree Council to join their tree champion initiative in order to receive trees and hedgerow. Last week we received our apple and pear tree and hedgerow, which we planted.

We hope that our tree champions will represent the school by connecting, learning from trees and sharing with others their passion to create a tree-filled, healthier further for all.



Fabulous Finish Class Assembly

Starting in March 2024, you are invited to come and join us celebrating the children's learning and achievements throughout their class topic. Assemblies will start at 2.50pm and be no longer than 20mins.

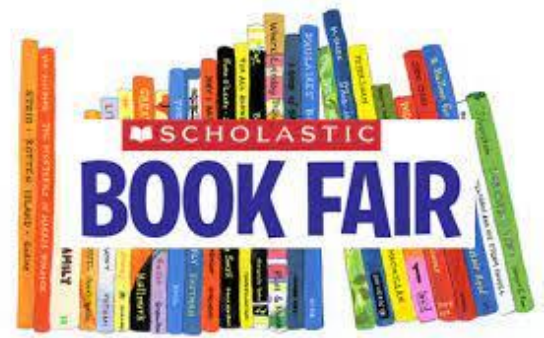
Date	Yr.Group	Class	Time
26 th March	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
27 th March	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
28 th March	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
21 st May	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
22 nd May	1	Robins	2.50pm
23 rd May	1	Owls	2.50pm
18 th June	R	Wrens	2.50pm
19 th June	R	Penguins	2.50pm
20 th June	R	Sparrow	2.50pm



We will continue to celebrate children's learning in our usual special ways so keep an eye out for these dates.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair. The books company will be visiting the school from 16th -19th April. You will be able to look and buy books after school in the library. More details to follow nearer the time.



World Thinking Day 2024



World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22 February by Scout and Guide organisations around the world. 22nd February was chosen as the date for Thinking Day because it was the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of the Scouting and Guiding movements wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement.

If your child belongs to Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs, and you would like them to take part then please let them wear their uniform to school for the day.

Sporting highlights @ Cupernham

Over the last couple of weeks, KS1 children had the opportunity to participate in two cross-country events at Mountbatten. We are so proud of them all for taking part and using their perseverance, they were all amazing. Well done to everyone who took part! Miss Holmes & Mrs Cody



Library News

Well done to our Librarians, supported by Mrs Mattingly, for creating a super book review display all about Julia Donaldson. The children enjoyed reading for pleasure and sharing their love for books.



Year R - Junk Fest

Thank you so much to all who attended Year R's Junkfest. The children really enjoyed designing and creating vehicles. We had fantastic models.... from campervans to robot transformer cars and motorbikes and many more.



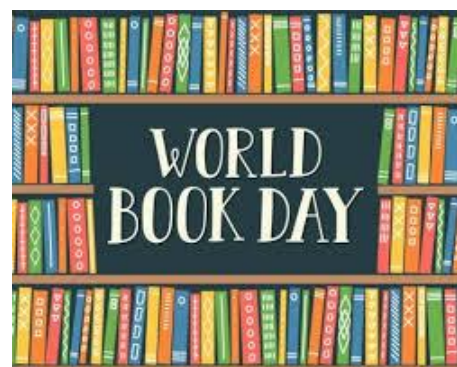
Phonics

Year 1 Parents

In June, the children in Year 1 have to undertake a National Phonics Assessment. This requires them to read 40 real and nonsense words covering the sounds that children should know and be able to blend when reading by the end of Year 1. To explain this assessment to parents and provide ways in which you can support your child at home, we are running a parent meeting on **Wednesday 21st February** at 3.30pm-4.00pm. The presentation will also be available shortly after the event for those that cannot attend.

World Book Day 2024

On Thursday 7th March, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of your 'favourite' book! Or from a book that has inspired you to be a reader.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th – Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.