

SPRING TERM 2018 INFORMATION (1)

Fun to teach, fun to learn



Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am delighted with how well the children have settled back into school after the Christmas holidays and the positive attitude they have to learning which I am sure will continue throughout the year. We have a busy term ahead and lots of exciting activities to enhance learning across the curriculum. These are detailed throughout the newsletter. Curriculum information will be sent home this week highlighting what your children will be learning about this term. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey A Wilson, Head Teacher

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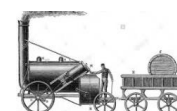
Heritage Week: 22nd – 26th January

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will be learning about our local history in preparation for Mrs. Brown and I visiting Uganda over the half term holiday. We aim to show the teachers and children in the nurseries what it is like to live in the North East of England and share with them our local heritage from a child's perspective. Studies include:

- Local inventors: George Stephenson and Humphry Davy (the Davy Miners lamp)
- Local folk tales: The Lampton Worm and tales of Lumley Castle
- Coal mining in the North East of England



If you think you would be able to help our children learn about any of the above, please contact your child's teacher. We would love grandparents or even great grandparents to share with us any stories from the past they may have.



Connecting Classrooms visit to Uganda - 7th to 18th February 2018



An important part of our visit to Uganda is to show our children the similarities and differences between life in the UK compared to that in Uganda. We will be teaching a theme of lessons in school and in Uganda called 'A life like mine' where children will explore the rights of every child including access to education, and to consider what they aspire to be when they grow up. Children will compare their responses with the children from Uganda to gain an understanding of the Rights of Every Child, and to help them develop into global citizens where they respect, empathise and celebrate difference.

We are hoping you will be able to keep track of our journey through live updates on our school website www.lumley-infants.durham.sch.uk

FREE CINEMA TICKETS TO THE PICTURES, CHESTER-LE-STREET, PARK VIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHURCH CHARE, DH3 3PZ

We are holding a fund raising event to support the children in the Uganda nurseries on **Friday 26th January** at The Pictures, Chester-le-Street at **4:30pm**. There will be a **FREE** family showing of the movie '**Beauty and the Beast**'. All of the children in main school had a choice of movie and the most popular was chosen by everyone. Refreshments including popcorn, hotdogs, drinks and sweet mix ups can be purchased during the movie. We have 240 free tickets and these will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. A ticket request sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please return to school ASAP to guarantee your tickets.

CHANGES TO P.E. DAYS AND REQUEST TO COME IN PE KIT ON THEIR P.E DAY

Please see below for your child's new P.E. day. To maximise the time children have involved in physical activity we would like children to come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day. During the winter months this will be a school P.E. t-shirt/plain t-shirt, leggings /tracksuit bottoms and school jumper/cardigan. In the summer months children may wish to wear shorts. Children may wear trainers or change into their plimsolls at school.

All P.E. kits will be sent home this Friday. Please return the kit bag, with their plimsolls in, on Monday so they can be kept in school.

Nursery pupils: There is no P.E. kit for nursery pupils. Please ensure your child is wearing leggings or jogging bottoms on their P.E. day.

| P.E. day | Year Group and Class |
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| Monday | Year 1: Miss Illingworth's class |
| Tuesday | Nursery Year 1: Miss Nicholson's class |
| Wednesday | Reception: Mrs Phillip's class |
| Thursday | Reception: Mrs Brown's class |
| Friday | Year 2 |

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Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultations

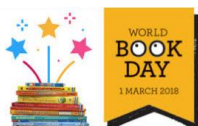
These will be held after school as follows:-

Main School - Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February from 3.15 to 5.30pm

Nursery Sessions - Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February during the nursery sessions. After school appointments will also be available.

Details and Appointment Slips will be circulated nearer the time.

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World Book Day – Thursday 1st March



We will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 1st March. This will be a non-uniform day and we are encouraging children to dress up as their favourite characters from stories or join in our 'historical theme' and dress up as someone from History. This may be a king or queen, a miner, a victorian child or even the Lampton worm! The historical theme is to support the work the children have been doing in school to learn about our local heritage. There will be prizes for creative home-made costumes.

Half Term is week beginning 12th February. School re-opens on Monday 19th February