



# Newsletter

2nd February 2024

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note these are current plans that may be subject to change. Please see email updates for changes.

Date	Event	Times/Other info
Fri 2.2.24	Reception 1 Class Assembly	9.15am
Fri 2.2.24	Reception 3 Class Assembly	2.30pm
w/c Mon 5.2.24	Safer Internet Week	See this newsletter
Mon 5.2.24	Year 1 UK Day	Wear red, white or blue
Tue 6.2.24	Reception 1 Design Workshop	1.30pm
Tue 6.2.24	Junior Web Warrior Assembly	Year 2 to attend
Tue 6.2.24	Year 2 Geography Walk	Class 1 - 1.10pm, Class 2 - 1.45pm, Class 3 - 2.35pm
Wed 7.2.24	Reception 2 Class Assembly	9.15am
Wed 7.2.24	Reception 3 Design Workshop	1.30pm
Fri 9.2.24	Stockport Shapes Dance Festival	Street Dance Club only, see online form.
Fri 9.2.24	Reception 2 Design Workshop	1.30pm
Fri 9.2.24	Break Up for half term	
Mon 19.2.24	Return to school	
Wed 6.3.24	Nursery World Book Day	Details to follow
Thu 7.3.24	World Book Day and Bedtime Story	Details to follow
Tues 26.3.24	Easter Assembly Year 2 - 2.00pm	Details to follow
Tues 26.3.24	Early Parent Consultations	Details to follow
Wed 27.3.24	Easter Assembly Year 1 - 9.15am	Details to follow
Wed 27.03.24	Late Parent Consultations	Details to follow
Thu 28.03.24	Easter Assembly - Reception 9.15am	Details to follow

# NURSERY

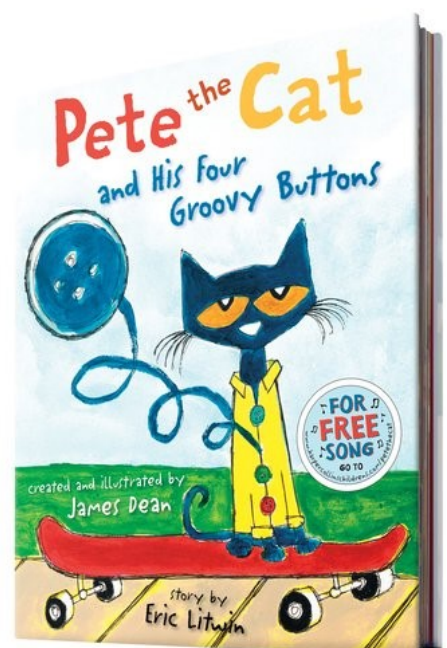
In Nursery we are continuing to learn some favourite stories that we are able to retell ourselves... This week it's been The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children really loved Mrs Hart and Miss Johnson retelling the story with a puppet show! We have seen lots of role play and bridge building emerging outside in the garden! We are learning to speak in longer phrases using colourful semantics.

We've continued to build our number knowledge, focussing on what 4 looks like as a numeral and a quantity, and all the different ways we can split 4. Our favourite book and song at the moment is Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons. You can enjoy the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=py8h1Q3UIbY>

We have been introduced to the democratic process by having a vote each day for which song we want to dance to after our lunch!

At the end of this week we will say goodbye to Miss Johnson who has successfully completed her placement with us. We wish her the very best of luck in her teaching career!



# RECEPTION

Reception went on a winter walk in the lovely sunshine. We thought about what we could see, hear and feel. We talked about why some trees were bare and some were not. We even used the word 'evergreen'.

We spotted bird houses and bird feeders, berries on the trees, heard the birds sing and even saw some new shoots growing.

Next week we'll be painting what we saw. If the children spot anything interesting growing in their garden or on the way to school, we would love to see a photo on Seesaw!

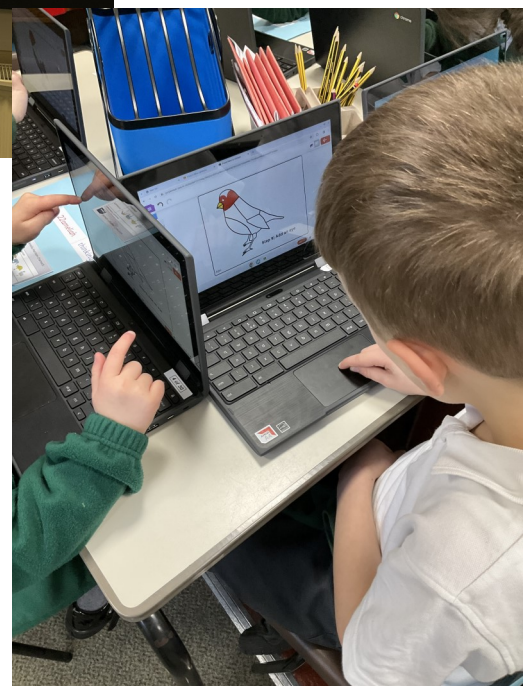
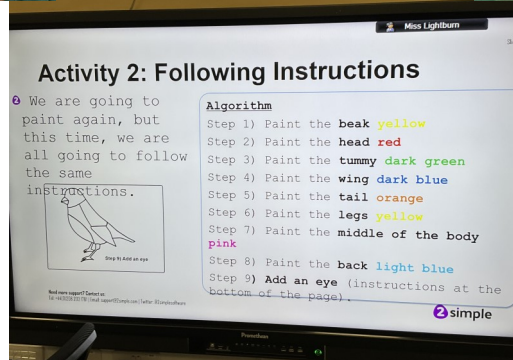
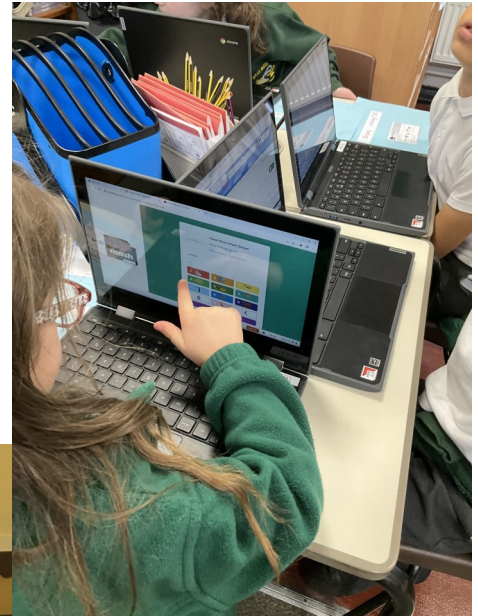
At the end of this week we will say goodbye to Miss Watson who has successfully completed her placement with us. We wish her the very best of luck in her teaching career!



# YEAR 1

Computing: This half term we are learning about algorithms. We followed the steps of an algorithm to colour a bird in the correct colours.

At the end of this week we will say goodbye to Miss Aisha who has successfully completed her placement with us. We wish her the very best of luck in her teaching career!



# YEAR 2

In Science, Class 1 enjoyed making a wormery using a plastic bottle, sand and soil. They spent their playtime finding dead leaves to add to the wormery too. They are working scientifically by 'observing over time' to answer the question 'What do worms do to soil?'



# WRAPAROUND

Just a reminder that Wraparound is available to book for next half term on ParentPay. If you use childcare vouchers or tax free childcare please make sure these payments are in our bank account before Wednesday 7th February to allow us enough time to credit your ParentPay account before the end of term. If your payment is not received in time you will have to use an alternative payment method to secure your bookings. Please remember that there is a 7 day cut off for bookings and that staff will be unable to add bookings over half term.



# TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Have you considered using [Tax Free Childcare](#) to pay for Wraparound?

- For working families, including the self-employed, in the UK
- Earning under £100k and an average of £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who aren't receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year

# SAFER INTERNET WEEK 2024

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February 2024

All of our children will be participating in activities and celebrations for Safer Internet Week 2024.

There will be stories and activities revisiting and recapping on the important central theme of being safe online.

The Year 2 children will be attending an assembly led by the Year 3 'Web Warriors' on Tuesday 6th February at 11.00am in the Junior Hall. The Web Warriors have specific responsibilities for supporting learning in Computing. This will provide our children with an excellent transition opportunity as well as learning more about online safety.



## SAVE the DATE

### Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday  
6 February

[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



# ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Booking links will be sent out via email on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, as close to 12.30pm as we can manage.

**Important: Please book GMCIS enrichment via ParentPay Clubs – not the payment item. Click Home > Your Child's Name > 3 Horizontal Bar Menu > Clubs**

**Adding funds to a payment item without using the club booking system will not book a place, may cause disappointment and result in a necessary refund.**

Day	Dates	Year Groups	Activity	Before school, lunchtime or after school	Time	Run by
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	R, 1 & 2	Spanish Club	Lunchtime	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Kidslingo
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 & 2	Football Club	After school	3.20pm – 4.20pm	UK Sports
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Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	R, 1 & 2	Dodgeball Club	After school	3.20pm – 4.20pm	UK Sports
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 & 2	Singing Club	After school	3.20pm – 4.20pm	GMCIS
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	R, 1 & 2	Street Dance Club	After school	3.20pm – 4.20pm	UK Sports

**Year 1 & 2 Let's Draw Club** - If you love to draw, this is the perfect club for you. 'Let's Draw Club' will focus on developing drawing skills. We will practise how to draw a variety of different things, step by step such as a unicorn, snowman, gingerbread man and much more! The club will run after school on Tuesdays and will be led by Mrs Dobson.

**Year 1 & 2 Singing Club** - A fun exploration of songs and rhythm, giving children the opportunity to enjoy music and have fun. The club will run after school on Thursday and will be led by Mrs Stuckey.

**Year R, 1 & 2 Spanish Club** - This Kidslingo club features action packed 30 minute sessions which use games, songs, storytelling and drama to bring languages to life. All sessions are delivered by fully qualified, insured and DBS checked tutors. Kidslingo classes are offered on a termly basis but allow parents the chance to pay by instalments to spread the cost. We're delighted to announce that our fun Spanish club is now open to all students from Reception to Year 2. Both our Spanish Clubs are full next term with some children still on the waiting list. If you are interested then please follow the link to add your child to the waiting list.

**Football, Dodgeball and Street Dance Clubs (various years)** - Our UK Sports Clubs provide children with excellent opportunities to develop physical and social skills, encouraging communication and sharing whilst enabling them to play and have fun. **Please note that UK Sports have a new booking website.** For any queries please email [info@uksportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@uksportscoaching.co.uk)

Unfortunately we are unable to provide opportunities for children to attend individual sessions – a commitment to all sessions is necessary. Refunds will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Should the club leader provide feedback that your child isn't enjoying or is not engaging with the club we will inform you so a decision can be made whether you wish for your child to continue. **Places will be issued on a first come, first served basis.**



# OTHER NEWS

<https://artbattle.co.uk/myhappyplace/>

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Winning pieces will be exhibited at **John Lewis Cheadle**.  
See website for further competition details.



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