



# NURSERY TERMLY NEWS

## A note from the Teachers

Welcome to our Summer 2! We hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. This half-term, our Nursery adventurers are diving headfirst into one of our absolute favorite topics: "Oh, I Do Like to Be by the Seaside!" From sandy toes to rockpool rescues, we have a sun-soaked curriculum lined up to round off a fantastic school year. Here is a sneak peek at what your little beachcombers will be up to over the next few weeks.

## SUMMER 2

### PE Timetable

Nursery	Reception
Monday	Monday
Thursday	

## Subject News

### Literacy



In literacy, we are developing children's ability to recall key story events and analyze characters by identifying their feelings and answering "why" questions

### Maths



This term, we are taking math out of the textbook and bringing it into the real world! Our focus is on Real-Life Number Problems, specifically mastering the art of Sharing and Grouping.

### PSHE



In our PSHE sessions this term, we are exploring what it means to have big dreams and the "grit" to reach them! We are focusing on: A "Can-Do" Attitude: Believing in ourselves when faced with something new. Conquering Challenges: Learning that difficulties are just hurdles on the way to success. Resilience in Action: We will be modeling how to keep on trying and stay positive, even when things don't go perfectly the first time.

### Motor Development



This half term, we will support ready children in writing their first names and forming letters correctly.

### Communication and Language



This term, we are focusing on understanding two-part instructions, answering "why" questions, and recalling story events in chronological order

### Personal Social and Emotional Development



This half term, our "Managing Me" focus helps students develop key social and emotional skills. Together, we will practice group collaboration, emotional reflection, kindness, social adaptability, and community responsibility

### Understanding the World



This term, we are comparing seaside holidays of the past with how we experience them today.

## Home Learning

To continue to support your child's development at home in line with our school based learning we would love it if you could practice:

- putting on your coat
- taking off your coat
- putting on your own shoes
- taking off your own shoes
- counting to 10.

We are getting into sunny season so please send your child at school with a labelled bottle water.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Jordan, Miss Gill & Miss Donnelly

## Star 6

### Nursery



### Reception





# RECEPTION TERM 1 NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

Welcome to the final half term of the school year! We cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by, and how much your children have grown, matured, and learned.

We have a thrilling final few weeks planned, packed with sunshine (fingers crossed!), transition activities to get ready for Year 1, and our brand-new, deep-sea topic: Ocean Treasures!

## SUMMER 2

### PE Timetable

Nursery	Reception
Monday	Monday
Thursday	

## Subject News

### Literacy



This half term children will engage in extended conversations about stories. Children will talk about characters and events in stories and sequence what happens next.

### Maths



This term we are focusing on comparing Length, Weight, and Capacity. We are deepening measurement skills while building Year 1 readiness. Activities are designed to challenge children and promote independent learning.

### PSHE



This term, we are supporting the children as they grow in confidence and kindness. We will be focusing on: Encouraging children to seek out new friends and invite others to play. Developing the skills to pay attention to what others are doing and dive into cooperative play. Learning to show genuine care and affection toward their friends and teachers.

### Motor Development



Children will master the use of tools to cut an increasing range of complex shapes with accuracy. We are focusing on developing greater coordination and intricate detail within their drawings

### Communication and Language



Children will learn to describe events and experiences with increasing detail and sequence. Using talk to clarify ideas, negotiate roles during activities, and organize their thoughts.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development



This Half Term we are exploring how we change as we grow. Children will learn to: Respect their bodies and the changes they see in themselves. Express their feelings confidently as they grow and adapt.

### Understanding the World



This term we are investigating ocean pollution (past vs. present) and David Attenborough's global impact.

## Home Learning

Each week your child will receive two pieces of home learning: one phonics sheet - which will link to the learning will have been doing in class. There will also be a maths based learning sheet which will link to the week's learning. Your child will get a reading book on a Friday - the phonic code in this will be linked to your child's learning. Reading books will be changed on the following Friday.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss Wood, Mrs Flo, Miss Evans & Miss Holmes.

## Star 6

### Nursery



### Reception





# KS1 TERMLY NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

We hope you all had a fantastic half-term break! It is wonderful to see everyone back, refreshed, and ready to make this final term an amazing one.

In our English lessons, we are diving straight into narrative writing. The children will be learning how to craft exciting plots, capture unique experiences, and truly bring their imaginative stories to life on the page. We can't wait to see their creativity shine!

## SUMMER 2

### PE Timetable

Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday	Tuesday

## Subject News

### Reading



In our guided reading sessions we will be using the Rocket Phonics books which are targeted to help improve fluency. We also ask that children read at home everyday and that their reading record is signed.

### Computing



This term, our computing curriculum focuses on developing foundational programming skills using Bee-Bots

### Writing



This term, our writing is inspired by some truly wonderful stories! We will be using these texts to help the children understand how a narrative is built from the ground up. Our main focus will be on learning how to weave our own personal experiences into our writing to create unforgettable stories.

### Art



This half-term, we are focusing on the wonderful art of sculpture! The children will be exploring three-dimensional art and getting hands-on to bring their own creations to life.

### Maths



This term, we are diving into the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will be building the children's confidence, sharpening their mental maths, and learning how to tackle tricky word problems together!

### PSHE



This half term, our learning journey is all about 'Changing Me.' Together, we will explore how to set personal goals and build the resilience to overcome challenges.

## Home Learning

## Star 6

Each week your child will receive various pieces of home learning:

- 1 x maths based sheet linked to the learning in class
- 1 x times tables worksheet & TTRS
- 1 x Spelling sheet to practice spellings

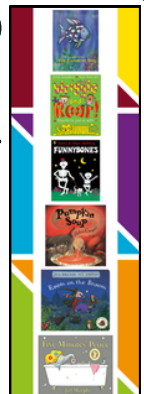
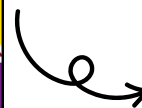
Your child will bring home a reading book and reading record daily. You and your child can share the story and fill in their reading record. Your child can swap their book daily - or as required.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss Ralph, Mr Hobson and Miss Coggill.

### Year 1



### Year 2





# LKS2 TERMLY NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

How are we already in our last half term of the academic year? This year has flown by and the children have taken up a range of learning opportunities. In our final half term, we have lots of to look forward including Sports Day, a trip into Leeds City Centre as part of our Geography field trip, our Fun Extravaganza day and our Summer Fair! We look forward to our last half term before the Summer holidays.

## SUMMER 2

### PE Timetable

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Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday

## Subject News

### Reading



In reading, we will be looking at *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. We will be applying our VIPERS skills to explore and analyse the novel.

### Science



In Science, we will be looking at the Life Cycle of Plants where we will look at root networks, how a plant transports water, seed dispersal, pollination and an experiment based on growing our very own grass!

### Writing



In Writing, we will divulge into all things Adventure Stories. We will look at implementing a range of SPAG features to extend our writing.

### Geography



Our big project this term involves a fieldwork trip to Leeds City Centre! Pupils will be out and about gathering data, which they will then analyze and use to generate an in-depth report comparing the data from Leeds to our local Barnsley Town Centre. Stay tuned for their results!

### Maths



We are turning into data detectives in maths this term! The children will be mastering data handling from start to finish: collecting their own data, analysing the results, and learning how to present their discoveries in a range of impressive graphs.

### PSHE



This term in PSHE, we will be exploring the many changes we experience as we grow up. To support this important topic, we are looking forward to our annual visit from "Big Talk," who will help guide the pupils through these milestones with age-appropriate, reassuring, and informative sessions.

## Home Learning

## Star 6

Each week your child will receive various pieces of home learning:

- 1 x reading comprehension with questions - this will link to the topics studied in class.
- 1 x maths based sheet/ times tables.
- 1 x SPAG/ Spelling sheet to practice skills from SPAG week,
- 1 x Theme based learning

Your child will also bring home a reading book. Please ensure reading records are signed by an adult and then brought in daily along with your child's reading book.

Thank you for your continued support

### Year 3



### Year 4





# UKS2 TERMLY NEWS

## A note from the Teachers

Wow! What a bright, sunny and refreshing half term that was! It certainly was a fitting break to kick start the count-down to the Summer holidays. But before we can begin thinking about that, Summer 2 will undoubtedly finish this academic year with a bang. There is much in store for Year 5 and Year 6 from trips to Whitby and Skelton Grange that will help enrich our curriculum to the shedding of tears at this years leaver's assembly when we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6's. Summer 2 is always a special term because it allows everyone at VPA to celebrate the successes the children have made throughout the year. Plus... we have the Mega Funday at the end to top it off. So, let the fun begin!

## SUMMER 2

### PE Timetable

Year 5	Year 6
5LB - Swimming Tuesdays /Thursday	6RM - Thursday
5EM - Monday /Thursday	6LP - Thursday

## Subject News

### Reading



This half term, UKS2 will be reading the novel, 'Room 13' - a gripping if not spooky text that is set in the coastal town of Whitby. This story will be brought to life following our visit to Whitby in the coming weeks.

### Science



In Science, the children will be learning about evolution and inheritance. Our trip to Skelton Grange will compliment this learning whilst enabling the children to revisit some prior learning on life cycles.

### Writing



In writing, we begin the term with a SPAG week where the children will learn grammatical features that will be implemented into their writing. Following this, the children will writing short narratives.

### Geography



This half term, Geography focuses on two areas of learning: fieldwork (when we visit Whitby) and the Ancient, New and Natural wonders of the World. Both areas of learning will transport the children to places never seen before!

### Maths



In maths this half term, Year 5 will be starting their journey on data handling: reading, interpreting and drawing them. Y6 will embark on some project work: drawing on all they have learnt at VPA.

### PSHE



This half term, the children will be looking at ways they can look after themselves. The children will explore their emotional wellbeing and look into ways to support it and help it thrive.

## Home Learning

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### Year 5



### Year 6

