

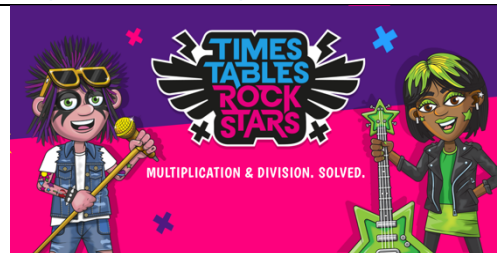
It's been a slightly shorter week this week, but we have still managed to pack lots in!

Next week we will be sending out a Parents Evening appointment for all parents. Please attend this meeting as it is a vital opportunity for us to update you on your child's progress and their targets. Children achieve best when home and school work together, which is why we really value the opportunity to talk to you about how you can also support your child at home.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be marking this in school through a range of activities. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. We will think about how we are encouraged to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.

All pupils in Years 2 to 6 have access to the online learning platform 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. It can be used on a phone, tablet or computer. 'Times Table Rockstars' is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.



Years 1 and 2 have access to 'Numbots' which is similar



to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' but focuses on addition, subtraction and number bonds in a fun, gamified way.

Please encourage your child to use these programmes at home. They are fun and engaging but most importantly develop their maths knowledge and fluency skills.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

We have received several complaints from local residents regarding parents/carers parking in an inconsiderate way. Please think of others when dropping off and collecting children.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th February – KS2 Mile Run (pm)

Tuesday 7th February – Year 4, 5, 6 Theatre Performance (in school)

Wednesday 8th February – First Holy Communion Enrolment Service at 2pm in school

Friday 10th February – Bikeability 'Learn to Ride' Year 5 and 6



Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance AGAIN this week.

They enjoyed a lovely treat for being the winners last week too!

F2 – 93.9% Y1 – 93.2% Y2 – 96.3% Y3 – 96% Y4 – 95%

Y5 – 87.9% Y6 – 93.2%

Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend school regularly:

- Do not achieve well in exams
- Find it difficult to maintain friendships
- Are more likely to become involved in crime
- Miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work



Our school value for the month of February is JUSTICE. This month as we think about the theme of justice we will discuss how to treat people fairly.

Justice is obtained in most democratic societies through a system of laws, which are there to make sure that people are not hurt or exploited by others. These laws are made by people to protect them from their own worst behaviour. However, sometimes these very laws are shown to be unfair and they need to be challenged and changed.

A simple 'rule of thumb' on what is just behaviour is provided by the so-called 'golden rule', taken from Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount: 'Treat others as you want them to treat you' (Matthew 7:12).



We have seen lots of fantastic learning going on in school again this week...

This week Nursery class had the opportunity to explore a different culture through learning about Chinese New Year. They made Chinese lanterns, ate rice for snack and enjoyed an authentic dragon mask.



Our Foundation 1 children have made picture frames using recycled boxes this week.

In after school STEM club, they were challenged with creating something to protect our ears from loud noises. They had to consider what materials would be best and how to they would wear the ear protectors.

Two Year 4 children planned and led a beautiful and reflective class prayer time thinking about Justice.

Our Year 5 children worked with Mr Sledge marking Holocaust Memorial Day. He was



really impressed by the children's wonderful responses.



We focused on the Gospel reading this week in our Key Stages. It was one of the most well-known passages from Matthew's Gospel called 'The Beatitudes'.

We all want to be happy, and to have a sense of well-being and inner joy. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to discover the true happiness for which we were created. Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God our Father and responding to that love by loving others, is the path to everlasting happiness – to live forever.



Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph