



Henbury View First School

Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts

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Headteacher's Update

Welcome back and again the staff would like to thank you for the kind gifts and messages that you sent us at Christmas.

At the end of term as a staff we reflected on our Christmas events and activities and would really welcome your feedback to support our planning for next year, please use this link to share your views. <https://forms.office.com/e/BQEGKhYKkH>

The link will close on 30th January at 1pm.

As we start this term, we will be inviting parents and carers to share in our learning through parent shares and book looks (This is an opportunity after school in the classroom to look at your child's books and share in their learning). The children really value having the opportunity to share their learning with family and friends, it demonstrates the children's enthusiasm for learning. The dates are in this newsletter.

Best wishes, Sally Wall

E-safety Day 2023

As part of our internet safety curriculum, we will be celebrating E-Safety Day 2023 on Tuesday 7th February. This year's theme is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The theme really puts children at the forefront, encouraging them to talk about how they use the internet and having a voice on the safety curriculum they receive.

Each class will be completing a range of activities throughout the week with the aim of answering the following questions:

- What issues really matter to our children?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

If you have any questions about our e-safety curriculum, please do look on our website or contact the school office.

Industrial Action

Following the announcement of planned industrial action in the event of us needing to close or partly close the school we will endeavour to provide you with as much notice as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent shares this term at 2.30pm in the hall.

Year 4-30th January

Year 3-6th February

Year 2-27th March

Year 1-20th March

Foundation-13th March

Book Looks this term.

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2-9th Feb

Year 3 and Year 4-30th March

Parent's evenings.

7th and 9th March. Details to follow.

Other dates.

Feb

3rd February-School Disco.

9th Feb-IEP Meetings

20th February-Inset day.

March

2nd March-World Book Day.

17th March-Red Nose Day.

20th-21st March-Year 4 Trip to Leeson House.

31st March-Easter Activities and Easter Hunt.

Lunch box contents

We encourage healthy lunches at Henbury. We are beginning to notice that chocolate and sweets are appearing in boxes. Please be aware that there are children in our community with nut allergies including sesame and hazelnuts, please ensure that you do not include these items in your child's lunchbox, this does include items such as nutella and some Kinder products which include a hazelnut filling. Thank you for your support with this.

Collecting your child from School

If you know you are going to be delayed collecting your child please contact the school office so that we can let your child know. If you arrive after 3.30pm children will be sent to the school office and they can be collected from there. This is to enable staff to attend after school meetings.

Class Updates

Foundation.

In Foundation we have started off this half term by looking at the changes to our environment around school now that is winter. We all went on a winter walk, where we discussed what we could see. We noticed that most of the trees had lost all of their leaves and they are called deciduous trees, while some have not because they are evergreen trees. We have also been looking at how the water left outside in our water tray has frozen when it has gotten really cold, but by the end of the day it has melted because the temperature has gotten warmer.

Year 1.

This week in Music, Year 1 learned all about the importance of dynamics in a piece of music.

The children were all very excited to explore the wide variety of instruments and were all so brilliant at changing the way they played their instruments to create quiet and loud sounds. Next week we look forward to exploring dynamics further and will be splitting off into groups to create our own dynamic pieces of music creating our own graphic scores.

Year 2.

In Science this half term, Year 2 are learning about living things and their habitats. This week, the children went on a 'habitat hunt' around our school, to see what living things they could spot in different areas. They found a range of plants, trees, and insects during their investigation. The class had to use their scientific skills to carefully observe the habitats and record what they noticed.



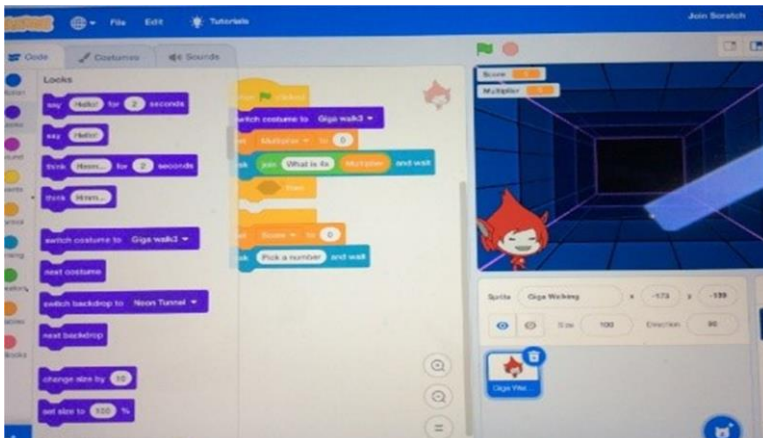
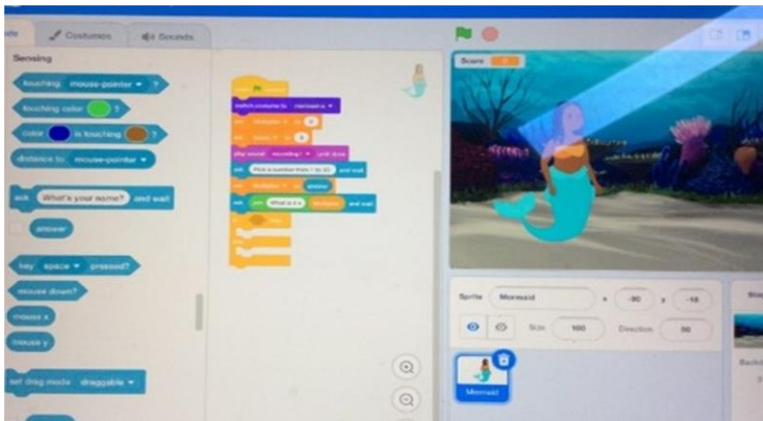
Year 3.

In Year 3, the children have been finding out where our fruit and vegetables are grown and why certain foods grow better in certain regions or countries. Using a 'seasonal food calendar', they have identified which fruits and vegetables grow best in each season in the UK. They have enjoyed exploring food packaging to find out where different fruits and vegetables are commonly imported from and have debated the benefits vs the environmental impact of importing food. The children are looking forward to designing and baking their own seasonal vegetable dish to complete the topic. Delicious!



Year 4

Year 4 have made an excellent return from the Christmas break and have settled back into our new learning brilliantly. We have launched our new history unit which is all about the Romans! We have read a stunning book titled 'Escape from Pompeii' and we are currently in the process of writing our diary entries ready to share at parent share. It is safe to say you will be blown away by the children's writing, they have worked incredibly hard. In our science learning we have enjoyed learning about sound, in particular researching the famous inventor Alexander Bell. Did you know Year 4 are now able to create their own code to design and play multiplication games on Scratch? Take a look at our awesome projects below.





Smart Watches

Smart watches: some of our children have received lovely watches for Christmas. We kindly request that watches that children bring to school are ones which are designed to tell the time and step count. The functionality of some of the watches now include games which are causing a distraction to learning and cameras which could be a safeguarding risk to some of our pupils. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Corfe Mullen Food Bank

To show our support to families within our community who may need of a little extra help we have decided to place a basket permanently in our entrance hall where you can place donated items for the local food bank. We will periodically take the donations up to the food bank hub. I am aware that toiletries, nappies are items which are welcomed.

Children's Mental Health Week

6th-12th of February.

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. During this time we will look at how they connect with each other and to think about collaborative activities which bring them joy. We will also link it with internet safety.

Safeguarding/Child Protection Issues

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Henbury View First School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.

Our Family Support Worker is: Mrs Sharon Saunders