

### Curriculum News

#### Early Years Foundation Stage

##### Nursery: We're going on a journey!

Pack your bags and collect your tickets because Nursery are heading off on a journey! In our last topic of the year, we will be taking a closer look at holidays, travel and our important journey into Reception. We will try lots of new things including visiting new areas of school like the library and timber trail. We will have PE lessons in the hall for the first time too! We will also take part in Free-Flow Fridays with Reception. Hop aboard, lots of exciting journeys await!

##### Reception: Land Ahoy!

Attention all ye landlubbers, the Reception team are on the lookout for a new pirate crew to hoist the rigging and sweep the decks! In our final half-term, Reception will be exploring the swashbuckling world of pirates and their adventures on the seven seas. Recruitment will begin on our Pirate Day where we will dress up and learn the ropes! We will be delving into the depths of the deep blue sea to find out all about the amazing marine creatures that are below the surface. We will have two PE days this term. One for gymnastics and another for athletics outdoors. We are also very excited to host our Reception Class Assembly and come together to celebrate the end of our Early Years journey with you. Land Ahoy!



#### Diary Dates

2025

- 12.6.25 Art Showcase
- 17.6.25 Sports Day (pm)
- 19.6.25 New to Reception Parent Meeting
- 20.6.24 Training Day
- 26.6.25 New to Nursery Drop in session
- 27.6.25 Yellow Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 27.6.25 Summer Fair
- 1.7.25 & 2.7.25 Y4 Middle School Transition Days
- 2.7.25 WLFS 'Move Up' Morning
- 9.7.25 Reception Joint Class Assembly 9am (Wed)
- 11.7.25 New to Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Information Meetings
- 16.7.25 Y4 Leaver's Assembly (Wednesday @ 9am)
- 17.7.25 Last day of term
- 18.7.25 Training Day
- New Academic Year**
- September 2025**
- 1.9.25 Training Day
- 2.9.25 Pupils return to school
- 27.10.25-31.10.25 Half term
- 19.12.25 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday
- Diary Dates 2026**
- 5.1.26 Training Day
- 16.2.26-20.2.26 Half Term
- 3.4.26-17.4.26 Easter Break
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term
- 17.7.26 Last day of term

#### Key Stage One

This half term, our exciting topic is 'Journeys,' and children will explore this theme through a wide range of engaging activities. In English, they'll be inspired by the beautiful short film 'A Cloudy Lesson' to write imaginative diary entries, build rich vocabulary and become more confident and accurate writers. In maths, Year 1 will dive into counting, fractions, money and telling the time, while Year 2 will get hands-on with charts, position and direction and real-life problem solving.

Our geography work takes us across the globe as we compare life in Whitley Bay to sunny Townsville, Australia, discovering how weather shapes lifestyles and culture. In science, children will become seasonal detectives, tracking changes in weather, daylight hours, nature and environment. Through PSHE, we will build confidence, set goals and explore our unique place in a diverse community.



In DT, we will have fun designing and making our own delicious, healthy snacks.

It's set to be a busy half term full of discovery and creativity!



#### Key Stage Two

As we head into our final half term of the academic year, we're

excited for our new topic about architecture. We will focus on the talented architects of the 19th Century who designed and built our amazing city of Newcastle.

In Design and Technology, we will be identifying and studying different types of bridges, discovering how they are constructed and learning about simple pneumatics. This will culminate in a creative challenge where the children will design and build their own pneumatic bridge. Our English lessons will be inspired by the fantastic text *Iggy Peck, Architect*, a perfect springboard for writing in a range of genres including dialogue, newspaper reports and explanatory texts. On top of all this exciting learning, we will be celebrating a variety of school events including Hoopstarz Day, Sports Week and our annual art showcase.

For our Year 4 pupils, the term will conclude with their much-anticipated leavers' assembly - a special moment to reflect and celebrate their time with us. It's shaping up to be a jam-packed, exciting and memorable half term!

#### Art Showcase – Thursday 12 June from 3pm

Please come to see the fantastic exhibition of children's work. Every piece of work has been inspired by the same one picture,

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