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# Mountfield News

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## Robinwood

Well, what a way to kick off 2018 but with 26 amazing, adventurers attending Robinwood. Sitting in Alston, Cumbria, Robinwood is an activity centre that provides eager children with out-of-this-world experiences such as: The Piranha Pool (including real Piranhas), the Giant Swing, climbing, the zip wire, canoeing and much more! The children did outstandingly well conquering their fears and for the first year ever nobody refused to do an activity! One child said, "This has been the best week of my life." Fear not though, Robinwood will be back in 2019 for the next set of adventurers. All of the pictures can be found on the Year 6 blog.



## Reminders

- School begins at 8:55am, however we open all doors to allow children into school at 8:45am to ensure a calm start to the day.
- Children look really smart in their uniforms. Please keep this up and help us raise the profile of the school. Ensure all clothes have names in to avoid getting lost.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school and children will be asked to remove earrings for safety reasons.
- Please make sure shoes are black and preferably without logos or coloured stripes.
- Leggings are not appropriate, so please avoid these and ensure girls wear trousers or skirts.
- If you bring your child to school in a car, please **DO NOT** park outside the school gates or on yellow lines or zigzags. These markings are there for the safety of our children. We will report any vehicles that we see illegally parked.
- Please remember we are a no smoking site and this includes VAPING.
- Children should **NOT** bring mobile phones to school- In some circumstances senior staff may agree a child has a need for a phone after school. If this is the case then it **must** be handed in to the school office until the end of the day. **School cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to any phones or items that should not be in school.**

## Essential questions

Our curriculum is driven by an essential question which the children investigate and work through the term towards an outcome to help them answer the question.

Here are this term's questions .....

- Nursery- **Where will we go, who will we meet?**
- Reception- **Does every door lead to a happy ending?**
- Year 1- **What makes the earth special?**
- Year 2- **Does a healthy body mean a healthy mind?**
- Year 3- **What does it take to survive a natural disaster?**
- Year 4- **What if the lights went out?**
- Year 5- **What does faith mean to you?**
- Year 6- **How do I know if I am the best I can be?**

### Parents workshop

Please come along at 9am on Thursday 8th February to find out more about our exciting curriculum and visit the children at work!

## Diary- February

Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day Theatre production in school re Safer Internet use
Wednesday 7th February	9:00AM: Maths workshop for <u>KS2 parents</u> AM: Nursery to Forest school PM: Reception to Forest school Piccolo music for Nursey, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 8th February	9:00AM: <u>Parents workshop</u> - project work
Friday 9th February	3:15PM: School closes for the half term break
Monday 19th February	School re-opens
Tuesday 20th February	Futsal taster sessions
Wednesday 21st February	AM: Nursery to Forest school PM: Reception to Forest school Piccolo music for Nursey, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

## Attendance

So far this half term we have suffered from many bugs and flu in school. This is our attendance so far...

- Nursery: 85.3% (oh dear!)
- Reception: 94.9% (could be better!)
- Year 1: 95.8% (Pretty good)
- Year 2: 94.1% (could be better!)
- Year 3: 95.3% (pretty good)
- Year 4: 94.7% (could be better!)
- Year 5: 96.6% (great!)
- Year 6: 91.6% (oh dear!)

## Nursey

### Where will we go, who will we meet?

We have been learning the story 'Each Peach Pear Plum' off by heart by inventing actions and making our own story map. There are lots of characters who feature in the story and we are currently finding out all about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. So far we have made beds for Goldilocks, cooked porridge and been on a bus to 'Seven Stories' to look at the 'Bears Exhibition'.



## Reception

### Does every door lead to a happy ending?

Reception have had a great start to the Spring term. We have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been planting beans, making beanstalks and so much more! Have a look at our blog to see more!



## Year 1

### What makes the earth special?

Year 1 launched into their new project with a visit to Thornley Woods to look at and be part of the environment. They have discussed how people can look after different environments and what some people do to damage them.



## Year 2

### Does a healthy body mean a healthy mind?

Year 2 have had an energetic start to the Spring term by launching into their new project with PE coach and expert Kate. We have been discussing the benefits of exercise and learning about the basic needs of the body.



## Year 3

### What does it take to survive a natural disaster?

We were evacuated from school to a church hall in Heaton as there was a tornado heading our way! The tornado caused an enormous amount of mess inside our classroom and we had to describe what it looked like.



## Year 4

### What if the lights go out?

During this project we will be thinking about what life would be like without electricity and how we can use more environmentally friendly ways to produce energy.



We began our project by having a Viking Day so we could see what life was like for Viking all those years ago, without electricity.

## Year 5

### What does faith mean to you?

We literally 'launched' our new project by 'launching' ourselves from an enormous climbing wall! We had an awesome time and really had to have faith in ourselves and in each other in order to succeed. Take a look at our blog to find out more!



## Year 6

To begin our project, we have been looking at the human body and our Circulatory System. We created a heart to show how the blood leaves the Aorta and travels around the body.

