





# Shanklea Primary School

"We provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children recognise and achieve their fullest potential"

## Coming Soon

### STEM Week 18<sup>th</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Next week will be a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. We will encourage our young people to think about everyday discoveries and how they affect their lives by exploring science in the world all around us.

The children in **Early Years** will be finding out about the "People who help us" in our community. We have lots of exciting activities planned to help develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the world.

**Year 1** and **Year 2** will be focussing on the features of vehicles and their designs. Both year groups will be taking part in exciting activities throughout the week that will make the children think about the important features of what vehicles need for different surroundings and purposes.

In **Year 3** and **Year 4**, we will focus on "Building for the Future." The children will build structures, create and programme robots and even learn to dance like one.

Fancy a job in medicine? Our **Year 5** and **Year 6** children will be experiencing the varied career options in the world of medicine next week. Which job do you think they would choose?

We welcome parents and carers to our STEM Celebratory Children and Parent Event, @ **4.00pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

The Year 5 and 6 children will also visit a new excellence centre, DASH at Wansbeck General Hospital which is purpose-designed with two six-bed bays and multiple training and teaching areas. Through simulation-based training, the children will interact with the sophisticated mannequins – computer-based patients who can breathe, talk, have audible heart and lung sounds, a measurable pulse rate, and can even be given meds and fluids.

**Highly recommended books** This year's British Science Week theme is 'journeys' which has really got us inspired to share some excellent books to use during the week. Books may not be your first thought for a science week, but they can really be a great spark for scientific enquiry and can support children acquiring new scientific knowledge and understanding. Reading really is STEMsational and it can help to build children's science skills and knowhow.-

@ <https://www.britishecienceweek.org/reading-rocks-stemsational-books-for-british-science-week>

Using books across STEM subjects can be effective in two ways. With pupils who are reluctant to read, using a subject they may be more familiar, comfortable or confident in can help to nurture their reading confidence or interest. For those pupils who are more interested in books and reading, books linked to science can develop their interest and love of STEM subjects. Let's go straight into some fantastic books you may wish to use:

'**Amazing Animal Journeys**' '**Once Upon a Raindrop**'

'**The Clue is in the Poo**' '**Molly's Moon Mission**'

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm Mrs Downes' Class assembly (BD2)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9-10am Little Monkeys playgroup 2.45pm Mrs Kane's Class Assembly (KK2) 3.30pm New Squirrels Open Evening 3.30pm STEM Celebratory Children and Families Event
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm Year 5 and Robinwood Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 5 and 6 DASH Visit, Wansbeck Hospital
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3.30pm Nursery-Year 5 Parent Consultations</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3.30pm Nursery-Year 5 Parent Consultations</b> 2.45pm Mr Rutherford's Class Assembly (JR3)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm 2.45pm Ms Rigg's Class Assembly (ER3)

### Collection Arrangements

Sometimes parents and carers can be unexpectedly delayed when collecting their children. If this happens please call us so we can let your child and their teacher know.

If, however, you know earlier in the day that your collection arrangements are going to be different, for example if another parent is collecting your child, please let us know as far in advance as you can. If we receive a lot of last minute changes it can sometimes be difficult to ensure everyone receives the message quickly enough.

### Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **DAC1, ER3** and **LG6**

**Well done Year 1**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.2
1	97.9
2	95.1
3	97.3
4	96.8
5	97.3
6	95.6