



Newsletter



Tuesday 6th November 2018



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 5 th November	School closed Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th November	Whole school	'Open the Book' assembly led by Rector Susan.
Wednesday 7 th November	Reception & Class 1	Forest school afternoon - tracksuit bottoms & wellies needed.
Thursday 8 th November	Whole school	Visit to the Heritage Centre Cinema Night 3.15- 5pm.
Friday 9 th November	Whole school	PE Prayer Space.
Monday 12 th November	Whole school	Swimming Rector Susan assembly - Remembrance
Tuesday 13 th November		
Wednesday 14 th November		
Thursday 15 th November		
Friday 16 th November	Year 2,3 & 4 Reception	Mini-Partnership football festival. PE Forest school morning



Football coaching will begin this Wednesday with coaches from Killingworth AFC for those children who have returned their slips. These sessions will finish at 4pm. Children will need outdoor PE kit and football boots.



Harvest assembly - thank you to everyone for supporting our Harvest assembly. It was lovely to see the hall so full of visitors!

Mrs Goddard has delivered the food to StopGap and a letter of thanks is on display in our school hall.



Poppy Appeal.

We now have a selection of items from the Royal British Legion in school to support the annual Poppy Appeal.

Children are allowed to bring money into school this week in exchange for Poppy related items (slap bands, rulers, wrist bands, reflectors and poppy stickers)

All children will be visiting the Heritage Centre in Bellingham on Thursday this week where they will be able to see some of the poppies we created as part of the special WW1 display.

We will be working closely with the Heritage Centre over the forthcoming weeks in readiness for our 'Take Over' event on Thursday 22nd November. This is when we plan to 'take over' the running of the museum and invite parents to come along as our special visitors. We will let you know our special opening times once we've had this confirmed with Centre staff this week but it is likely to be in the afternoon.

What are we doing this week?

Reception Topic - Bonfire Night/ Diwali

Personal and Social Development - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others. Trip to the Heritage Centre.

Communication and Language - *Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.* Circle time activity talking about bonfire night.

Physical Development - *Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.* Create firework dancing sticks, edible sparkles and diva pots for Diwali.

Literacy - Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint. Initial sound, CVC, tricky word and name writing in glitter. Diwali cards. Recap letter sounds taught so far with a focus on blending and segmenting. Introducing Red words- 'I', 'the' and 'no'.

Mathematics - *Counts out up to six objects from a larger group.* Counting objects to create fireworks and Rangoli patterns.

Understanding the World - *Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family*

Members. Whilst making firework dancing sticks and edible sparklers children will talk about their Bonfire Night experiences.

Expressive Arts and Design -. *Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.* Create firework dancing sticks, edible sparkles and diva pots for Diwali.

Class 1.

English- We will be writing recounts of our half term holiday news and writing our own firework poems.

Mathematics- We will be measuring objects around the classroom using cubes and rulers.

Topic- This half term we will be learning all about toys from the past. Children will be writing about their favourite toy.

R.E- We will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated.

Design technology- This half we will be making our own moving toys. Our focus this week will be looking at how different toys move.

PSHE- We will be learning about Remembrance Day and going on a trip to the Heritage Centre.

P.E- Dance and swimming

Music- Ukulele

How to help at home- Talk to your child about objects that are taller or shorter than other objects

Class 2

English: We will start the half term looking at writing letters in response to those from a WW1 soldier from the North East.

Maths: We are going to begin to develop of multiplication skills by looking at 'equal groups' and multiplying by 10.

Science: To start our topic on light, we will share what we already know and think of key questions for the half term.

Topic: This half term our topic is World War One. We are going to begin by looking at how WW1 started. Each week we will look at letters sent by a soldier about his time during the war.

RE: We are going to learn about the Christmas Story, starting with the question 'Who were Mary and Joseph?'

PSHE: Following on from last half term, we are going to look at building our resilience and developing a growth mindset.

Help at home: Choose a times table you know, and see how many division facts you can find. e.g. $4 \times 5 = 20$. $20 \div 5 = 4$



Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.

Attendance: Week ending 26th October

Reception: 97%

Year 1 : 90%

Year 2 : 94%

Year 3 : 91%

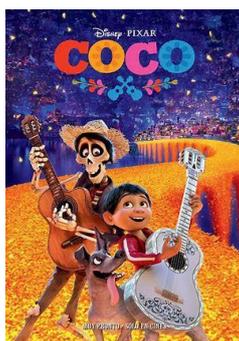
Year 4 : 100% Well done!

Our 'Friends of Bellingham First School' held their annual Hallowe'en party in the Town Hall and we've heard lots about it from the children!



A fantastic £243 was raised!!!

Thank you to everyone involved!



Cinema Night – Thursday 8th November

The children have chosen 'Coco' to watch this week.

The movie will start immediately after school and finish at approximately 5pm.

£3 per child

Refreshments will be available (hot dogs, juice and crisps) at 50p each.