

NORTH DUFFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Growing Learners for Life

Summer 1

May 2018

MR RUSSELL'S UPDATES

Dear Parents

The Easter holidays already seem to be a long time ago but the new term has started well in school. I have been very pleased with the super attitudes I have seen in classes, including the lovely manners of the children.

In the summer term we have a number of activities happening in school and dates have been added to the diary on the next page. It would be wonderful to see you at our Annual Sports Day on Wednesday 20 June and joining us at the Friends Summer Fair on Saturday 23 June.

We will also be welcoming our new starters and parents for Autumn 2018 this term. I have met some of them during their afternoon visits to Class 1 and am looking forward to them starting with us in September.

Metacognition

Following on from an idea from the Parents Forum, we have added some information for parents about Metacognition. The school vision is "Growing Learners for Life" and an integral part of this is learning how to learn. I hope you find the information a useful starting point, more will be shared throughout the term.

Summer Safety

Please can you ensure that when the weather is hot, the children bring in a water bottle, sun cream and a hat. We do have shaded areas on the field, which we encourage the children to use, but they will still need some protection.

Kind Regards

Mr A Russell

Sports Day

We will be holding our sports day on **Wednesday 20 June**. If the field is wet the event will be postponed until **Wednesday 27 June**. The timings are:

1.00 pm (prompt) Key Stage 1 track events
1.50 pm (approximately) Key Stage 2 sports

More information will be sent out nearer the time. We hope you can join us and cheer on the children.

Social Media

A reminder to parents, whilst we are happy for you to take photographs of your child at the end of our Awards Assembly, they must not be placed on social media. If we are made aware that this is still happening we may need to rethink this position.

We are currently looking at our policy on photographs and social media and will share it with the Parents Forum at their next meeting.

ROBINS

SCORE

708

MALLARDS

SCORE

637

TEALS

SCORE

592

SUNBIRDS

SCORE

359

House News

Last term's winners were Teals. The school council is deciding on the reward for the pupils for last term.

Diary Dates

Summer Term

Tuesday 1 May to Friday 4 May
Monday 14 May- Friday 18 May
Thursday 24 May
Monday 29 May- Friday 1 June
Monday 4 June
Wednesday 6 June
Wednesday 20 June
Wednesday 27 June
Monday 9 July- Wednesday 11 July
Friday 20 July
Friday 20 July

KS1 SATs
KS2 SATs week
Firefighters Clothing Collection
Half term holiday
School Open after holiday
Tempest Class & Sports Team photographs
Sports Day
Reserve Sports Day
Year 5 & 6 Residential
Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm
Last Day of Term

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September Staff Training Day
Tuesday 4 September Children's First Day

Metacognition

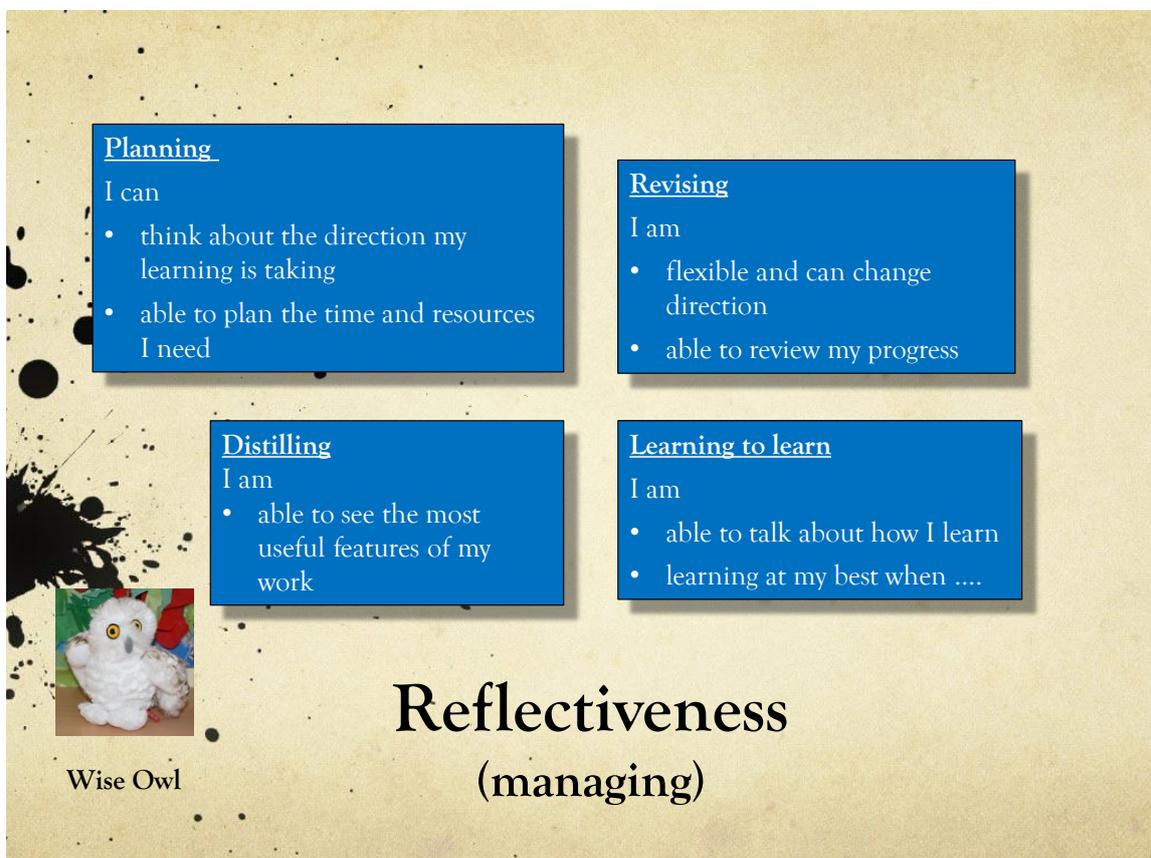
Growing Learners for Life

The school is currently working on Metacognition, a whole school approach to lifelong learning. Metacognition recognises that the world our children will grow up in will be very different from the world we know now- in terms of technology, society and careers. To succeed our children need to develop their learning behaviours.

Over the current year we are working on the four behaviours. So far, we have covered resilience and reciprocity, this term it is **reflectiveness**. As we develop the learning behaviours in school we would like to keep parents up to date on what they mean, look like and how the language used can develop the children into learners for life.

What is a reflective learner?

There are four main areas of a reflective learner. We will manage our learning through planning, revising, distilling and learning to learn. The diagram below shows what we are expecting everyone to learn.



Each term we introduce an animal to symbolise the behaviour, we have chosen an owl for reflectiveness. As we develop the behaviour throughout school we will be adding language, photos and work to our website page and awarding a certificate as part of our awards assembly to children who demonstrate reflective learning.