

## Diary Dates 2017

Friday 17th February 2017	School closes at 3.15pm for Half Term
Friday 17th February 2017	Half termly reports are sent home
Monday 27th February 2017	School opens at 8.45am
Monday 27th February 2017	Year 3 children swim every day for 3 weeks
Thursday 2nd March 2017	Parents Meeting for Whitemoor Lakes children
Monday 13th March 2017	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 14th March 2017	DRET Music Festival at Hull City Hall
Friday 7th April 2017	Children break up at 3.15pm for the Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April 2017	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 25th April 2017	Children return to school at 8.45am
Monday 8th May—Friday 12th May	KS2 SATS week
Monday 1st May 2017	May Day (School Closed)
Monday 22nd May 2017	Year 2 children swim every day for 4 days
Friday 26th May 2017	Children break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 5th June 2017	Children return to school at 8.45am
Thursday 15th June—Friday 16th June 2017	Year 4 Residential at Robin Hood Activity Centre
Tuesday 25th July 2017	Children break up for the Summer Holidays at 3.15pm

## PE KIT

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day, it makes sense to bring it into school on a Monday and take home to wash on Fridays or at the end of term. If your child does not have any PE kit, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Is your child interested in joining Rainbows, Brownies or Guides? Groups are held at Welholme Primary Academy on a Monday evening. For more information visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)



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# Newsletter - February 2017

## World Book Day

This years theme for World Book Day will be "The Day the Crayons Quit". Your child will be able to come to school dressed in an item of clothing in the colour of their year group. Year 1 and Year 2 are Pink, Year 3 and Year 4 are Blue, Year 5 and Year 6 are Red, Nursery and Reception children are Green. The children will be doing lots of fun activities throughout the school day.



## Whitemoor Lakes Residential

On Wednesday 28th June 2017 Year 6 will be going to Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre in Staffordshire for a 3 day residential. The children will be participating in exciting activities such as canoeing, sailing, abseiling and high rope climbing. Excellent accommodation and all meals are provided. The price of this residential is £45 which can be paid in instalments. If your child is a Year 6 and they are interested please collect a form from the school office.

## DRET Music Festival

Our school choir has been invited to perform at the Dret Primary Music Festival at Hull City Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017. There is no fee for your child to attend but we would like parents/grandparents/carers to attend if possible. There are 2 tickets available per child priced at £2 each (Choir children only), which includes a place on the coach and the festival. If you are interested, forms are available from the school office.

## Foundation Stage Learning

This term in Foundation Stage we have really enjoyed learning about animals and pets. We have started new Stories for Talking and Talk for Writing programmes and they are working really well. Some of the stories we have read are - We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Walking Through the Jungle and Dear Zoo. Next term we will be learning about Spring and Growth. We will be watching some chicks hatch, learning how to grow plants and will be making major improvements to our Foundation Stage garden. We will be learning some new stories including The Washing Line and The Little Red Hen. In maths we will be learning about shapes and how we measure small periods of time.

## KS1 Learning

### KS1 this term

This half term Key Stage One have loved their topic "Dinosaurs". We have learnt all of the names of different dinosaurs and looked at their features. This then linked to our Science work on herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and we are now able to say what dinosaurs eat.

In history we have explored the dinosaur time line and investigated when and how dinosaurs became extinct. In Design and Technology the children have loved designing and making a model design, including key features.

In writing we have explored instructional texts through teaching non-fiction through fiction and writing instructions for How to Trap a Dinosaur.

In maths we have explored addition, subtraction and times and have enjoyed the new Effective Maths programme.

### KS1 Next Term

Next term Key Stage One's topic is going to be "Who was Neil Armstrong"? We will be exploring space as part of our Science topic, naming and locating the planets.

As artists we are going to create paper mache planets and use the technique of marbling to decorate them. As writers we will explore the book "The Fox and the Star" and look at character descriptions, odes and fact files.

As historians we will be exploring the lives of significant others and learn all about Neil Armstrong.

## KS2 Year 3/4 Learning

This half term, children in Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the Victorians. We learnt all about Queen Victoria and her reign. We had a great time on our trip to the Wilderspin School - the children discovered just what it was like to be a school child in Victorian times. We studied the work of a Victorian artist - William Morris and explored the patterns that he created in his designs. In Science, we learnt about teeth and their functions. Year 4 have made some fabulous progress with their swimming over the last few weeks. They should be very proud of their achievements.

Next half term, our topic is Light, with a focus on Lighthouses. In Geography we will be learning about the location of Lighthouses across the UK and identifying them on maps. We will discover what Lighthouses are for and how they work. In Science we will be learning about light and shadows. We will learn about how light is reflected, and how shadows are formed. In Literacy we will be writing a persuasive text and a biography. Our British Value for next half term is Compassion and this will be discussed in assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons. For the first few weeks of the half term, children in Year 3 will be participating in swimming lessons. We will also be celebrating World Book Day and World Maths day in March.

## KS2 Year 5/6 Learning

This half term our topic has been Ancient Greece. The children have taken part in a mini Olympics and created their own vases. They have also studied the difference between Athens and Sparta. In Literacy, the children have been studying explanatory texts before researching and writing their own. During Effective Maths lessons they have been learning all about fractions.

The Science focus has been living things and life cycles. Our British Value this half term has been Respect and the children have thought carefully about what this means in school and in society.

Next half term, our topic is 'We are Palaeontologists' and the children will be studying dinosaurs and fossils. During literacy lessons, the children will be analysing, planning and writing newspaper reports and descriptions. Maths lessons will focus on developing arithmetic skills as well as work on decimals. The Year 6 children will continue with SATs preparation too. During Science lessons, they will be learning about evolution and inheritance whilst in maths the children will be developing their skills in money and decimals. Our British Value for next half term is Compassion and this will be discussed in assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons.