



HAMPRESTON CE (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2022

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Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and we find ourselves midway through the first half of the spring term. It was lovely to hear a common theme among the children who were awarded 'Work of the Week' certificates this morning: resilience and determination. No matter what our academic ability, it is these qualities which will get us further in life and more likely to achieve our goals.

Compass for Life



On Monday, children in Key Stage 2 took part in an inspirational programme called **Compass for Life**. Led by Compass for Life coaches, the children were empowered to take responsibility for their own learning, and to achieve their ambitions in partnership with people they identify as being able to help them on their journey. The idea is that we all have a 'super north star' (our ultimate aim or ambition) and anyone can reach theirs

providing they have mapped out the journey and are resilient and determined. We have lots to work on throughout the year and look forward to seeing this develop as a whole school ethos. If you are interested to find out more, please visit <https://compassforlife.org.uk/schools/>

National Storytelling Week: 31st January – 6th February

We can't wait to immerse ourselves in story world and celebrate our love of listening to and telling stories!

The whole school will be lucky enough to enjoy a virtual meet with author Bemma Akyeampong and hear her new best-selling book.

Also, Reception children will enjoy a virtual story through our local library service.



We are sad not to be able to invite you in to share stories with children at this current time but feel optimistic that in the coming months we may be able to do so. If you are interested in either volunteering to support individual children with their reading or to come for 20 minutes at the end of a day and read a one-off story you love, please email Mrs Richardson on year3@hamprestonfirstschool.com.



Lego

We are a little short of Lego bases at school and would be very grateful if you have any spare ones you would be happy to donate to our therapy clubs. Any size or shaped base will be gratefully received. Many thanks, Mrs Richardson.

Traffic Matters

Sadly, we have had a number of recent complaints from local residents about traffic within the lane. We work very hard to get along with our local community and I would ask you to carefully consider your use of the lane, their driveways and their access in and out of the village.

Please remember that everybody is asked to drive to the end of the lane and turn in the farm entrance; please respect our neighbours and don't turn or park in their driveways. Please also note that the Drop-Off Zone is a no-parking area and should only be used by parents using the Drop-Off Zone gates.

Finally, please remember that the staff car park must not be used during the mornings as we do have a few members of staff with differing start times who require access and parking up to 9:15am. Thank you for your understanding.

Big Me Day: Friday 4th February

Our last **Big Me Day** was so successful we would like to do it again on Friday 4th February. In a nutshell, this is all about considering what path in life your child might like to take and dressing up as their chosen vocation! We have lots of discussions about goals and ambition and we bring to light the realm of choices and opportunities children could have all through their lives. Of course, they could try more than one job and may change their mind! Please start thinking ahead about your child's costume and as we always emphasise, don't spend a fortune - make, borrow or visit a charity shop!

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	<p>This week we continued our dinosaur topic.</p> <p>In English, we read Dinosaur Information books and learnt all about a T-Rex, Diplodocus, Triceratops and Pterodactyl. We also learnt the phonemes oo, oo, or and ar and enjoyed our guided reading groups where the children all worked to decode and blend words to help them read.</p>	<p>In maths, we learnt to read, write and compare the numbers 9 and 10.</p> <p>In Let's Explore, we made dinosaur fossils in the clay, made cardboard Pterodactyls, played matching dinosaur pairs, phonic games using dinosaur eggs, made dinosaur Hama bead models, role-played in the dinosaur museum, read books in our dinosaur tent and became archaeologists as we excavated bones. It has been very busy but a lot of fun.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in literacy, the children have written up the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They have shown fantastic stamina and produced pages of beautiful work! Well done Year 1.</p>	<p>In maths, we have revisited place value, addition, number bonds and part-part-wholes. Now we are ready to tackle some new methods next week!</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in English we have been reading 'Don't be afraid little Pip' and following on from our little Pip stories last week, we have been writing a fact file about Emperor Penguins. The children have researched facts and used their previous knowledge about penguins to compile factual and interesting information. They have thought carefully about how they are setting out their fact file to catch their readers eye.</p>	<p>In Maths we have continued our work with money. We have been calculating the final amounts and finding change. We then moved on to solving two step word problems. The children have found this concept quite tricky but have persevered and I am very proud of how hard they have worked.</p>
Year 3	<p>In English we have started a two-week project on the sixth century legend of Beowulf. We are looking at what a legend is, and working towards building our own legendary world! Reading and spelling continue apace as we get further into 2022...</p>	<p>In Year 3 this week we have been working on comparing multiplication and division facts, using the symbols $<$, $>$, $=$. Children are developing their ability to switch between multiplication and division, and also to know that if $3 \times 9 = 27$, then $3 \times 90 = 270$.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week the children have been poets! We have learnt all about list poems and used this knowledge to write list poems using interesting images and similes. We also looked at kenning poems, how they are constructed and created some of our own about animals.</p>	<p>In maths the children have worked tirelessly to understand how to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We started using concrete resources like place value counters and moved on to partitioning the number before dividing each of the parts. This was the first time that we have looked at division this year and we will be cycling back to it later this half term.</p>

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term

Monday 31st January	'Know Your School' evening @ 7:00pm
Friday 4 th February	Big Me Day
Tuesday 8 th February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 17th February	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 18 th February	Healthy School Day & Walk2School Morning
	Half term begins

Half Term

Monday 28 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 4 Pancake race
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 3-6pm
Friday 25th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 25 th April	INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

Half Term

Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 15th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends