

February Newsletter

Dates for your diary

- Friday 3rd March - Great New Assembly
- Friday 3rd March - World Book Day
- Monday 13th—Friday 17th March—British Science Week
- Friday 17th March - Comic Relief
- Friday 17th March - Great New Assembly
- Week beginning 20th March - Parent Consultations - more information to follow
- Friday 31st March - Great New Assembly
- Friday 31st March - School Closes for Easter
- Monday 17th April - school reopens for the Summer Term

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and that you have had a chance to take a look at your child's class newsletter and curriculum overview that give details of the learning for this half term.

As you will see we have a busy half term planned in the classrooms and we are looking forward to welcoming you into school for 'Great News' Assemblies to help us celebrate the children's fantastic achievements.

This half term you will receive your child's progress report before meeting with their teacher at parent consultations, details about dates and times to follow.

Children's Mental Health Week

Valley Class shared stories which promote discussion and learning around children's mental health and wellbeing such as *The Invisible String*, *Together We Can*, *You Matter*, *Feelings* and *Ruby's Worry*. We thought about our connections to those we love and to each other within class, before ending the week with our relaxing Spa Day.

Woodland Class have been learning to use Beat Baby to talk about emotions and feelings. In this activity Beat Baby asked the children to share their ideas for calming down when they get cross or upset. Sometimes it's enough to give Beat Baby a gentle cuddle or cradle her before passing her on very carefully.

Moorland Class explored the theme of 'Connections' by thinking about who they are all connected to by their invisible strings. They also created 'gingerbread' versions of themselves, displayed them to show that they are connected as a class and then discussed these connections by thinking about things that are the same and then they celebrated their differences.



Valley

Valley Class are enjoying their new space themed learning. We have been busy learning about the Moon, including what it is, exploring how craters were made and answering the question 'Does the Moon shine?'. We have also enjoyed sharing the book 'Whatever Next?' and have written some wonderful ideas to change the story by suggesting that Baby Bear found a surprise when he arrived on the moon. Back down on Earth we have been learning what we use maps for and to infer simple information from maps. I wonder what you use maps for?



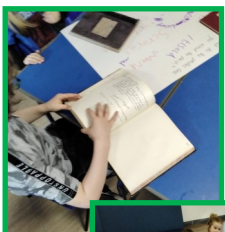
River

River Class have jumped straight into this term's topic Plants and Growth, reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth! The children have enjoyed exploring how Jasper care for his bean, although thought using a lawn mower was a little strange!! The children have all planted their own bean in a clear cup and cotton wool. This means the children will be able to observe every stage of the bean's growth. We have also begun to think about the start of the Christian festival of Easter this week and on Shrove Tuesday enjoyed trying pancakes!



Woodland

Woodland Class have been busy being historians this week. We are learning how historians find out about the past and have learnt that we can use artefacts, photos and our school ledgers to start to learn what our school, and Hebden Bridge looked like 100 years ago, and more recently 30 years ago. The children were amazed to discover that an older building once stood on this site and that they play on the Victorian gatepost toppers which now sit in our playground. Even more amazing was finding Joe's Grandma's name in the ledger for 2003! We have also had our first Judo lesson this week. Tony showed the children how to wait patiently, fall safely and tumble in hold whilst taking care of each other. It was really exciting!



Moorland

Last half term we spent an afternoon with the Environmental Agency, investigating the best ways to protect our homes from flooding and the dangers that can come with flood water.

This half term we are excited to explore the wonderful world of dragons in our writing, whilst packing our suitcases for our History learning all about famous explorers who discovered different parts of the world we live in. In Science, we will be trying to investigate answers to 'Why don't hippos live in Hebden?', looking at different habitats around the globe and why animals chose to live there.

