

January Newsletter

Dates for your diary

30th Jan—3rd Feb - National Storytelling Week

Friday 3rd Feb - NSPCC Number Day

Monday 6th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week begins.

Tuesday 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th Feb - Great New Assembly and a chance to stay for a drink and a chat with Claire Tooth our Mental Health Practitioner

Friday 10th Feb - school closes for half term

Monday 20th Feb - school reopens

Friday 3rd March - Great New Assembly

Friday 3rd March - World Book Day

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 Parents, Carers and Families,

What a busy start to 2023 we have had!

You will have received our Ofsted report at last, thank you to all who contributed their views on the parent view survey.

You will have noticed our new logo which we have adopted because we are a small school with a big heart!

Children's Mental Health Week

From the 6th of February we will be joining in with Children's Mental Health Week. Each day we will do an activity that is linked to the theme of 'Let's Connect'.

On Friday 10th of February, after Great News Assembly, please stay and join us for a drink and a chance to chat with each other and Claire Tooth; our Education Mental Health Practitioner.

'Let's Connect' is about making meaningful connections. As parents and carers, how you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.'



Safer Internet Day—7th February

This year's theme is 'Want to Talk About It?'. We will be talking to the children about what they like to do 'online'. There will be a particular focus on 'Roblox' as many of our children talk to us and each other about the games they play. Please look out for further information.



Absence



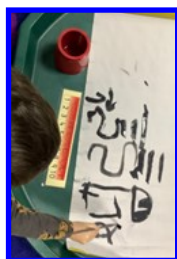
If your child is going to be absent from school please ring school and leave a message rather than emailing or using Class Dojo. Phone messages are checked regularly.

Valley

In Valley Class we have been very busy learning about Antarctica and the animals that live there. The children have thought about what they would need to pack on an expedition to the South Pole and when the snow arrived we enjoyed building sledges collaboratively and pretending we were in Antarctica.



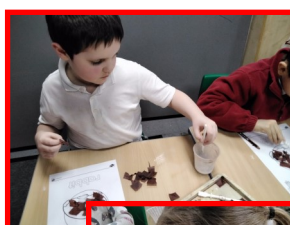
We have also really enjoyed learning about how some people celebrate the Lunar New Year. The children were able to make lots of links to festivals they celebrate with their own families.



River

In River Class we have begun this term learning about families and homes. We began by reading the story Not Now Bernard by David McKee. The children really enjoyed finding out what happened to the family in this story!

We have also begun to look at different types of houses and hope at some point to have a short walk to look at some of the types of houses we find here in Hebden Bridge.



The children enjoyed finding out about the celebrations of The Lunar New Year last week and decorated their own lanterns and rabbits.

Woodland

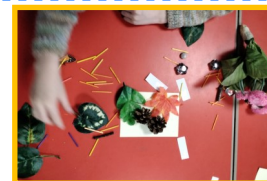
Woodland Class are learning what it is like to live in the Calder Valley, in Hebden Bridge and the surrounding towns. We are learning how to do fieldwork in town, collecting information about the human and physical features of where we live.

We have also been learning about the folk art of Heather Galler and using her artwork as inspiration to start making our own landscape of the town and the countryside around it.



Moorland

Moorland class have had a brilliant start to the new year! We finished our computing learning all about photography, where we made calendars that showed the seasons in photos.



Meanwhile, Moorland shop is open for business, and we are getting busy learning all about money!

We have now started investigating how shaker instruments are made and how can we make our own?



Our minds are getting creative with our new English learning, our new book 'Princess and the White Bear King' has got our heads filled with magical castles and wonderful forests – where will our writing take us next?