



Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to our families at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope everyone has had a restful break. As we embark on a new year it is a good time to think about what we want to achieve for the year ahead.

As I reflect on the week, I want to thank everyone for welcoming me, both families and children. I feel very proud and privileged to be able to be leading a school with polite, respectful and hard-working children. The children have had an excellent start to this year, I have been visiting classes throughout the week and there is a positive attitude and energy to learning. Many children have visited me in my office for positive reasons; sharing outstanding work and living our school values.

Looking ahead we want to ensure every child is attending school, being respectful to others and reading at home daily. Reading enables us to enrich our vocabulary, enhance our knowledge, and increase our imagination and creativity. Reading also helps our children to access our school curriculum.

Miss Townsend

Headteacher

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children:

Year R – Adam
Year 1 – Isla H
Year 2 – Sadie
Year 3 – Sonny A
Year 4 – Poppi
Year 5 – James
Year 6 - Alicia



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Harry in Year 3 for achieving the Headteacher's Award this week.

Attendance this week:

Year R – 97%

Year 1 – 88.8%

Year 2 – 92.3%

Year 3 – 89.3%

Year 4 – 92.9%

Year 5 – 87.3%

Year 6 – 86.8%

Whole School – 90.7%

Uniform

Our priority is to keep children and staff safe. It is for this reason the following apply:

- **No** jewellery is to be worn except a watch from Year 3 onwards;
- Long hair (below shoulder-length) **must** be tied back at all times; mid-length hair should be held back from the face so as not to obscure children's vision while working at desks;
- School ties (Year 6 only) will be tucked into shirts when children are physically active during break times.
- Shoes **must** be black and have a low heel. **NO TRAINERS**
- PE kits should be left in school as the children will continue to get changed in school.

Learning Links

Year R – This week in reception class, we have been starting to learn about our new topic: China. We already know that in China you might use chopsticks and celebrate Chinese New Year. The children have thought about what they would like to learn about China and decided upon the following: types of animals, Chinese dragons, Where is China and Chinese writing/language. We have been trying our hand at Chinese calligraphy and been learning how to play in our new roleplay areas: airport and Chinese restaurant. Do you have any links to China? Do you enjoy Chinese food? Please discuss with your child.

Year 1 -Welcome back! It is lovely to see all the children back in and ready to learn. We have started our new story in English which is the Julia Donaldson classic 'The Snail and the whale'. We will be learning all about what happens in the story and the characters. We will then plan and write our own versions. In maths we are taking a deeper look at numbers within 20 and learning our number bonds. Our History topic for this term is 'The History of Toys'. We will be looking at toys from the past and how they have changed. A quick reminder; there is homework set on Purple mash weekly. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Webb.

Year 2 - Happy New Year! I know all the children are really excited to start our Spring term. We will be starting our new History topic which will be looking at flight. This will recap some areas the children learned about last year and also some new areas. In Maths, we are currently learning about money. At home you can support this by talking about the different coins and notes we use. Teaching money is becoming increasingly difficult with the rise in contactless payments. So any conversations you have at home will greatly support your child's learning. In English, we have started a unit based on the story 'Hibernation Hotel'. We will eventually be writing our own versions of this lovely story.

Year 3 – This week we have been learning about the Romans, please try asking your children why the Romans invaded Britain. The children have really enjoyed recommencing their ukulele lessons and have shown a really positive start in their learning for this term.

Year 4 - Year 4 have come back to school ready to learn and have been working hard. We have started new topics across all of our subjects. In English we have been looking at a character description of the Jabberwocky, identifying and then using powerful adjectives and figurative language. In maths, we have been finding factor pairs and multiplying numbers by 10. Our new topic for science is digestion and food. We have looked at the human digestive system, identifying the body parts used and their functions. Can you tell an adult at home how we digest our food, using scientific language?

Year 5 - What a great week we have had in Year 5 to start off the new year nicely! We have started all new topics this week and the children have been really engaged and ready to learn. Our focus in English this week was figurative language and how it creates vivid images for the reader. The children will be using this language when they come to write their own adventure story in a couple of weeks time. We are recapping multiplication and division in Maths and I have really challenged the children by starting with long multiplication. Can you show an adult what methods you can use to solve the following question? $43 \times 12 =$

Year 6 – Year 6 have come back from the Christmas break with an outstanding attitude towards their learning. This week they have continued with ratio and fractions in maths and consolidating what they had learnt in the autumn term. In our reading lessons we have started a new book called 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and we have been looking at the language the author has used to create suspense. For writing they have been

Dates for your diary:

17th January – Year 6 Forest School (last session)

24th January – Year 5 Forest School (first session)

Reminder – please ensure all school clubs are paid for before attending – any queries please email office@kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk

Severe weather plan

A severe weather plan has been published on our school website. Please click [here](#) to read the plan.