Newbald Primary School

Wednesday 8th January 2025

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a truly fantastic Christmas and Father Christmas brought everyone what they wished for. Less said about Lincoln City's results over the festive period, the better! It is great to have the children back at school and we are all looking forward to an exciting Spring Term.

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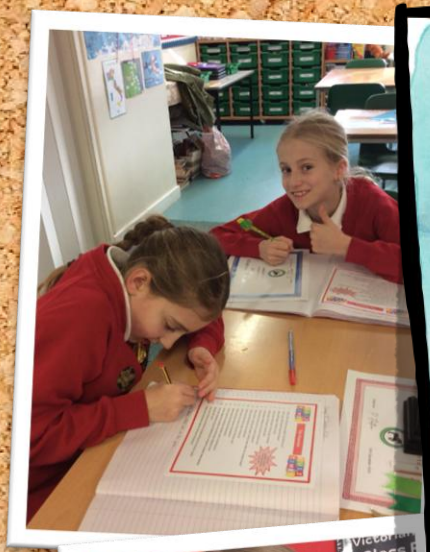
	Hedgehog Class	Squirrel Class	Fox Class	Otter Class
Spring 1	Dinosaurs	Weather & Climate	India & Asia	The Tudors
Spring 2	Traditional Tales	Explorers	England & The United Kingdom	Mountains



Topics for the Spring Term

An overview of the forthcoming half term's topics are above.
We try to share as much information as possible about our curriculum and what the children will be learning about on their journey through school. Keep an eye out for half termly class newsletters shared by teachers and we also share what the children will be learning about in greater detail on our school website. Some helpful links are below.

2024 – 2025 Long Term Plan
https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/_documents/%5B1000770%5DNewbald_Long_Term_Plan_Cycle_A_Green_2024_2025_Website.pdf
Curriculum Pages on the School Website
https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum.html

Swimming

Parents of Children in years 3, 4 & 5 should have already received a letter about swimming sessions. Swimming lessons start on Friday 10th January and they will continue for 10 sessions. The last session will be Friday 21st March.

Class 2 Teaching Arrangements

Unfortunately, Mrs Spencer continues to be unwell and is not able to join us at school at the moment. In her absence, Mrs Cockin will be joining us to teach our Squirrels on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Taylor will continue to teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mr Wilson, our fabulous teaching assistant, will continue to assist in the class.

For reference emails for the class teachers are below:
Teachers Emails:
Mrs Taylor (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
ltaylor@newbaldprimary.co.uk
Mrs Cockin (Thursday & Friday)
jcockin@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Visits & Trips

Teachers have been very busy planning and organising some exciting trips and experiences for the children.

On Monday 13th January all pupils will participate in Kurling (Indoor Curling) workshops in school.

Year 4 have Pedestrian Skills training on Wednesday 15th January.

Class 1 will be visited in school by Dinostar on Thursday 23rd January as part of their Dinosaurs topic.

Class 4 are visiting Gainsborough Old Hall in Lincolnshire, as part of their Tudor topic on Monday 10th February.

All the children in Key Stage 2 have the exciting opportunity to visit the Pocklington Buddhist Centre and Willerby Synagogue on Monday 24th March. This is a great opportunity for our children to further build a clear understanding of the many different religions that exist in modern Britain and help enrich their RE lessons.

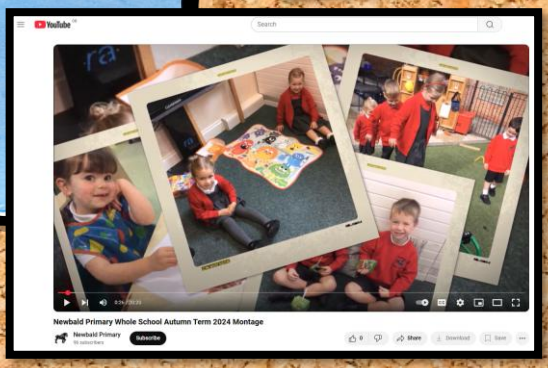
In the Summer Term all the children in the school will visit Bridlington Spa to participate in either the Little Big Sing (Classes 1&2 – Monday 7th July) or the Big Brid Sing (Classes 3&4 Tuesday 8th July).

Keep your eye out for letters giving more details about the out of school trips that will be coming home closer to the visits.

Highlight Videos From the Autumn Term

If you haven't had chance to see the Autumn Term photo montage videos, they are now available to view on our YouTube Channel. Click on the link below to see the whole school video with non-Christmassy music.

https://youtu.be/9I-77UFzKMA?si=bt8KOwRq_9eNJcb3



Africa Days Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th April

We are very excited to be organising our very first Africa Days. The teachers are busy planning and organising a mini topic for all classes which will run for two days at the end of the Spring Term. The whole school will dedicate these days to learn about the continent of Africa. The children will take part in dance and African drumming workshops whilst also learning about the geography and culture of the continent.

This Half Term's Clubs

Don't Forget...

Clubs can be booked one session at a time, so if a child wants to try out a club, they can. A session can be booked up to 24 hours before the session starts. It is important to cancel any bookings where pupils cannot attend, especially for the free clubs as this will enable other children to have a place when the club is full.

Free of charge!

Messages from School Council

School Council

We have been very busy as a school council. We have met with the chair of the FONS team, and we have organised some fund raising for Children in Need (raising a fantastic £221.50) and The Poppy Appeal (raising £190.00). We have also been interviewing some children about some books they would like to recommend for everyone to read. We will be including these in the next newsletter. We were also very honoured to give our Autumn Term School Council award to Evelyn, who is a much-deserved recipient of the trophy. We will be meeting again soon, and we will be organising events such as World Book Day on 6th March and Red Nose day, which will be on 21 March 2025

Rose & Ruby

Miss R. Fenton & Miss R. Hardy

(Joint Chairs of School Council)

WORLD BOOK DAY!

World Book Day is coming soon!

We wanted to give everyone as much notice as possible that after half term, on Thursday 6th March, we are planning to celebrate World Book Day. Along with tradition, we would like to invite children to dress up as a book character for the day.

There is no need to go and spend on costumes. There are plenty of ideas online that don't involve having to buy an outfit, but it would be great if all the children could get involved.

World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading and it provides a great opportunity for the children to talk enthusiastically about books. Once again, the teachers will be planning lots of exciting activities to help us celebrate reading!

As in previous years, children will be receiving a free £1 Book Token, which can be exchanged in all participating bookshops for one of six specially published £1 books. These books cater for a wide age group. If you wish, the token can be put towards the cost of a book with a value of over £2.99. **Top Tip! Keep your voucher safe to use at the school book fair in March!**

Diary Dates

(We will let you know about any forthcoming dates as soon as possible)

January 2025

Tues 7th Jan	Return to school after Christmas Break
Fri 10th Jan	Swimming begins for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Mon 13th Jan	Kurling Workshops (all Classes)
Wed 15th Jan	Year 4 Pedestrian Skills Training
Fri 17th Jan	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Thurs 23rd Jan	Visit of Dinostar to Class 1 (am)
Fri 24th Jan	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 31st Jan	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)

February 2025

Fri 7th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
WC Mon 10th Feb	Spring Term D&T Week
Mon 10th Feb	Class 4 Visit to Gainsborough Old Hall
Fri 14th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 14th Feb	Break for half term
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school after half term
Mon 24th Feb	Class 4 Nurse Talk
Fri 28th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 28th Feb	FONS Disco (TBC)

March 2025

Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 7th Mar	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Wed 12 – 14 Mar	School Book Fair
Fri 14th Mar	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 21st Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 21st Mar	Last Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Mon 24th Mar	Classes 3&4 trip to Pocklington Buddhist Centre and Willerby Synagogue
Mon 31st Mar	Spring Term Awards Assembly

April 2025

Thurs 3rd April	Africa Day
Fri 4th April	Africa Day
Fri 4th April	Break for Easter
Wed 23rd April	Return for Summer Term

Regular Dates for this half term

Daily
Sunshine Morning Club
Sunshine Club After School Session
Sunshine Club After School Late Session

Mondays
School Council Meetings
After School Box 2B Fit Club

Tuesdays
Bark & Read with Murphy
Specialist French teacher sessions in Fox & Otter Classes
Guitar & Music sessions in Fox & Otter Classes

Wednesdays
After School Chess Club

Thursdays
Bark & Read with Murphy
After School First Steps Street Dance Club

Fridays
HSS Sports & Gymnastics specialist sessions for Hedgehog & Otter Classes
Special Mention Celebration Assemblies

Link to the 2024-2025 term dates:
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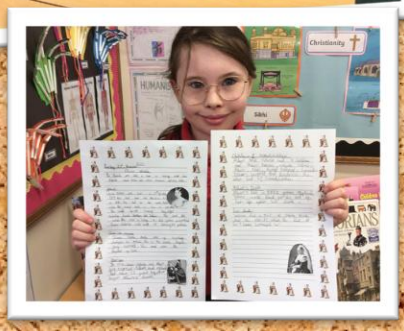
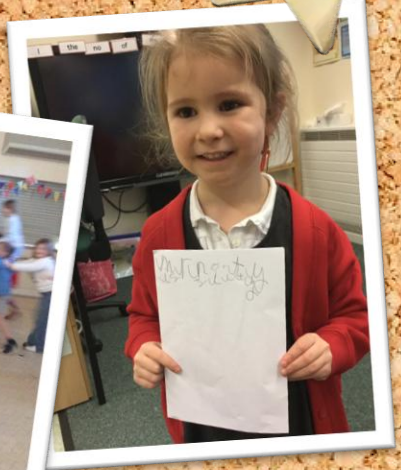
Link to the 2025-2026 term dates:

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