



New York Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term begins and we have so much to look forward to. We have already started making our preparations for Christmas week and plans are well underway with the support of our amazing PTFA. I'll keep you informed.

This half-term's school value is **Forgiveness...**

The school photos have been taken this week and letters will go out to parents when they are ready to be ordered.

Class 1:

This term in Geography we will be finding out about the River Witham. In Science we are studying animals and their habitats. We will be learning about different famous sculptors and creating our own amazing pieces. We are also going to be programming toys and wondering how Christians express their beliefs. If you have any ideas, experiences or resources that you think may enhance our learning please let us know.

Class 2:

The children have already made a brilliant start to the term. The new topics that we will be covering over the coming weeks include nutrition in science, land use in geography and we will also continue our history work about Ancient Civilisations. Our English work will include story writing, poetry and discussion texts. Maths will cover a variety of skills including the four key concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If you would like more detailed information about the work your child is covering, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm Clothes, jumpers and coats:

In line with current DfE guidance we have been instructed to keep all rooms well ventilated. Even though the heating is on, the rooms will unavoidably be a little cooler. Please could all children come to school with their jumper/cardigans and coats, together with vests if appropriate. Thank you.

E-safety:

Loot boxes hit the news again...

If you're not aware of loot boxes, essentially they're similar to treasure chests and you find them in many games that children play. For a number of years there have been concerns over gambling-like behaviours as loot boxes have to be paid for and it's a game of chance whether there is anything worthwhile in them. There are examples of children that have spent extraordinary amounts of money on loot boxes, this is not uncommon!

A number of countries have already banned loot boxes in games and last year a DCMS committee advised that loot boxes should be regulated within the UK.

P.T.O.

Headteacher Awards:

Adelaide Christie x 2	Amazing Adding/Reaching above the stars
Archer Pearce x 2	Reaching above the stars
Nancie Mastin x 2	Reaching above the stars
Harley Hulley x 2	Reaching above the stars
Freyja Newman x 2	Reaching above the stars
Jaxx Sidwells	Wonderful writing
Nancie Mastin	Encouraging a friend
Milly Behan	Marvellous maths
Isabella Place	Super teamwork in science
Sunny Birks	Super teamwork in science

House Point Winners: **The Red Rubies!**

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: Archer Pearce

Class 2: Luke Morley

Shining Stars:

James King	Fantastic phonics
Brodie Campbell	Progress in phonics
Nancie Mastin	Progress with letter formation
Milly Behan	Fantastic maths work
Seren Evans	Kindness to others
Olivia Leggett	Excellent effort in her work

Dates for your diary:

End of Term 2	Thursday 17 th Dec 2020
Start of Term 3	Monday 4 th Jan 2021
End of Term 3	Friday 12 th Feb 2021
Start of Term 4	Monday 22 nd Feb 2021
End of Term 4	Wednesday 31 st Mar 2021
Start of Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2021
End of Term 5	Friday 28 th May 2021
Start of Term 5	Monday 7 th June 2021
End of Term 5	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Ollee - a new app for children (8-11)...

Funded by BBC Children in Need, ParentZone have released a new app for children aged 8-11. Ollee is a digital friend which aims to make a difference in children's emotional wellbeing.

The website link is [HERE](#).

Reading at home:

Our continued focus of the newsletter is how we assess the seven areas of reading, so that you will be able to support your children even more at home.

Assessment Focus 2

To describe, select and retrieve information from a text:-

- **Recall specific information**
- **Identify relevant points**

Make reference to or quote the text when discussing what has been read. Keep asking questions...



Remembrance!

Remembrance Day products will be on sale in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion until Wednesday 11th November. Mr Tighe, one of our parents has made some wonderful crosses that will be on sale from Monday 9th November, we have added RBL poppies to them and they will be on display on the front lawn. Please could there be a minimum donation of £1 for these, again all donations will go to the RBL

