

07.01.2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It is fantastic to see all the children back and we have got straight into learning. This half-term we are really focussing on some key skills in maths and reading and we would love parents to support.

1. Times tables - to be a good mathematician you have to know your times tables. Please ask your child what times table they are practising at school and ask them some quick questions - e.g. 5×5 ? 2×3 ? 3×2 ? This will help with your child's recall. Make sure that Doodle maths is being completed every day too.

2. Reading - a reminder, the easiest way to succeed in education is to be an avid reader. EYFS and KS1 parents- please read with your child every day. Also, read to them. KS2 parents- listen to your child reading every day.

As well as the basics, we continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum. All parents will receive, via email, a curriculum booklet for this half-term. Please look at this to find out what your child is learning in History, Geography, Science, PSHE and PE.

All children will be going on a curriculum related trip this term. More details will follow.

We welcome a new member of staff to the team, Nicole is now leading our extended day provision. It is great that so many children attend our after-school clubs and provision. Please do let us know if there are any clubs that you would like to see on offer.

Finally, it is very cold out at the moment. Our philosophy at Duncombe is to have the children outside unless it is raining heavily. Children need fresh air and exercise! Please wrap up warm and put your child's name on their coats.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Best wishes

Helen

Dates for your diary:

11th January – Year 3 Science
Museum Trip

14th January – Year 6 Parent
Coffee Morning 9.15-10am

Reducing Covid Transmissions in January 2022

All primary school staff at Duncombe will continue to do routine lateral flow testing three times a week. We also encourage all Duncombe families aged 11 and over to do routine lateral flow testing as an important and effective way to help reduce the spread of the infection across our community.



We offer spacious locations across the school premises, including kitchen facilities, a sound system and equipment to help accommodate your bookings.

Rates start from **£20.00 per hour.**

Please contact the lettings email for any enquiries

Lettings@duncombeprimary.co.uk



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson
Back to school 17th January

Isaac Newton
87%

Eric Carle
59%

Michael Faraday
92%

Judith Kerr
94%

William Shakespeare
92%

Tony Ross
80%

Charlotte Bronte
92%

Earnest Shackleton
99%

Martin Luther King
97%

Francis Drake
95%

Emmeline Pankhurst
97%

Florence Nightingale
82%

Nelson Mandela
96%

Marie Curie
98%

Winston Churchill
95%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **94%**



Celebration Awards



Eric Carle: Inaya

For amazing maths this week Inaya! You showed such enthusiasm when naming each shape and counting and comparing each of the shapes' sides and corners! You are a super star!

Tony Ross: Kylo

For always working hard, being kind to everyone and always willing to help. What a star!

Judith Kerr Reception: Aaliyah

Aaliyah you always try your best and your handwriting has improved so much since September, what a super writer!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Yusra

Yusra has been a shining star this week. She has settled back into school wonderfully and is always trying her best - especially in Phonics! Well done.

Francis Drake Year 1: Imran

He is always so helpful around the classroom. He makes sure that everyone is okay and is extremely kind. He has persevered in his Maths this week and I am very proud of him! Well done Imran.

Florence Nightingale: Ridwan

He has started this year with such a positive attitude! He comes into school ready to learn and has shown so

Marie Curie: Isa

I have been so impressed with Isa's vocabulary this week! He has astonished me with ambitious words in both his speaking and writing. He happily explains new words to his peers and makes everyone smile! Well done!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Maalik

For excellent listening and learning this week. He has started the term on fire! Keep up the fantastic work. We are very proud of you! Super DoodleMaths star!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Lavin

Lavin has come back and shown wonderful ambition and perseverance this week. Her behaviour is a fantastic example for her classmates and she tries her best in every lesson. Well done Lavin, your smile and hard work light up Year 3!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Rayyan

For enthusiasm.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Fatima

For always trying her hardest. Fatima has a great positive attitude and really wants to learn. Well done!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Ashton

Ashton has had a great first week back in school. He has listened to adults' instructions carefully and follows them first time. He also listens carefully to his classmates ideas and waits patiently to contribute his thoughts. Well done Ashton- keep up the hard work!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Muhammed

Muhammed has started the year with a positive can-do attitude showing enthusiasm for this learning this week. Well done Muhammed!

Winston Churchill Year 6: Meerb

We have been very impressed by Meerb's attitude towards her learning. She is focused in class, volunteers to contribute to discussions and read and makes sure her work is done to a high standard. She is always polite, respectful and helpful. Keep up the great work Meerb.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Ajani

Ajani has received two green forms as well as a merit award for PE this week. He has remained focused and has produced work of a high standard across all subjects.

Fantastic Work

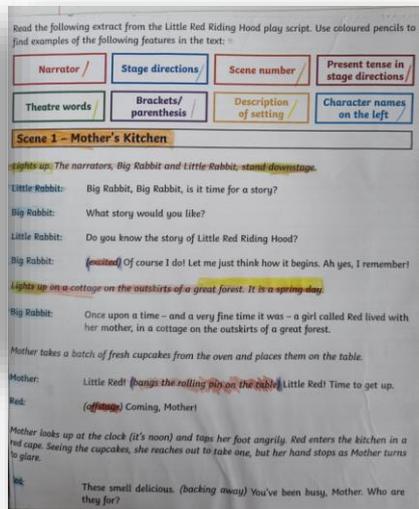
Year 6

In science, Year 6 are learning about the heart and the circulatory system and AJANI was able to create a circuit explaining how the heart pumps oxygenated blood around the body via the arteries and returns it through the veins. His explanations were concise and accurate, showing how much care and pride he takes in his work.

Year 5

This week, in Writing lessons, Year 5 have been looking at the features of a script. We looked at different scripts and underlined the features we could spot. We ended the week by performing our own scripts based on our new class novel 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'.

Sila



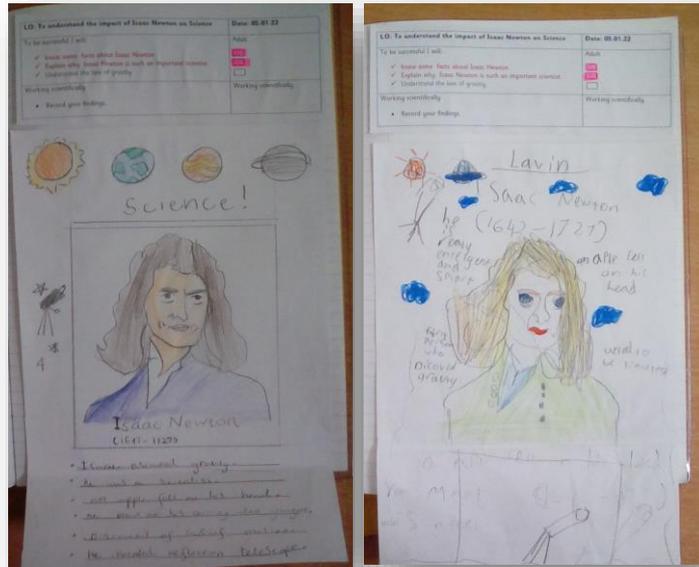
Year 4

Year 4 started their Love Our Earth Geography topic. They produced some beautiful art work inspired by what this means to them.



Year 3

This week Year 3 researched facts about Isaac Newton and made posters about his life and discoveries.



Reception

We are so proud of all the reception children taking their new phonics groups in their stride and enjoying working with new members of staff and children from other classes. They are making great progress with their reading, thank you for reading with them daily and logging it in their reading diaries.

Nursery

Nursery have been busy this week exploring 2D shapes. Looking at how many corners and sides each shape has got and comparing the difference! We found lots of shapes in our environment too!

