



Nevill Road Junior School

Parent Newsletter 10 - Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Priorities



Our ASPIRE focus this half term is **Imagination** to encourage the children to be creative and develop their thinking skills through a range of activities and subject areas. At the Junior School we have been using DEAL strategies (drama to engage in active learning).



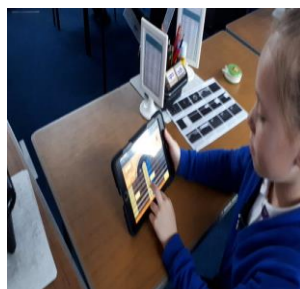
Unfortunately the Chinese maths specialists will not be visiting school as planned, however Mrs Jordan will be working with staff across school to showcase everything that she learnt in Shanghai during her two week visit. Here are the key priorities in maths that we are working on this year.

Priority 4 - To improve the quality of education for all children in maths through:

- Embedding the maths mastery lesson structure so that it is consistent across school.
- Developing teachers subject knowledge and pedagogy through staff participating in Teacher Research Groups
- Developing the use of practical resources in maths lessons.
- Developing teachers questioning throughout lessons.
- Securing mental calculation strategies for all children in Years 3 and 4.
- Review how times tables are taught across school in line with the new check.
- Quality first teaching that meets the needs of all children.

Music and Art ASPIRE day

On the last day of term, the children took part in a music and art ASPIRE day with a Chinese theme. Every class listened to traditional Chinese music as well as pieces that have been inspired by China. Using glockenspiels and garage band, the children composed pieces of music based upon the pentatonic scale. A range of art activities also took place based upon traditional skills including calligraphy and shadow puppets.



Keeping children safe

Both the Junior and Infant schools have now become part of the joint Operation Encompass project with Stockport Police. Please see the letter on School Spider for further information. All schools in Stockport are working closely with the Local Authority and Public Health England with regards to the latest information about coronavirus. Please see www.gov.uk Public Health England for up to date advice. We have been talking to the children about washing their hands regularly.

PTA Coin Wars



Congratulations to 5H for winning the Coin Wars!! Across both schools, over £1000 has been raised. Every class will be given an amount to spend on something for their classrooms.

To sign up to our school lottery please go to www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Nevill Road. If you would like to find out more about how to help please see the school website or email friendsofnevillroadschools@gmail.com

Find out about all events and meetings via our facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofNevillRoad/

The Curriculum at Nevill Road Juniors

Congratulations to our Boccia Team who will be representing Stockport at the Greater Manchester Winter Games. The staff have been getting ready for World Book Day on Friday and have been reading in some unusual places. Can you guess where?



The winners of the 'Best dressed potatoes' linked to your favourite book characters will be announced at 4pm on Friday through our Twitter feed. Make sure you are following us @NRJuniors to find out more.

Staffing news

You may have heard that Miss Thomas has started her travels around the world. We wish her all the best in her exciting adventure. Miss Williamson will be joining the team as our new HLTA.

Mrs Marshall welcomed baby Henry in to her family earlier this term and we can't wait to meet him.

Thank you for your continuing support - please keep checking the school website for information and follow us on twitter @NRJuniors.

Kind regards

Mrs Cliff and the Nevill Road Junior Team

| | DIARY DATES - Spring Term 2 |
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| MARCH | |
| Friday 6th | World Book Day |
| Monday 16th | Year 2 parent meeting 9.15am Year 3-5 Parent's Evening (4 -6pm) |
| Tuesday 17th | 5HD Bikeability |
| Wednesday 18 th | 5HD Bikeability Year 2 parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 -5 Parent's Evening (4 -7pm) |
| Thursday 19 th | 5R Bikeability |
| Friday 13 th | Cake Sale during Breaktime for The Australian Wildlife Relief Fund |
| Friday 20 th | Parent Coffee Morning (Mental Health Champions) 5R Bikeability |
| Monday 23 rd | Year 4 Visit to Chester |
| Tuesday 24 th | 5H Bikeability |
| Wednesday 25 th | 5H Bikeability |
| Thursday 26 th | Year 2 / 3 Transition music event Choir performance @ Stockport Town Hall |
| Friday 27 th | 4K Class assembly 9.15am |
| APRIL | |
| Friday 3 rd | Last day of term |

*****Please note school starts again on Monday 20th April*****

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