



It is wonderful to have the whole school returned. From 8th March 2021 all pupils returned to schools across England. It was anticipated that this action would cause a likely rise in cases initially but as the rate of COVID infections continued to slow the government wanted schools to fully open to all pupils. New York staff were delighted at this and continue to enjoy having full classes again. I have written to all parents to explain protocols and procedures during the school day and everything is working well. We continue to operate with Year Group bubbles, with best endeavours to keep children a safe distance from other year groups. New York pupils are brilliant at following the protocols and I am very proud of them. We now face Easter with 2 weeks off which will give pupils time to recharge their batteries as many are tired as they are not yet used to a full school day. I would like to thank New York staff for their continued dedication and thank you for your support and kind words. There are lots of exciting projects and activities planned for the summer term so please check the Dates for the Diary at the end of this newsletter.

Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 98.6% which is above our target of 96.5%.

W/C	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
22/2/21	98%	4RE, 6KR, 9BD, 10JM,	100%
1/3/21	99.4%	3GL, 4KR, 5LM, 8JP 9BD, 10JM, 11SMJB, 12JG, 12RB	100%
8/3/21	98.6%	6KR, 13RB	100%



Building Work

You may have noticed that we have builders on site at the moment as we undertake a refurbishment of our 2 Year Offer. Included in this work is additional fencing to the front of school with a dedicated pathway to the school main entrance. It is anticipated that this work will be complete mid way through the summer term.

Exit Protocols

With all pupils returned to school we have risk assessed the exit protocols for KS2 parents. We have split the exit for parents to ensure that the small exit gate does not become gridlocked. Year 4 and 6 parents now leave through the double gates following the temporary fencing in place. Staff are on hand to guide and clarify. This has worked well so far and I thank parents for their acceptance of what we are trying to do. We have arranged for a new single gate to be installed along the KS2 fence and are waiting for a start date. As soon as this is in place it is my intention that KS2 parents will exit from one of two gates onto the path.

Isolations

With the government instructing that all pupils return to school there is some inevitability that even with best endeavours, positive cases in school may occur. We have been notified of a positive case in nursery which has resulted in nursery pupils and staff needing to isolate. School act upon positive test results with the support of Public Health England and follow their guidance.

The source of any positive case is confidential and we do not divulge whether the case is a member of staff or a pupil. In addition the guidance is clear that if a child is isolating due to potential close contact with a positive case, no other member of that household needs to isolate.

These are national rules that we follow.

Protocol Reminders

- EYFS and 2YO parents please maintain 2 metre distance on the path outside school and keep the path clear for others to walk past.
- KS1 parents please stand 2 metres away from the double gates and keep the path clear. Stand on a yellow spot and wait for your child to be sent to you.
- KS2 parents please enter the yard and ensure you stand 2 metres away from other parents -when leaving by the single gate please ensure there is a 2 metre distance between you and the person in front.
- Punctuality is essential - please ensure your child is in school before the gates are locked.

Schoolcomms Gateway App

Look out for an email to register with the Schoolcomms Gateway App.

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to New York Primary School - a parent engagement app that will allow you to communicate with the school and view your child's achievements, attendance and reports at any time from anywhere.

All school related communication, newsletters, reports, attendance figures and club bookings will go through School Gateway from 12th April 2021. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download. Simple.

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information New York Primary School already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to office@newyorkprimaryschool.org.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here:

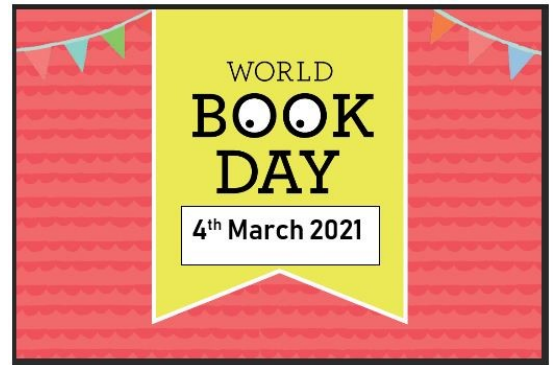
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World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, home learners, school learners and teachers enjoyed celebrating World Book Day.

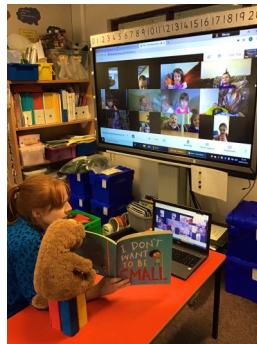
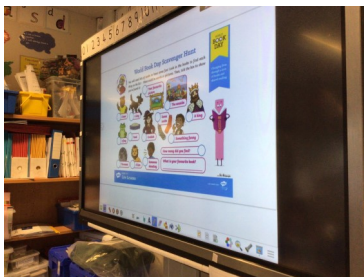
Nursery

In Nursery, we settled down for a cosy story around the pretend fire and shared some of our favourite books. We talked about who is in the story and what happens.



Reception

In Reception we took part in a live storytelling session thanks to Seven Stories. We loved joining in with the active retelling. We used our weekly library session to take part in a book Scavenger Hunt, looking closely at the pictures to see if we could complete the hunt as a class. Then at the end of the day we loved having our Google Meet Bedtime story in our PJs with hot chocolate.



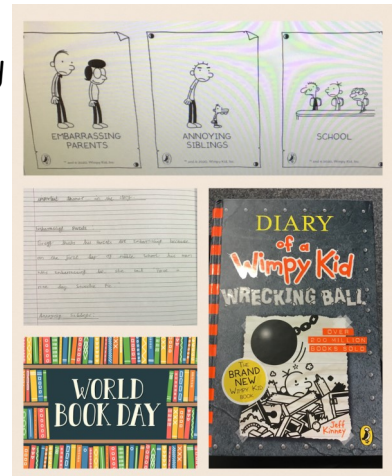
Year 1 and Year 2

In Year 1 we shared our reading for pleasure books from the library service with a friend. We talked about the main characters in the story and why we like the book.

In Year 2 we continued to enjoy our Roald Dahl topic. We created The BFG using a cardboard tube and followed the character description we have been learning as a story map in English.

Year 3

In Year 3 we looked at the book 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. We discussed the themes of the story, such as, embarrassing parents, annoying siblings, school and best friends. We then read an extract from the book and wrote about how the main character Greg felt about each of the themes in that part.



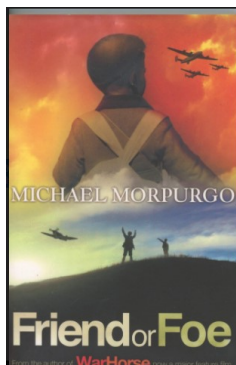
Year 4



In Year Four, we delved into the resource boxes from the North Tyneside Library Services related to our Spring term topics - South America and the Maya Civilisation. We had so much fun finding out and sharing fascinating facts!

In the photograph, we can be seen reading for pleasure. Something we love in Year 4.

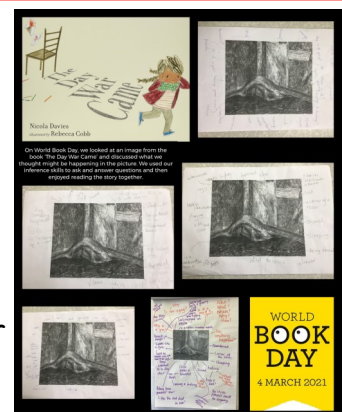
Year 5



Year 5 managed to read a whole book in a day. Following this term's learning of WW2 both the pupils in school and at home listened to a reading of Michael Morpurgo's Friend or Foe. It has been lovely to see the subsequent writing inspired by the story.

Year 6

In Year 6 we looked at an image from the book 'The Day War Came'. We discussed what we thought was happening in the image using inference and questioning. We then enjoyed reading the book together as a class and seeing if our predictions were correct.



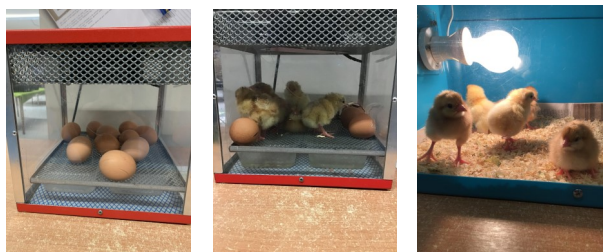
Eco Schools

We are so excited to share the news that we have been awarded green flag Eco-Schools status. You will soon see our flag, proudly flying over school. Here's to a more sustainable future at New York Primary School.



EYFS

Over the last few weeks we have had some special visitors in the Foundation Stage Unit - they arrived as eggs on Monday 1st March and quickly hatched into some fluffy chicks. We watched them grow into chicks, changing from fluffy bundles into feathered friends that will go back to the farmer to start laying their own eggs.



Singing on the Yard

We are thrilled to be permitted to sing outside once again. We have resumed our much loved whole school 'singing on the yard' on Friday afternoons and are looking forward to singing some old favourites from our Easter song collection.

Easter Eggs

Thank you to all who took part in our Easter Egg Competition. We loved looking through the entries. Well done to the winners who will receive their Easter prize!

Comic Relief 2021

On Friday 19th March we donned our Non Uniform to raise money for Comic Relief. In total we raised **£278.50!** Thank you to everyone who contributed a donation and a joke!

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Safer Internet Day 2021

On 9th February 2021 all children at home and at school commemorated Safer Internet Day. This year the theme was - better internet for all.



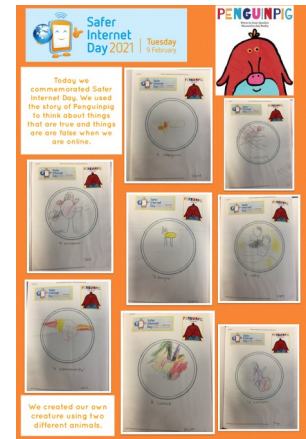
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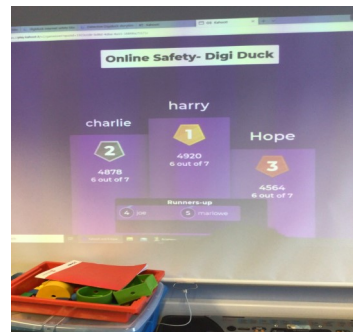
EYFS

In EYFS we used the story of Penguin Pig to think about keeping ourselves safe online and the importance of telling a trusted adult if something does not seem quite right.



Year 1

In Year One we watched an internet safety video called Digi Duck. Which shared information about how to keep ourselves safe online. We then completed two Kahoot quizzes regarding what we should do in certain scenarios. We also discussed how we keep our own information to ourselves. We spoke about the differences between friends and online 'friends'.



Year 2

In Year Two we discussed our internet safety rules used in school. We then used Purple Mash to complete the Making Choices activity where we thought about whether it is safe to use a device without permission, keeping our personal information private and what we should do if we see something that makes us upset.

Year 3

In Year 3, we took part in BBC Teach's live Safer Internet Day lesson. We discussed all of the things that we use the internet for. We then discussed things that have been posted online and the real reasons behind why they have been posted. We discussed that while sometimes people use the internet for positive reasons, others often use the internet as a way of tricking people to give out personal information.

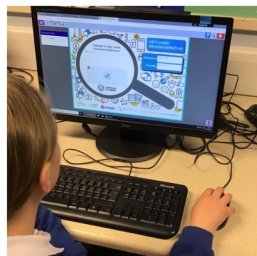
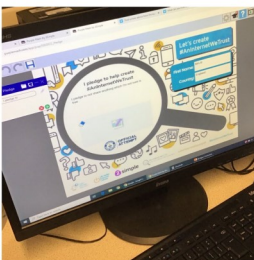


Year 4

In Year 4, we looked at different situations we might face on the internet. For example, 'Someone in your class shares an article you know is not true. You decide to message them privately and let them know.' We wrote advice that we would give to a friend who was in the situation. Our SMART Rules helped us to share useful tips.

Year 5

In Year 5 we took part in the Guinness World Record attempt for Safer Internet Day. The attempt was to win the title for most pledges received for an Internet Safety campaign in 24 hours. Learners at home and in school took part by logging into Purple Mash and making their pledges. Internet safety is something that we learn about regularly in school



Year 6

In Year Six we looked at communicating safely using email.

Reminders

PE lessons are timetabled for each year group twice per week. It is important that pupils have the correct PE kit and shoes for PE. We recommend that pupils bring their PE kit to school, including PE footwear, and leave it in school all week. This means that pupils always have the correct kit in school. It is not safe for children to participate in a PE lesson without appropriate clothing and footwear.

Uniform

From the start of the summer term it is expected that all pupils wear full school uniform once again. (We have relaxed rules slightly up to this point). The uniform policy can be found in the School Prospectus on the website. An extract from this is below.

What a child wears to school reflects their attitude to learning. It portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values.

- *Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
- *White polo shirt or blouse*
- *Grey trousers, pinafore or skirt with black tights*
- *Black school shoes - please note coloured trainers may not be worn as a school shoe. Summer uniform of blue checked dress, polo shirt and shorts.*

Hair

The School Prospectus also details school rules regarding hair in school.

Long hair should be tied back when in school. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted including colour, tram lines etc. Parents are asked to respect this rule and consider the impact this has on school.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn at school other than a small pair of stud earring and a watch. Earrings must be removed for PE and pupils must be able to do this themselves. Please wait until the summer holidays before having your child's ear pierced.

Important Notice

A number of pupils have started to bring an electric scooter to school.

Please be aware that these are not permitted on school premises.

Manual bikes and scooters are welcome but anything motorised is not.

If your child arrives in school with an electric scooter we will contact you to come and take it home as it can not be kept on school premises.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th March - Pupils break up for Easter break

Monday 12th April 2021 - Pupils return to school

Monday 19th April- After school clubs start (2 per year group)

Thursday 29th April—Freestyle Football Workshop Year 6