



Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Monthly Newsletter

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It's almost time for the half term break! We hope you enjoy reading about all of the things we have been learning this month.

Thank you to Newstead families for the generous donations for our Harvest Festival collection. These will be given to the Community Shop to support local families in need.

Happy Harvest everyone!

Reminders

As the weather becomes more unsettled, please can you ensure that your child has a full change of clothes in school every day. Mud and puddles can be very tempting at playtime! Can you also please check that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Celebrations

We are proud to have submitted some entries to the Barnsley Rockley Rotary Children's Art Exhibition at Barnsley Metrodome on the 8th and 9th November. Fingers crossed we might have a winner amongst them!

Following a positive response from our Newstead parents we are pleased to confirm that a visit to see the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Barnsley Civic Theatre has been booked for the 17th December. This is for pupils at our Newstead Site. Further details will follow after half-term.



To explore the Local Offer and access beneficial resources and support services, please visit <https://bit.ly/3TfVWgZ>



What have our Busy Bees been learning this month?

Hive 1

It's been a busy few weeks in Hive 1 😊 We have been exploring play-based mathematical learning through transforming, rotation and transporting. We have been learning the concept of 'more' and 'big' across all lessons and representing numbers with objects. In our 'Home Sweet Home' topic, we have engaged in a variety of roleplay activities involving household objects and are becoming more independent when washing our hands and putting on our own coats.

Hive 2

We have enjoyed a busy half term finding out about ourselves and our friends and what makes us special. We have produced some fantastic collages and portraits and made friendship bracelets to give to special people. In Phonics we have worked really hard at blending and segmenting and are becoming confident at reading and writing words independently. We finished off our half term looking at seasonal changes and exploring the Harvest Festival by reading the story of the Little Red Hen and baking some delicious bread to make our own sandwiches.

Next half-term our topic will be 'Once upon a Time' with a little 'Sparkle and Shine' thrown in! We will be exploring traditional tales and of course enjoying our visit to the Pantomime which will support this learning.

Hive 3

This month in Hive 3 we have worked hard revisiting and expanding our knowledge of place value which has now led us on to completing trickier addition and subtraction confidently because we know what the numbers mean. We will be moving on to using addition and subtraction inversely to check our answers. In writing we have applied our knowledge of basic sentences to add adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. Our 'Human Survival' mini topic finished and we now know why hygiene is important and how germs spread, we are moving on to a mini art topic next, exploring colour.

Hunningley – Lewis

We have been busy over the last few weeks, finding out what makes us special.

We have been studying mark making in our writing using shaving foam and sand. We have also been looking at experimenting with different colours and textures to create faces that are based on our own characteristics and facial features.

As part of our 'Home Sweet Home' topic we have also been looking at houses and have made our own houses using construction materials, cardboard and paint. We have really enjoyed getting messy and being creative!

Hunningley – Simon

This month we have been studying Andy Warhol as part of our topic for the USA. The children have been looking at experimenting with different colours to create the Andy Warhol effect. We have also been looking at the Rocky Mountains and other important landmarks in North America.

In Maths we are looking at the basics of number, concentrating on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. In English we have been concentrating on phonics assessments and words related to Halloween. As part of our social interaction, we have been playing Monopoly, Uno and Exploding Kittens.

Diary Dates

Pantomime (Newstead) 17th
December

October Holidays –
Monday 28th October
– Friday 1st November

Signs of the Month



Ghost



Halloween

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