

Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Monthly Newsletter

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Here comes the snow! What a week of cold and frosty weather.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all for parents' evening later this month and early next month.

If you need to make any amendments to your appointment, please contact Tina at the Newstead School Office.

Reminders

Some parents may have been contacted by Hunningley staff using their mobiles in the initial weeks of the provision opening. Can you please delete these phone numbers if you have - our staff have deleted any parental numbers and will have blocked them due to safeguarding procedures.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff then please phone the Newstead phone number 01226 395983.

Please never hesitate to get in touch with us but please phone where possible.

Inclement Weather

In the event of further inclement weather please rest assured that we will contact you as soon as possible if there are any changes to the usual operating procedures at school. We will also work closely with school transport to make sure that decisions made are in the best interests of all of our pupils. Thank you for your support with this.



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WHAT HAVE OUR BUSY BEES BEEN LEARNING THIS MONTH?

Hive 1

Hive 1 have thoroughly enjoyed our Autumn topic of 'Journeys and Transport'. The children have been exploring this through role play which has supported our communication and language skills. We have been on a bus ride through London and a train across beautiful Scotland. Our favourite special time so far has been Children in Need, celebrating with lots and lots of glitter! In Maths we have been practising counting and representing the value of numbers. In Literacy we have been writing our name and words beginning with s, a, t, p, i and n and choosing from books, newspapers, magazines and take away menus for reading for pleasure.

Hive 2

Tuesday was a very exciting day! We loved playing in the snow with our friends! We have been busy working on our new topic 'Once upon a Time'. We have been exploring some traditional tales and joining in with retelling the key parts of the story as well as tasting Goldilocks's porridge and building houses for the Three Little Pigs. In Maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction and are using ten frames and part-whole models to support our learning. Our PE this half term is called "Jumping Jacks" and we are exploring different ways to move our bodies. We have even found time to find out about the festival of Diwali and make our own Diva lamps and Rangoli patterns. We like to keep busy in Hive 2!

Hive 3

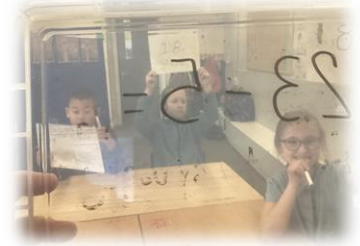
This month we have been looking at ways to make our sentences more interesting. After looking at adding adjectives to our work to describe things, we have recently been exploring the world of verbs, learning that even a simple verb like 'run' can be made more interesting by changing it to 'sprint' for example. In Maths we finished our refresher on place value and used this knowledge to help us develop our adding and subtraction skills, we looked at number bonds and used this knowledge to expand our knowledge. Once we realised that $1 + 9 = 10$ we were able to see that $10 + 90 = 100$! Our topic has taken us on a geographical journey through the world of maps. So far we have learned how to navigate a map using compass points (to find pirate treasure) and have also looked at what the key at the side of the map means.

Hunningley – Lewis

This month we have been exploring classic fairy tales such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have been looking at the characters and the decisions that they make in our stories. We especially enjoyed describing the big bad wolf and putting him into different disguises. In Maths we have been looking at part-whole models using practical Maths to help us with our calculations. In phonics we have been focusing on s, a, t and p so far and we are getting really good at identifying words that start with these letters. We have also been spending time reading and listening to books at the end of each day.

Hunningley – Simon

This month we have started to look at different kinds of habitats, such as a forest dwelling and ocean life. From this the children have been making food chains, fat balls, to feed the birds and are beginning to make a bug hotel. In English we are writing a story about an astronaut, which is bringing out pupils' imagination. The children are doing fantastically with their reading, some doing amazingly with their phonics and some reading completely independently. Mathematically we are looking at measuring and fractions, showing a good ability in all of this. This has been another month where the children are continuing to grow into their setting!



Diary Dates

Parents' Evening

27th November

(Newstead)

11th December

(Hunningley)

Christmas Dinner

18th December

Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd

December – Friday 3rd

January

INSET Day

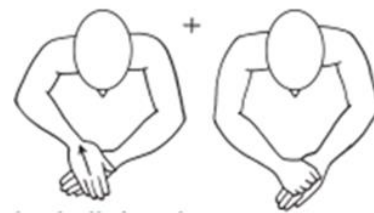
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Signs of the Month

Merry



Christmas



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