

Newsletter - March 2025



Welcome to our latest school newsletter! We hope this message finds you and your family well. As we continue to journey through this exciting school year, we are thrilled to share with you some of the wonderful moments, updates, and achievements happening in our school community. From classroom activities to events, there's always something new to celebrate!

We value your partnership and look forward to continuing to work together in supporting our students' growth and success.

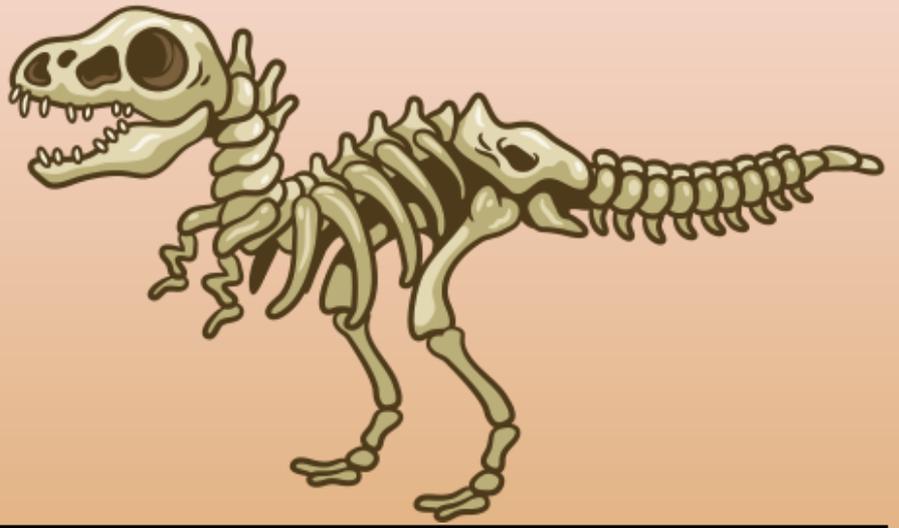
As we continue to nurture our vibrant school community, we would like to kindly remind everyone of the importance of kindness and respect when interacting with our staff, whether in person or through other means of communication. As always if you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher or other members of the team and we will do our utmost to support you.

Our teachers, administrators, and support staff are dedicated to providing the best care and education for your children. Just like our students, we are all human, and we appreciate the understanding, patience, and support of our families. A simple smile, a kind word, or a moment of empathy can go a long way in making our school a positive and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for helping us create a respectful and supportive atmosphere for all.

Mrs Turner

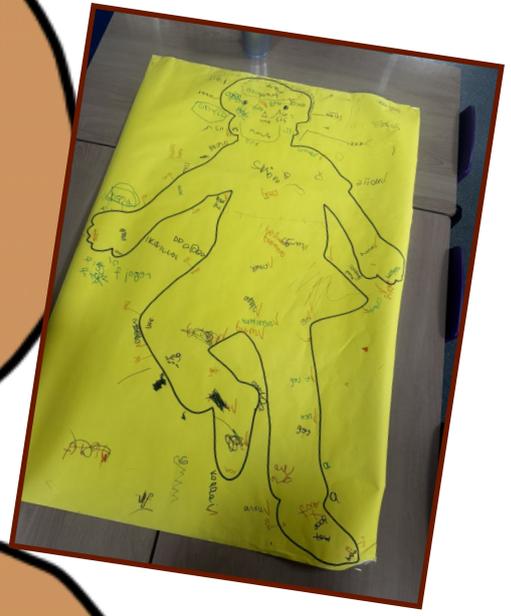
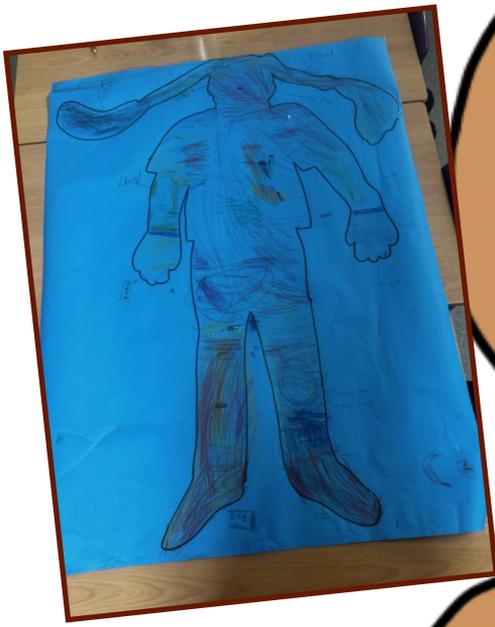




Last term in Sapling Class, our learning adventure took us back in time to the age of the dinosaurs! We discovered what dinosaurs were, explored the different types, and learned how we know so much about them today through fossils. The children had so much fun becoming palaeontologists, carefully digging for fossils and making exciting discoveries.

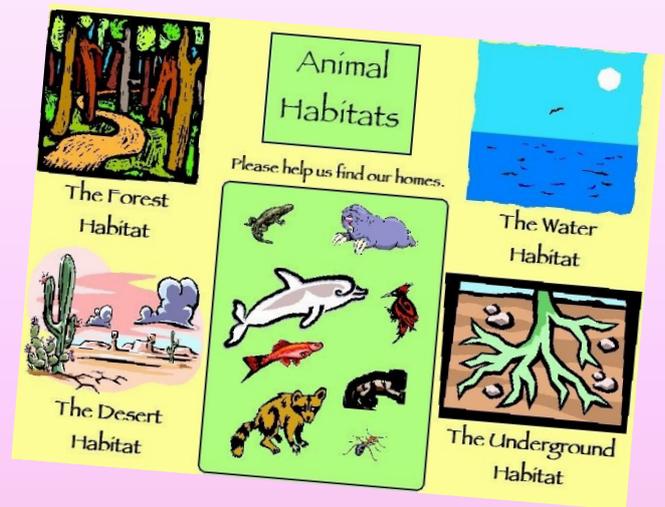
A real highlight was our special Hands on Hearts day, where the children brought in their favourite teddies from home to help them learn fantastic life-saving CPR skills. It was a busy and exciting term full of hands-on learning, imagination, and important new knowledge!





In Maple Class, we've been having a great time learning and exploring new topics. We're really enjoying our story "*Charlie and the Lighthouse Keeper*" and can't wait to write our own adventure stories. In Science, we've started to learn more about our bodies, using what we already know to label different body parts. In History, we've been discovering toys from the past and are excited because a visitor is coming in to share some of their old toys with us! In Maths, we're practising how to partition numbers up to 50 into tens and ones, which has been fun and challenging. We have been so excited for World Book Day Today and can't wait to share lots of stories with our classmates! In Computing, we've been using Bee-Bots to explore algorithms, and it's been so much fun programming them to follow different paths and solve problems!





In Year 2 this term, we have experienced a wonderful journey filled with fun and learning. Our students have enjoyed tasting papaya, exploring local habitats, and producing impressive pieces of writing. The classroom buzzes with enthusiastic energy every day, and it's heart-warming to see the children so happy to come to school. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and adaptability, especially with the transition to a new teacher. Looking ahead, we have many exciting and enriching activities planned for the upcoming weeks. Great job Year 2! Keep up the fantastic work!
Mr Payne



Year 3 Valentine's Day Activity 'Making Positive Affirmation Jars'



Valentines Jars by Frankie

On Valentine's Day, we created special affirmation jars. Each student decorated their jar to make it extra loving, either for themselves or for someone they care about. We wrote positive and kind messages inside, such as "I am loved," "I am kind," and "I am clever." It was a wonderful way to spread love and remind ourselves of how amazing we are!



Year 3 Trip to Hall Park

Trip to Hall Park by Grace

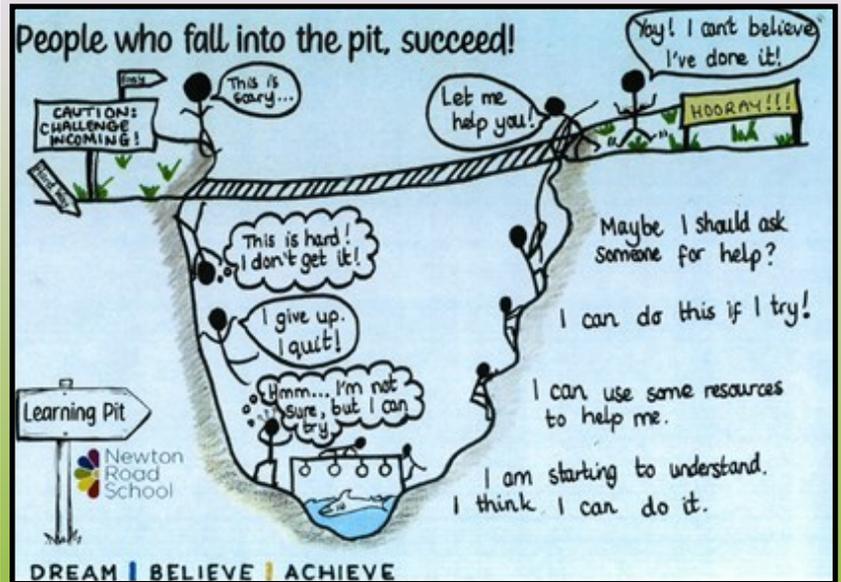
During our Geography trip, we visited the local park and asked people how they use it. We tallied their responses to questions like, "How often do you visit?" and "Would you change anything about the park?" Many people said they enjoy going to the play park and walking their dogs, but most didn't want any changes made to the park. It was interesting to learn how the park is used and how much people value it just as it is. We also compared the park to the Amazon Rainforest and learned how to use bar charts.





Hello! We are the school councillors, we are made up of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. We have a variety of different jobs, including Lead and Deputy Councillor, Pupil Voice, Media Team and more. The Media Team help make newsletters such as this one! We hope you enjoy reading what we've been up to in school.

One of our school council tasks was making a whole school learning pit. The learning pit is used to inspire children to have a growth mindset. When you "fall into the pit", that is the start of the cycle. At this point, you will need to use your positive attitude and PRIDE values such as determination and positivity. We are learning strategies to help us get out of the pit which means that we can make progress and be more confident in our learning. Don't forget... people who fall into the pit, succeed!



On the 11th February, we took part in Safer Internet Day. We did this so we can be safer online because there are many dangers on the internet that we need to be aware of. We did two activities and watched a live show called "Scam Smashers". This taught us how to be safer and how to avoid scams that sometimes come up when we are using our devices. We defeated the scammer and made a password that was not related to us. It is important to have a long password with a mixture of words (not personal to you), capital letters, numbers and symbols.



SENCO Surgeries

Please see below the schedule for our SENCO surgeries this term. As stated before half term, each session has a particular focus.

Please attend the ones that you feel you would benefit gaining some support or advice from. If you have a concern or query that does not relate to the focus of the session, you are welcome to make an appointment.

- ♦ **Tuesday 18th March - Neurodiversity** - 8.45am -10am
- ♦ **Tuesday 1st April - Supporting children moving to secondary school** (Year 5/6 parents only) - Hosted by the SENCO at Rushden Academy - 8.45am - 10am



Boccia by Mr Davies & Mrs Liverton

Six children took part in a Boccia competition and showed incredible teamwork and empathy. Throughout the event, they supported each other, always making sure to encourage and help one another. Whether it was offering words of encouragement or assisting with strategies, their kindness made the competition a fun and positive experience for everyone involved. It was great to see how they all worked together and made each other feel good while competing!

Hands on Hearts Trustwide link up – Friday 14th February

On the 14th February, we took part in the “Hands on Heart” event where we were taught how to do CPR. If we run into people who have gone into cardiac arrest we would be able to help them. You can remember the steps to help someone using DRS ABC. Have a look at the picture to learn for yourself! We joined an online call with all of the other schools within our Trust and thousands of us learned how to potentially save someone's life.





GREAT Attendance

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Did you know
being late **15
minutes** each
day is the
same as
missing **two
weeks** of
school!



At Newton Road School, we expect children's attendance to be a minimum of 96%.

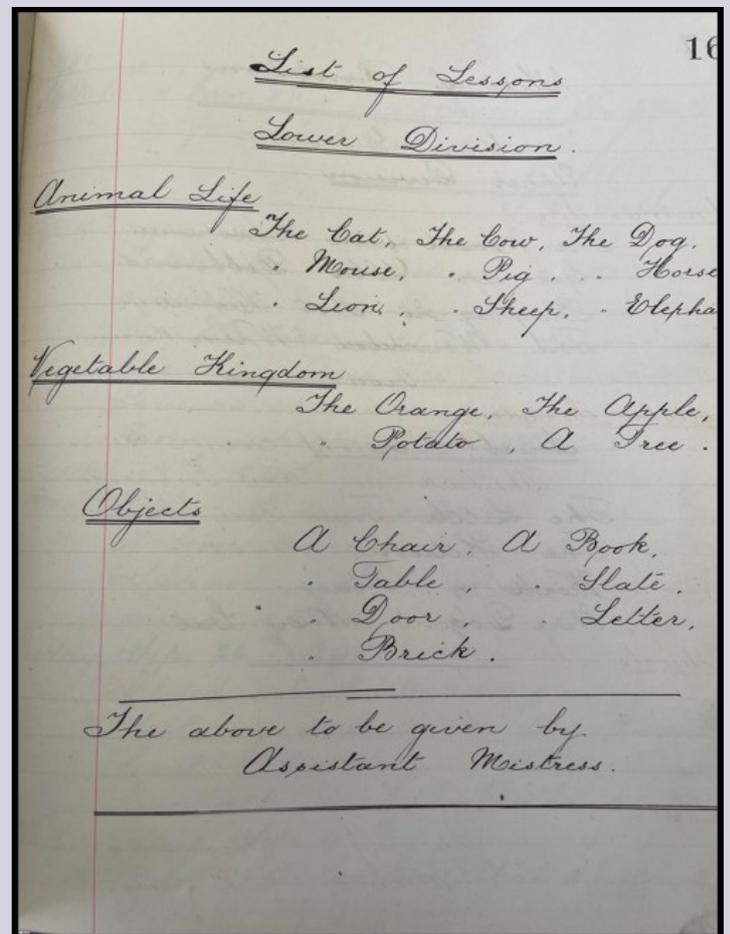
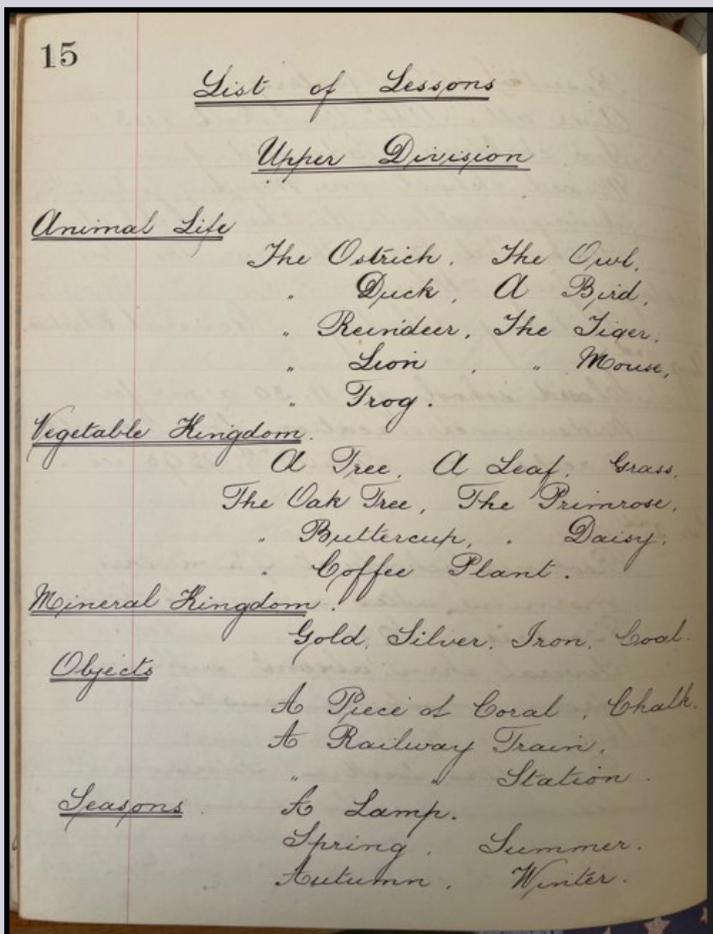
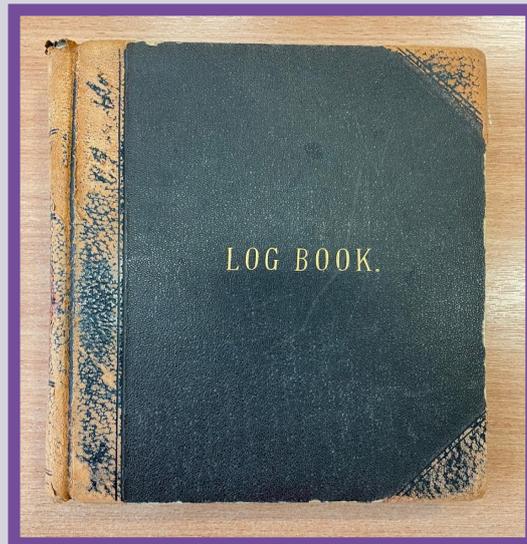
If you have any questions regarding attendance, please send an email to office@newtonroadschool.co.uk and a member of the Inclusion Team will contact you.

Newton Road School History

Please see below an entry from the original School Diary detailing some of the lessons were being taught within school.

This entry was made by Mr Edwin Jenkins – Certified Master of the School in beautiful italic writing using an ink pen.

It's a fascinating insight into what the children were being taught in 1895





*Italian Day
Thursday 16th
January*

On Thursday 16th January, we had our Italian themed menu.

Every child who had ordered a meal for that day had the chance to win a cook book.

Our Key Stage 1 winner was George



Our Key Stage 2 winner was Brooklyn

Keep a look out for details of our next Special Menu Day happening in May!

Meals are priced at £2.65, unless your child is in receipt of free school meals or universal free school meals (Foundation, Years 1 and 2) which are free.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals/pupil premium and would like to check or apply please click on the following link

[Free school meals and pupil premium | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

You can still apply for free school meals/pupil premium even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or 2 and receiving universal free school meals. This means that they will continue to receive free school meals when they go into Year 3 and upwards. You will also be entitled to receive the holiday food vouchers that are sent out for the school holidays.

CHARITY



SPONGE THE TEACHER



MR DAVIES IS RAISING MONEY FOR HEADWAY EAST
NORTHANTS AND WILL BE RUNNING LONDON MARATHON 2025

A CHARITY THAT HELPS PEOPLE IN EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURIES

14TH MARCH 3.15PM

50P PER SPONGE OR 5 SPONGES FOR £2

PLEASE BRING CASH



100% of donations go to charity

Join us at the Book Fair In the Hall

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March
3.15pm - 4pm

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Key Dates and Events

Date	Year Group	Event	Information
Tuesday 11th March	Whole School	Class Photos	All children to wear school uniform
Thursday 13th March	Year 6	SATS Meeting	2.30pm in the Family Room
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March	Whole School	Book Fair	3.15pm - 4pm in the hall
Friday 21st March	Whole School	Comic Relief	More Details to follow
Friday 4th April	Whole School	Last Day of Term	
Tuesday 22nd April	Whole School	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
Wednesday 23rd April	Whole School	School Re-Opens	
Monday 5th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday	School Closed