

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

SPRING 1 GETS UNDERWAY

Welcome to 2019 everyone and to our Spring 1 topics. After the initial excitement of being back in school and seeing their friends on Monday morning, the children got straight down to business as the teachers 'launched' their new topics. The children in Year 6 began their Technology and Inventions topic by working collaboratively within a team to design and create a rollercoaster prototype. They then had to pitch their concept to a local theme park in the hope that their designs would be seen to be both exciting and cost effective.



Year 5 embarked on their 'Mission to Mars' and on Thursday this week visited the mobile planetarium that came to school courtesy of Star Dome Astronomy & Astronautics. The children were invited to take a space adventure in the pitch black dome and were lucky enough to explore the Milky Way and see the galaxy up close. They learnt about the planets and dwarf planets within our solar system and were taken on a tour through the stars, learning all about the different constellations and how they got their names.



Year 3 will be learning all about the human body and how to keep it healthy in their topic 'Super Humans'. On Monday they looked at healthy snacks and sampled some for themselves.



'Roll up, Roll up' is Year 2's topic this half term and they will be looking at everything to do with the circus. With this in mind, they listened and sang along to some of the songs from *The Greatest Showman* in preparation to perform during assembly.



Year 4 spent some time this week getting acquainted with a map of the world as they began their topic, 'Different Places, Similar Lives'. They also looked at the 'I have a Dream' speech by the American civil rights activist Martin Luther King and were inspired to write their own dreams for the world.

Lola wrote: *I have a dream that no one will be homeless.*

Charlie wrote: *I have a dream that all animals will stop dying from pollution and hunting.*



Year 1 are going on a swashbuckling *Pirate* adventure this half term and this week they went in search of stolen treasure. They were tasked with completing some challenges in the large hall to earn clues to find the treasure. The final clue led them to the Shipwreck where they eventually found it. Aarrgghh, me hearties!



RANGERS REPORT

This term at Rangers we are introducing 'The Greatest Ranger'. Taking *The Greatest Showman* as our inspiration, we will be having talent shows, trying new things, and finding different ways to be the greatest Rangers we can be. It will be an exciting opportunity to explore things you might not know about yourself and expand your ways of thinking. Join us at Rangers after school club to take part!

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COURSES OF INTEREST

There are some courses coming up at The Red Oak Sure Start Children's Centre that might be of interest to you.

- **Helping your child manage stress and anxiety** - Monday 4th and 11th February 2019 9:30—11:30 a.m. (open to parents of children of any age) £2.00 payable when booking.
- **The Parenting Puzzle** - 4 week evening course starting Thursday 28th February 2019. This is a course that gives parents tips and advice on how to make family life a little bit easier. £15 total cost.

Please contact The Red Oak Children's Centre for more information or collect a flyer from the School Office.

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TELL ME A STORY

To launch their 'Tell Me a Story' topic, our Reception children came back to school packed up with their favourite teddy and cuddly blanket, ready for a Teddy Bear's picnic. They all snuggled up outside, munched on Pom-Bears and sipped hot chocolate. Whilst they were enjoying their picnic with their bears, Mrs Perifimou read them the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Throughout the week, the children learnt to tell the story themselves and Goldilocks even sent them a package—three bowls of porridge! Putting their taste buds to the test, they sampled the porridge to see which one was best. Daddy Bear's porridge was too salty, Mummy Bear's porridge was too sour, but Baby Bear's porridge was just right! Phew!



SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder that school led clubs will begin w/c 14th January. Please return your child's permissions slips and payments before the start of their first session. Letters for externally run clubs are available from the school office.

N.B. Reigate School of Ballet are offering an exciting new club for this term, Street Dance, and it is open to children in Years 3-6. The club will run on a Wednesday after school, starting next Wednesday with a finishing time of 4:00 p.m. If your child is interested in joining the club, please collect a letter from the school office.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Merstham Park school would like to remind parents/carers of children in Year 5 that they have a number of Open Events coming up, Tuesday 15th January being the first one of this new year. Please [click here](#) for more information.

A little while ago we put a call out to any young embroiderers out there. Well, the Surrey Young Embroiderer's Guild are next meeting on Saturday 19 Jan at the scout Hut, Timperley Gardens, Redhill and new members are always welcome. It is for children aged 8 and upwards and the cost is £6 a session (£5 for members). If you are interested, please contact Alison by email on alison3244@gmail.com or call Brenda: 01737 761552. Why not give it a try!



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 14 th Jan	Wray Common School-led clubs start Flexiflics Gymnastics (before school) French Club (Yrs 1 and 2) lunchtime Musical Theatre KS1 (after school) French Club (Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6) after school
Tues 15 th Jan	Flexiflics Gymnastics (before school) Badminton Club
Wed 16 th Jan	Quiz Club (after school) Street Dance (after school) Friends' Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thurs 17 th Jan	Musical Theatre KS1 (before school) Musical Theatre KS2 (after school)
Fri 18 th Jan	Yoga Club (before school) Chess Club (after school)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates and events for this term. Why not pin this up at home so you are always up to date with what is happening at school!

JANUARY 2019		Description	Time
Monday - Friday	07-11	School swimming re-starts (Years 1, 2, 5 and 6)	
Thursday	10	Star Dome Astronomy and Astronautics - Year 5 in school	During school time
Friday	11	Volunteer Safeguarding Training	2:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday	14-18	Wray Common school-led clubs start	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday	15	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	16	Friends' Committee Meeting (Small Hall - all welcome)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	24	5B Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		5TE Class Assembly	2:45 p.m.
Monday	28	Year 4 Cultural Day - in school	During school time
Thursday	31	2E Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		2C Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 2019			
Wednesday	06	Gymnastics Competition at Donyngs	During school time (invited children only)
Thursday	07	Quiz Competition at Wray Common	2:00 p.m. (invited children only)
Tuesday	12	Practice Cross Country Race Reigate Priory	After school (details to follow)
Thursday	14	Year 2 Multi-skills event at St. Bede's	During school time (invited children only)
		Celebration Medals Assembly	2:20 p.m. (invited parents/ carers only)
		School finishes for Half Term Holiday	Normal pick-up times apply
Friday	15	INSET DAY (no school for children)	
Monday - Friday	18-22	Half Term Holiday	
Monday	25	Return to school	Normal school times apply
		Level 1 Bikeability (Year 4)	Details to follow
Tuesday	26	New swimming block starts (Rec, Year 3 and Year 4)	Days and times tbc
		Level 1 Bikeability (Year 4)	Details to follow
		Cross Country Race at Reigate Priory	Details to follow
Wednesday	27	Level 1 Bikeability (Year 4)	Details to follow
MARCH 2019			
Tuesday	05	Friends of Wray Common Bag2School Collection	9:00 a.m.
		Reception heights/weights/vision/hearing check	During school time

MARCH 2019 contd.			
Wednesday	06	Reception heights/weights/vision/hearing check (cont.)	During school time
Thursday	07	Friends' Committee Meeting (Small Hall - all welcome)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	09	Friends' Quiz Night	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	3:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Wednesday	13	Year 1 visit to Nower Wood	During school time
Thursday	14	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	15	Comic Relief Day	Details to follow
Wednesday	20	1VG Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		Netball Training at RGS (Year 5)	Details to follow (invited children only)
		Football Tournament at Sandcross (Year 5)	Details to follow
		Junior Citizen Event (Year 6)	Details to follow (during school time)
Thursday	21	1W Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		1S Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
		Wray Common Arts Soiree	6:00 p.m.
Monday	25	Sparkfish Easter Journey Year 5	During school time
		Netball Tournament at Reigate Priory	1:15 p.m. (details to follow)
Tuesday	26	Friends' Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
Wednesday	27	Friends' Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
		Netball Tournament at Reigate School	p.m. (details to follow)
Thursday	28	Family Day Assemblies (parents/carers invited)	a.m. (details to follow)
		Friends' Mother's Day Sale (children only)	During school time
APRIL 2019			
Tuesday	02	RP Caterpillars Class Assembly	9:00 a.m.
		RS Ladybirds Class Assembly	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	03	Friends' Easter Trail	After School
Thursday	04	KS1 and KS2 Discos (Friends event)	Details to follow
Friday	05	Celebration Medals Assembly	12:45 p.m.
		Last Day of Term	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	Mon 08 -22 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Tuesday	23	First Day of Term - INSET DAY (no school for children)	
Wednesday	24	First day of summer term for children	Normal school times apply