



# Eyrescroft Primary School



## Newsletter Half Term 3 2023

### HELLO FROM MRS PANTON

We've had another busy half-term at Eyrescroft and it has flown by. We have started working in partnership with local rugby team the Northampton Saints. Everyone in school has enjoyed learning about the importance of zero in Number Day this month and we have had visits and visitors in many year groups with lots more planned.

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 96% and currently we have 93%. It is important that children are in school. We often teach in learning journeys with a sequence of sessions that follow one another, so missing days leaves gaps in learning alongside this, school helps to develop social skills and build friendships.

Please only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances (not for holidays) and do so in advance.

Please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

If you are having problems with getting your child into school, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Sibthorpe and we will work to support you.

We know that children get ill and sometimes this means they need to stay at home to get better and rest. If you are unsure whether to keep your child at home if they are feeling poorly, here is a link to current NHS guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### DRAMA FOR WRITING

As a whole school we have been developing our use of drama to support writing for a number of terms now. We often use drama activities to help generate ideas and develop vocabulary before and whilst the children are writing. This helps to give the children confidence when composing sentences and creating longer written pieces.

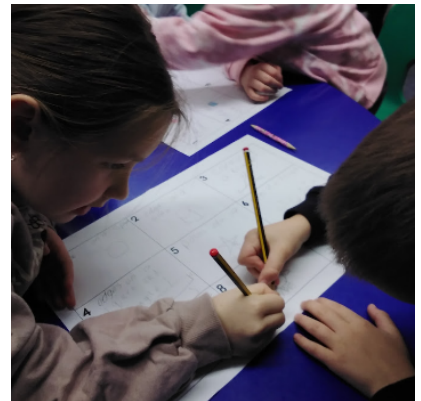
This year our teachers have been working alongside our federated school, Highlees, to embed this practice further. Ask your child how they use drama (such as, communal setting, hot seating, thought tracking and rolling theatre) in their learning.

### RUGBY



This term we have been working with the Northampton Saints Rugby Club in school. In January, we had a takeover day and everyone in school had fun training with one of their coaches. Since then, Year 5 have been working with them in their PE sessions to develop team skills and cooperation.

### NUMBER DAY



We had a lot of fun on Number Day this year! This year our Number Day was linked to the book, 'A Place for Zero'.

Firstly, we read the book in our classes before moving on to complete a wide range of Maths challenges. In KS1, we used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100 to find connections between numbers and amounts. In KS2, we solved the mystery of missing numbers using our knowledge of place value and by finding multiples of 10, 100 & 1000.

We also explored Egyptian Hieroglyphs and discovered if there was always, A Place for Zero.



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### DUXFORD



Year 6 had a fantastic time at Duxford. We explored the various hangars, looking at aircraft and military memorabilia. In particular our focus was Britain during the Second World War and we investigated replica control rooms, Anderson shelters and heard first hand accounts of events from the volunteers there.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR



EYFS learnt all about the celebration and traditions of Chinese New Year including the story of 'The Great Race'. They used the internet to find out information about some of the animals that make up the Chinese zodiac. They also enjoyed making Chinese lanterns, dragon masks and the children had the opportunity to taste some rice, noodles and crackers. At the end of the week they had a go at using their phonic knowledge to write a simple sentence about Chinese New Year.

### GRAFHAM WATER



As I write this Year 4 are on their way back home from their Grafham Water residential. They took part in activities such as canoeing, climbing, archery, bike riding and of course the formidable 'Grafham Challenge'.

We were extremely proud of all the children pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. A great time was had by all!

### MOBILE PHONES

A reminder, if you feel your child needs a phone e.g. they walk to and from school alone, then you must complete a permission form. All phones that come into school must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. The school accepts no responsibility for them once they are here.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Next half term, we have lots of exciting events planned in school, including World Book Day and Red Nose Day in March. We will be dressing up for Red Nose Day, therefore we will not dress up for World Book Day. We will send out more information about both events after half term.

**REMEMBER THE DOORS TO THE CLASSROOMS OPEN AT 8:40AM. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN THIS.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**13th - 17th February** - Half Term  
**27th/28th February** - Parents' evening  
**17th March** - Red Nose Day  
**31st March** - Professional Training Day - School closed  
**3rd - 14th April**  
- Easter Holidays

