

Horninglow News



A word from Mrs Breedon...

We've now been back for a half term and we have settled into our 'new normal' and are really pleased with how well the children have responded to our new 'Covid Safe' routines. I have now learned how to hold 'virtual assemblies' and the children are brilliant at virtual hugs and virtual high fives.

Thank you for your understanding if you have been required to keep your child off school to isolate whilst waiting for a test result. At the beginning of the half term it was really difficult to book a test but this has really improved and means that children don't need to be off for long if they test negative after showing symptoms.

Thank you for attending our virtual parents' consultations. If you have missed the call or Zoom meeting please call the office to reschedule.

Please inform us should your child have any Covid symptoms over half term or if they or a household member test positive for Covid over half term

We hope you have a lovely break over half term and look forward to welcoming you back in November.

Class	PE Day
Reception	Friday
YR1	Wednesday
YR2	Friday
YR3	Thursday
YR4	Friday
YR5	Wednesday
YR6	Tuesday

FOHPS

Whilst the Friends of Horninglow are unable to host events due to Covid, they have decided to postpone their AGM until such time as they are able to come into school.

Their hard work is very much appreciated, their fundraising has allowed us to purchase ~XL as our home learning programme. We look forward to welcoming them back as soon as we can. In the meantime on behalf of all the staff and children, I'd like to say a big thank you for all they do and have done to support us.

Reminders:

- * Please make sure that when reporting your child's absence, you do so before 9am on their first day of absence and every third day after.
- * School dinners have now increased to £2.25 a day (£11.25 a week)
- * Reading books and diaries should be returned on Fridays and Mondays, and your child's class teacher will swap them on these days if they have read at home.
- * Please do not park in the carpark, this is for staff only.

Dates	Event
Fri 23 rd October	School breaks up for October holiday
Mon 2 nd November	Children return to school
Fri 18 th December	School breaks up for Christmas holiday
4 th & 5 th January	INSET Days
Wed 6 th January	Children return to school

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<https://www.horninglow.staffs.sch.uk/>

Wellness and Wellbeing

'Work hard, be kind and choose wisely'



For this Month's wellness and wellbeing we are focusing on 'Mental Health Day' which was on the 10th October this year. Mental health day has never been so important, especially this year after the months of lockdown and loss.

Please take a look at these links for advice and tips on yours and your child's wellbeing:

- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/wellbeing/wellbeing/>
- <https://camhs.cnwl.nhs.uk/children/mental-health-tips/>
- <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/make-it-count-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Poem: Its only the Storm

'What's that creature that rattles the roof?'

'Hush, it's only the storm'

'What's blowing the tiles and the branches off?'

'Hush, it's only the storm'

'What's riding the sky like a wild white horse,
Flashing its teeth and stamping its hooves?'

'Hush, my dear, it's only the storm,

Racing the darkness till it catches the dawn.

Hush, my dear, it's only the storm,

When you wake in the morning, it will be gone'.

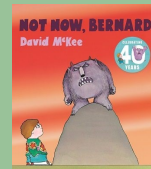
- Dave Ward

Book Recommendations:

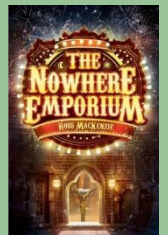
EYFS: 'Be Kind' by Pat Zietlow Miller. *Be Kind* is an unforgettable story about how simple acts can change the world.



KS1: 'Not Now Bernard' by David McKee. Bernard's got a problem: he's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.



KS2: 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. Winner of the Blue Peter Best Story Award 2016. Ross MacKenzie unleashes a riot of imagination, colour and fantasy in this astonishing adventure.



Adults: 'Eve of Man' by Tom and Giovanna Fletcher. Eve lives alone in the Tower under the strict gaze of the Mothers. She is prized and protected, because she is the last girl on earth.



Eve has always understood that the survival of the human race is in her hands. Now she's sixteen, and three males have been selected. Eve knows it's time to face her fate.

Until she meets Bram.

What have we been up to?



Nursery: We are all so proud of how well the children have settled into the routines of Nursery. They come in happily in the mornings, put their names in the box and then sit for the register as if they have been doing it for years! This half term we have been encouraging the children to talk about themselves. This started off with naming facial features and painting self-portraits, before moving onto body parts. We then encouraged the children to think about their home lives and who lives in their family, before moving onto pets, when the children enjoyed a visit from Mrs Wardle's dog, Poppy. For the last week of the half term we had some spooky Halloween fun!

Year 1: In year 1 we have been learning all about dinosaurs and have produced some lovely creative activities. We especially enjoyed making dinosaur claws out of clay and making a collage using a variety of textured materials. This week the children have discussed the three main theories about how dinosaurs became extinct. The teachers were amazed at how some children have knowledge regarding these theories, and Miss Naz and Miss Webster were very impressed. We have also been focusing on our letter and number formation. The children have made huge progress in their learning. Thank you to all parents for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term!

Reception- The children have settled in beautifully this half term and are making amazing progress! We are so proud of them all!

This half term, we have done 'What's that Sound'. The children explored instruments and listened to music, sharing how it made them feel. We have also focused on our listening skills by copying rhythms and exploring sounds we can make with our bodies, for example clicking our fingers. Reception have also looked at the topic 'Are we nearly there yet?' which was all to do with transport! The children have loved getting involved with creating our role play area where we have had a bus, a car wash and a train! We have created a tally chart by counting the different coloured cars that passed our school. In reception, we have been focusing on our speaking and listening skills by discussing our favourite transport and writing about it. We have been working on our set 1 sounds in phonics and many of the children are now blending sounds, which is brilliant! In maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 0-5, including counting objects, comparing numbers of objects and beginning to solve maths problems. Next half term, our focus will be around Autumn and we cannot wait to start!

Year 2: The new year 2 class have settled into school life brilliantly. They all walked in with big smiles and ready to learn. The topic for this half term has been 'Our Wonderful World' and we have had a wonderful time learning all about it. We have been celebrating the lovely town of Burton-Upon-Trent and understanding what makes it a town. We have travelled around the world looking at different continents through the story books we have read and written about. We have travelled and learnt about all the amazing landmarks in our capital city London. Even our history focus has been on London where we have been learning about The Great Fire of London and we have created some wonderful pieces of art based on this. Although the children have never left their classroom, we have had a wonderful time exploring the wonderful world around us. Thank you to the parents of year 2 for your fantastic support this half term!



Year 3: We have had a lovely start to year 3.

We have been learning about the Stone Age and how things have changed over time. We explored cave art and the children created their own cave paintings using blending techniques. We have also been looking at Stone Age tools and weapons and what the Stone Age people used them for. The children then had the opportunity to design and create their own Stone Age tool. To link learning with topic and English, the children have written some amazing diary entry's about a day as a Stone Age child.

In maths, we have been practicing and consolidating the skills from year 2 in order to help secure gaps in learning. We have been practicing the column method, time's tables and finding fractions of a given amount.

In English, the children have been doing lots of creative writing where they have been able to write their own Stone Age stories inspired by the text 'Stone Age boy.' They have also been using their imagination to write their own story inspired by Cave baby applying their grammar work that we have been learning in our English lessons.

I am so proud of what the children have achieved this term and look forward for some more exciting lessons next term.

Year 5: Y5 have been learning about Ancient Greece and Greek Mythology. We have written a newspaper report detailing the escape of Thanatos (Greek Demon)!

This term during maths we have been recapping our skills learnt last year and pushing ourselves to extend this to new year 5 learning.

We have created some beautiful artwork - sketching our own Greek Monster, creating Greek vases using charcoal and pastels and created some suncatchers using petals!

Year 6: A very busy start in year six. So far we have looked at our Mayan project, where we have discovered when and where they originated. We've also looked at some texts based around the Mayan legends of Chac, the rain god. Also this term we have looked at some other famous texts from Charles Dickens such as Oliver Twist. We've also carried out an Oliver Twist day, where we have compared film to text.

Year 4: It has been a difficult time for the whole country but the children have come back ready to learn and full of enthusiasm.

In PSHE we have been discussing how we have felt and any worries or concerns that we may have had.

Our topic this term has been based around the Roman Empire in Year 4.

The children have looked at the history of the Roman Empire and have enjoyed learning facts about how the Romans influenced the developing world.

In writing we have been focused on describing settings and scenery using powerful vocabulary.

In Maths we have focused on place value - adding/subtracting and multiplication.

It's great to be back at School!

Half Term Community Support

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MON 26TH - THUR 29TH OCTOBER 2020
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"SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE ADHERED TO"

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