



Horninglow News: Friday 24th Jan 2020

Happy New Year

We've had a great start to 2020, the children have come back after Christmas with a great attitude and ready to learn.

Young Voices

The choir had a wonderful time at Young Voices on Monday. They danced and sung their hearts out. We had lots of fun! They really showed that they were fantastic ambassadors for Horninglow Primary! Thank you for your continued support with the choir.

Singing assembly

Thanks to Father Duncan (from St Michaels) who is a qualified music teacher and has volunteered to lead our singing assemblies. He understands that we are a multifaith school and the songs chosen are not of a religious nature.

Mrs Solomonides



My role in school is pupil and family support, as well as working with your children, I am also available to help with any family issues or concerns you may be having i.e housing benefits, mental health support etc. Even if you don't think that I can help you, I will be able to confidentially sign post you in the right direction. Please contact me on 01283 247618 or pop into school to see me should you need any help.

Think2 - Do you know of a child who is currently or will soon be two years old? They may be eligible for up to 15 hours a week of funded early education during school term times. Places can be stretched over school holidays as well so less hours per week over more weeks throughout the year. You can choose the childcare provider and this could be a Childminder, Pre-school or Nursery who offer think 2 places and have a Good or Outstanding Ofsted rating. Please visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Children-and-early-years/Childcare/think2/fundedplacesfortwoyearolds.aspx>

What have we been up to?

Nurture - Hello and a warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays. This half term in Nurture we are creating some New Year goals, completing 'All About Me' acorns, making Super Fairies and Golden Fish, getting messy with bird feeders - all whilst personalising the Nurture room for our new pupils in The Garden of Dreams...we can't wait!!!

Nursery - We are now involved in our 'Where does the snow go?' topic. We have looked at freezing and melting using a bottle of water in the freezer as we have not been lucky enough to have frosty or snowy weather. If we do get some wintry weather please draw attention to the frost, snow and ice, especially if this is on a weekend so we are unable to do so in school. We have enjoyed the story of 'One Snowy Night' and Percy the Park Keeper characters and completed mark-making and artwork based on the story.

Reception – Our topic this half term has been Will You Read me a Story? We started with Goldilocks and the Three Bears and also read the story the Gingerbread Man. We had a fantastic memorable experience when we found that our gingerbread men had gone missing! The children tracked it down by following the floury footprints to Mr Smith's classroom, where we found the gingerbread man half eaten in his pocket! The children were very excited and talked about it for several days afterwards. Reception have also looked at Little Red Riding Hood and did some fabulous writing about the story. We also enjoyed learning some facts about wolves.

Year 1 – We hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing break, and a wonderful, happy new year. We have had a very good start with our new topic 'Our Local Area'. All children have settled in really well. In Maths, we have started learning about subtraction and making connections between add and take away. In English, we have started looking at a new genre 'an instruction text' and soon we will be having a go at writing one our self. The instruction text will be about a very important subject 'How to cross the road safely'. To help us with our topic, we went on a local walk around the local area. We looked at different features on our way and discussed those features. Please continue to read with your child at home and sign their diaries to keep us informed. Thank you!

Year 2 – Have had a fantastic start back. We have started a topic called Splendid Skies which is all about



Horninglow News: Friday 24th Jan 2020

the weather. We have spent lessons gazing up at the sky during the day and the night sky. We are learning all about how weather works and the impacts.

Alongside this, we have been writing longer pieces of writing and we are seeing some budding authors coming out of year 2! What a wonderful start back!

Year 3 – This half term we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We have learnt all about the pyramids

of giza. The first ever pyramid was called the “bent pyramid” we have also learnt about landmarks of ancient Egypt and artefact’s that you find inside a pyramid. By Clark

Year 4 – Have been looking at identifying areas on maps this week. We learnt the 8 points of a compass and used these to navigate ourselves around the playground. We also looked at OS symbols and used these to crack a code! Next week will be focusing on rivers and their features - relating this to two chosen locations. In computing this term we are learning about animation. We were super excited to create 2 types of early animation, a flip book and a thaumotrope.

Year 5 – This term Year 5 are learning about the Amazon Rainforest and Brazil. We have started our journey by remembering where the continents and oceans of the world are. Then we zoomed in and looked at South America to find Brazil and where the Amazon Rainforest was. We also looked at the different layers of the rainforest and the animals that live there. In English we have been looking at meditation and we recorded our own meditation instructions to help someone feel less stressed. In maths we have been looking at area and perimeter and written multiplication methods.

Year 6 - This past few weeks in year six has been spent looking at the second world war. Focusing on the events that led to the conflict and how this event began to change the dynamics of Europe. We have looked at the terrible actions during the Holocaust and how this impacted people during the early parts of the 1940's; we've done this through looking at Anne Frank and how her life was altered. The children have created fact files and diary entries as Anne, thinking about how her life and that of many millions of Jewish people were changed. Year six have started this week by understanding what took place in the Blitz and how communities came together during this time.

Monday 27 th Jan	Postponed Film Night from Dec 19 – KS2
Wednesday 29 th Jan	Postponed Film Night from Dec 19 – KS1
Friday 14 th Feb	School Break Up
Monday 24 th Feb	Return back to school
Thursday 27 th Feb	School Photos
Monday Tues 3 rd and 4 th March	Parent consultations
Friday 3 rd April	School Break Up
Monday 20 th May	Return back to school
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	School Break Up
Monday 1 st June	Return back to school



Horninglow News: Friday 24th Jan 2020