

December 2021



Newsletter

Term and INSET Days

The school will close for the Christmas break at **12.30pm on Tuesday 21st December** and will re-open on Monday 10th January 2022.

Spring Term:

- INSET Day – Monday 7th February
- Half-term – Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Jungle Jo

For the Science topic this term the children have been learning about categorising animals and evolution. On 21st October, the school enjoyed a visit from Jungle Jo, who brought in a range of animals/insects, including a snake, tarantula, snail,



frog and stick insect.

The sessions were fun and informative, with the children being able to hold the animals/insects (under supervision) if they wished.



Fire Station Visit – By Class 2

On Wednesday 17th November, all the classes visited Swadlincote Fire Station. We saw the fire trucks and the equipment they keep on board. We also saw the gym, the fire pole and the office with lots of trophies. We all got to have a go at using the big hoses; we shot water all over the car park. The fire fighters were really friendly, especially Steve and Kate. They demonstrated the alarm; we all had to stand back whilst the printer printed a message welcoming us all.

Interesting facts we learned...

- Fire engines carry a defibrillator, you can't restart a heart but it puts the heart back into rhythm.
- Fire engines carry a claw to rip open metal, for example to cut through a car.
- There are four ladders on each appliance, one to go really high, one to hook on roofs, a normal ladder and a stepladder.
- They carry a battering ram to crash through doors.
- The hoses are really heavy and usually take two people to manoeuvre



We had a fantastic visit and thank everyone who organised it.

Remembrance Day

The children at Newton's Walk celebrated Remembrance Day making poppies and other artwork. Class 3 created a wonderful poppy display together.

Remembrance Day, on 11th November, marks the anniversary of when World War 1 ended. It ended on 11th November 1918 at 11am. All staff and children held a two-minute silence at 11 am on this day. The War officially ended with the signing of the Armistice, which is why the day is called Armistice Day.

The children and staff wore poppies as a mark of respect. This was an opportunity for Newton's Walk to be a part of a collective moment of reflection and acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country.



Christmas Dinner

The children's Christmas Dinner is on the last day of term, Tuesday 21st December.

For those not eligible for Free School Meals the charge will be the same as a regular school dinner - £2.20. If you would like order your child a Christmas dinner, please contact Mrs Gill in the school office.

Spring Term

Swimming

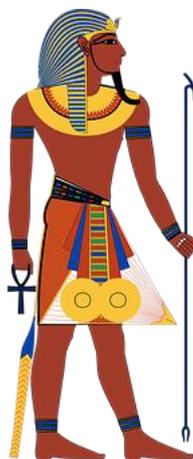
In the spring term, Mrs Grace's class will be going swimming. All sessions will be held on a Thursday afternoon at Allestree Woodlands School.

Please send your child to school with swimming shorts/costume, a towel and a swimming hat. Hats can be purchased from the pool and cost £3.00.

Healthy Schools – 19 Jan (handwashing)

The Healthy Schools Team will be joining us once again on 19th January. They will be talking to the children about the importance of handwashing.

Curriculum



The History topic for the spring term is the ancient Egyptians!

And finally ... The staff at Newton's Walk wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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