

A note from the Head

Dear Parents / Carers

Here we are at the end of another half term, there have been a number of changes this half term and it has been lovely to see how the whole school community has pulled together. Thank you. Mrs Betts came over yesterday to meet her class and is also in today, she was very excited to be back at Kings Nympton.

The feedback from Rock n Rapids has been amazing, I think the favourite activity for the older children was the high ropes, and the younger children really enjoyed the bouldering. All the staff were so impressed with the children's resilience and enthusiasm. There were lots of smiles throughout the day. We are trying to organise one whole school trip per term.

Thank you to Friends of Kings Nympton School for fully funding the Animals 2 U southwest visit in preschool yesterday, the turn out was amazing and the children, parents, carers and even the teachers thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the animals. It was an amazing morning had by all.

I hope you all have a lovely restful half term.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs V Fenemore

DIARY DATES

W/C 19TH FEBRUARY 2024



Saturday 10th February	◆ <i>Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for the w/c 19th February</i>
Saturday 17th February	◆ <i>Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for the w/c 26th February</i>
Monday 19th February	◆ School door opens at 8:45am and will shut promptly at 8:55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9am, <u>late arrivals will need to be signed in, in the admin office</u>
Tuesday 20th February	◆ PE kit - Class 1 & Class 2
Wednesday 21st February	
Thursday 22nd February	◆ PE kit today: Class 2
Friday 23rd February	◆ PE kit today: Class 1
Saturday 24th February	◆ <i>Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for the w/c 19th 4th March</i>

Emails sent this week: Forest School Permission Class 2

THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Preschool - Mrs Stapley

This week have been learning about Chinese New Year which officially begins on the 10th February and this year it is the year of the dragon.

We have enjoyed using chopsticks to make marks in the sand and glitter, used chopsticks to pick up different coloured objects for sorting, painted dragons and made fans.

During snack we sampled oodles of noodles, rice, spring rolls, prawn crackers and a selection of dips.

The children have listened beautifully to dragon themed stories including *'There's No Such Thing as a Dragon'* by Jack Kent. The children have also enjoyed singing and dancing and below is a song we have been learning.

At stay and play this week we welcomed 'Animals 2 U' and we had a wonderful morning meeting Millie and Billie the giant millipedes, a bearded dragon, a snake and a ferret called Faye. It was great to meet some new families thank you to all that came it was lovely to see you all.

Have a wonderful half term!

The Preschool Team

I'm a Chinese Dragon (Sing to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot')

***I'm a Chinese dragon,
See me dance!
Twisting and turning,
I jump and prance.
When it's Chinese New Year,
Take a chance.
Come and join with the dragon dance!
I'm a Chinese dragon,
Red and gold.
Lots of bright colours,
Live-ly and bold.
There are little dragons,
You can hold.
Lu-cky colours of red and gold***



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Preschool - Animal 2 u South West



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Class 1 - Mrs Blacker

This week, Reception have been finding out about winter weather and writing some sentences using their phonics to help them.

In Maths, they have listened to the story "*Simon Sock*" by Sue Hendra, and looked at what a pair is and how they match, using the language of odd and even.

Thursday they joined their friends in pre-school to meet the animals and enjoyed holding many of them.

Year 1 and 2 have continued their work on writing directions using prepositions by describing a journey to a familiar place.

In Maths, Year 1 have been looking at place value to 50, and the composition of numbers using tens and ones. Year 2 are learning about making equal parts of shapes and groups of items. They have also looked at the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ and how to represent half in pictures and amounts.

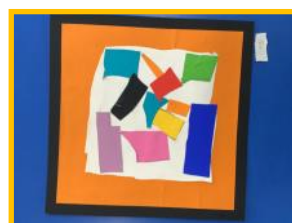
In Science, Year 1 and 2 have been learning about food chains and the importance of looking after every single link in a food chain, and that all animals depend on others to live.

In Art we have replicated a Henri Matisse collage of a snail.

Everyone had a great day at Rock and Rapid on Tuesday. It was great to see everyone having a go, even if they were a bit scared at first. There were a few fearless children who got right to the top of the climbing wall. I was particularly impressed with the team building activity where the children had a small piece of drainpipe and had to use it to transport a tennis ball from one place to another. They worked really well as a group.

Class 1 were very excited to meet Mrs Betts this week, and are looking forward to learning with her after half term. They have proved themselves very resilient the past two weeks.

Enjoy a well earned break Class 1.



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Class 2 - Mrs Godly

Class 2 This week, the children have completed their English sequence on 'The Firebird'. They have planned and written their own stories using the quest blueprint used in this text. They have created their own characters, settings and quests in order to do this. There were some very unusual protagonists, difficult quests and imaginative settings. The children have written some detailed and interesting stories and it has been a pleasure to read them all

In Maths, Years 3 and 4 have been calculating and finding the areas of rectilinear shapes by counting squares and progressing onto using the equation, length x width. Years 5 and 6 have been comparing and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages to help them do this.

In other lessons, the children have been completing their half-termly units of work. They have completed their stabiles and paper structures in Art, thought about how we can save more water in our daily lives and completed their electricity investigations.

The best activity this week was definitely our school trip to Rock and Rapid Adventures in South Molton. Everybody had a great time: fears were overcome and targets were beaten. It was fantastic to see all the children try new things and push themselves to get better at activities. There was amazing camaraderie between them all, proving how supportive they can all be.

We hope you have a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.



AUTUMN/WINTER MENU



Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

ATTENDANCE



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Should I keep my **child off school?**

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



Families with children in Class 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Kings Nympton Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the Citizen Portal Devon

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCsCitizenPortal_LIVE

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk