

Roseberry
Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter



January 2019

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a happy and relaxing break!

ACHIEVERS OF THE TERM

Well done to the following children for impressing their teachers throughout the autumn term:

Year 1G - Phoebe for making so much progress with her handwriting, applying her phonic knowledge and overall attitude towards school.

Year 1R - Mollie for her hard work, resilience and sheer determination to do well. She has amazed all of her teachers this term.

Year 2 - Cohen for always working hard and trying his best in every lesson. His behaviour is excellent and he is a great role model for other children.

Year 3 - Harry for his amazing attitude towards learning and his brilliant and insightful contributions in lessons and fantastic use of mathematical vocabulary.

Year 4 - Chloe as she always listens carefully and contributes well in lessons. Chloe's dedication is outstanding and her writing this term has been amazing.

Year 5 - Harry has a great attitude to work and challenge. He consistently makes excellent contributions to class discussions and tries hard to understand new or difficult concepts.

Year 6 - Tilly is achiever for excellent progress in reading, writing and maths. She has tried very hard all term and made great contributions.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Attached to this newsletter is a survey to gather parental views. Please complete the form and return to school with your child or pop it in to the school office. Your views help us to identify our strengths and areas for development. Your support is very much appreciated. Please note that Question 12 refers to the governors and senior leadership of the school. The senior leadership team comprises:
Mrs J Lee (HT); Mrs E Dunn (DHT/KS 1 Leader); Miss M Baird (SENCO); Mrs P Nunn (Early Years Leader) & Miss E Gray (KS 2 Leader).

SPORT AT ROSEBERRY



Leah and Chelsea (Year 5) develop their skills on the trampoline at North Durham Academy

ATTENDANCE

Quote from our last Ofsted inspection,

“What does the school need to do to improve further?”

continue to improve pupils’ attendance, especially for persistent absentees, and work with families to reduce the number of holidays taken in term time

We appreciate parents’ support in our efforts to address this Ofsted issue and hope by working together, we can improve the school’s attendance figures.

Could I please ask that you inform the school if your child is absent on the day of the absence? This is a safeguarding matter; we need to know where your child is, if they are not in school. You may leave messages on the answer machine. Failure to inform the school of an absence could result in a home visit.

HOLIDAYS

Attached to this letter is a copy of school holidays 2019-2020 to support you in planning your holidays next year. Please avoid term-time holidays as you will unfortunately face penalty fines (for each child and each parent).

We have one INSET day left this year which is Monday 3rd June.

WOOL REQUEST FOR ANGEL PROJECT

Mrs Roberts, one of our school governors, and her band of volunteer knitters, has asked if anyone has any spare wool to donate towards the 2019 Christmas angel project. The plan is to

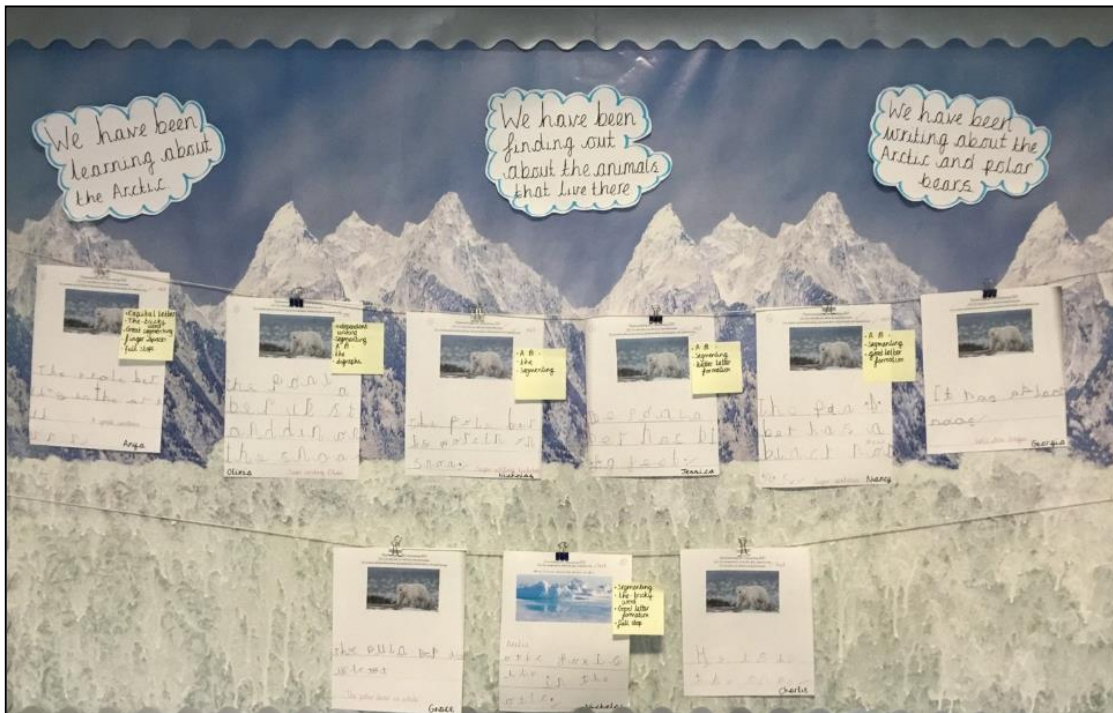
brighten up the local villages for older residents by knitting angels as they did in 2018. We like to think of our school as being at the heart of the community and are happy to help.

Please send your donations to school with your child/ren or pop into the school office. Your help is very much appreciated.

2 YEAR OLD NURSERY (Ladybirds)

We currently have places available in our 2 Year old nursery. We offer funded sessions and paid sessions. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office for information. If your child is not yet 2, we can add your child to a waiting list and contact you nearer the time.

WINTER ACTIVITIES



Look at Reception's super writing about their study on the Arctic.



Fun in the snow at playtime.

GROWTH MINDSET

Here in school, we are promoting the growth mindset approach to our pupils. Different aspects are being addressed in weekly assemblies. We are trying to teach our pupils that everyone can improve; mistakes are opportunities to learn and progress is made when you try hard and do your best. Look out for the Classdojo resources which are being sent home this half term.



Parents of pupils in the Ladybirds Nursery came to share a Christmas story with their children. They were treated to gingerbread men which the children had made and a warming chocolate drink.

KS 1 HISTORY STUDY

Pupils in Years 1 & 2 had a great time last week when they visited the National Locomotion Museum at Shildon to learn about George Stevenson and the Rocket.



DIARY DATES

Safer Internet Day - **Tuesday 5th February**

Chinese New Year activities for pupils – **Wednesday 6th February (no lunch for parents this year due to rising pupil numbers)**

Year 3 / 4 trip to Vindolanda **Monday 11th February**

Year 1 Red Gymnastics Festival – **Tuesday 12th February**

Year 1 Green Gymnastics Festival – **Wednesday 13th February**

School closes for half term **Friday 15th February** and reopens **Monday 25th February**

Book Fayre from **Tuesday 5th March**

World Book Day - **Thursday 7th March** – details to follow (fancy dress optional)

Y5/6 Basketball Tournament – **Thursday 7th March**

Possible Year 5 visit to Hermitage for High School Musical performance – **Friday 8th March**

Sparrows (Rec) Infant Agility **Monday 11th March**

Anti-bullying production Years 2-6 **Tuesday 12th March** – also wear blue day

Red Nose Day – **Friday 15th March** – details to follow

Whole school Technology Challenge starts **Monday 25th March**

Parents' evenings – Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March

Year 4 – Oriental Museum visit **Wednesday 27th March**

Egg jarping finals - week **beginning 1st April**

Robins and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade and Disco – **1:30 p.m. Monday 1st April**

April Fools' Day Disco Years 1 - 6 – **3:30 p.m. Monday 1st April**

Year 4 Multisports Festival – **Tuesday 2nd April**

Grand final (pupils, parents, staff) – **Friday 5th April at 9.00 a.m.**

Family decorated eggs competition – **due in Wednesday 3rd April**

EYFS Easter Party & Easter Bonnet Competition – **Wednesday 28th March**

Break up for Easter holidays – **Friday 5th April**

School reopens Tuesday 23rd April