

Helvellyn Newsletter



"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way!"

Dr. Seuss

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Hardworking

Class Teacher: Mrs Case

Teaching Assistant: Miss Martin



Each week, a Star Pupil will be chosen for reasons such as effort, progress, behaviour, or kindness and support shown to others. The focus is on recognising notable achievements each week, so different children may be celebrated at different times. The Star Pupil can wear a special purple jumper for the following week. We have already had some wonderful work appearing on our Star Work Wall in the classroom this year. It is always great to see the children working hard and keen to produce their best work. Mrs Doran is looking forward to giving Head Teacher award badges to those children who received 3 golden stickers so keep working hard – we notice and appreciate your effort!

PE: Monday and Thursday

The children have made a positive start to our Monday morning swimming lessons. The children are welcome to bring a healthy snack for after swimming if they wish.

For this half term Nicola is in school each Thursday afternoon to teach the children dance. The children are preparing to take part in a dance performance at UVHS which will take place after school on Wednesday 11th February. Details of the dance performance, including how to buy tickets, have been added to Parentmail.

Please see our **curriculum map (parent mail)** for details of what we will be learning about this term. I will share our learning on Seesaw as the school year progresses.

Spring Term trip TBC: I will provide details at a later date!

Extra-curricular clubs – 3:15 – 4:15 pm:

Monday: Art and Crafts – Miss Green
Tuesday: Gymnastics – Miss Mallinson
Wednesday: Football – HP Activities
Thursday: –Style and Design - Miss Williams
Friday: Free Choice – Miss Martin

Welcome back

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a new term. The children have settled back into routines quickly and we are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead. At the start of the new year, it is lovely for me to look back and see how much progress the children have made since September. I am looking forward to our learning this term and seeing what the children can achieve: Anything is possible with hard work and effort!

We have enjoyed welcoming Jesse into Year 4 and Charlotte into Year 3 and most recently Mr Cawdron who has joined us for this half term as a teaching assistant.

Please contact me on Seesaw or by email or come and speak to me at the school gate if you ever have any questions or queries.

Homework Arrangements

All homework will be set and due on Tuesday via Class Seesaw. Each week children will receive:

- Spellings
- 1 x Maths or English task
- 1 x Topic Task

Please let me know if you need any of your child's login details for use at home.

Spellings: Children will be given weekly spellings to learn, and these will be tested on a Friday. The spellings are given on a two-week rolling programme allowing the children a second attempt.

Reading: Reading is an essential part of every child's development and children are given lots of opportunity to read in school. At home, **all children should be encouraged to read a minimum of 4 times per week, and this should be recorded in their reading record.** There must be four signatures and comments in the reading record each week for your child to be entered into Friday's reading raffle. Children are expected to join a reading club during Friday break if they fail to read a minimum of 4 x a week.

Please can school reading books be brought into school every day.

These are needed for when the children read in school. Most children will read aloud to Mrs Hindle on a Friday afternoon.

Children can change their reading book when they are ready to do so. They should let Mrs Case or Miss Martin know as we keep a record of books read,