



Headteacher's Headlines

What a stormy weather week we have had with our first indoor lunchtime play this year! This week years 4-6 took part in an informative workshop delivered by Spiral Cumbria on Cyber Bullying. The children were given a bracelet to help remind them to think before sending messages. Today four year 6 pupils represented our school at a CET Maths challenge, the children demonstrated the school's values and have made us all very proud – well done.

RSPB Birdwatch

We would like to encourage all families to take part in the RSPB Birdwatch this weekend. The children have been given a form to record their results on. All you need to do is choose an hour over the weekend and record the birds which land in your patch! If all children who take part bring the forms back into school on Monday, the Eco Influencers will submit the data online.

Christingle – Monday 29th January

The children are looking forward to making their Christingle with Rev. Johnsen and some members of the parish on Monday.

Candlemas Service – Tuesday 30th January 2:30pm

On Tuesday at St. Peter's Church Castle Carrock, we are taken part in a Candlemas service. Rev. Johnsen is leading the service; the children will be singing songs. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Wednesday 31st January – Year 3-6 trip to Durham Cathedral

We are looking forward to visiting Durham Cathedral on Wednesday; all information has been sent out on ParentMail.

Wheelchair Basketball – Thursday 1st February

We are really looking forward to having Great Britain World Champion Nat Pattinson in school on Thursday, to give the children a unique experience using wheelchairs to play basketball.

Bumblebee Class Assembly – Friday 2nd February 2:45pm

Bumblebees are looking forward to delivering their class assembly to family and friends on Friday 2nd February. This is a great opportunity for you to find out what the children have been learning. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2:45pm; the usual end of the week assembly will follow straight after. Queen Bee Class and Honeybee Class will lead assemblies later in the school year.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Our (very opinionated) youngest learners put their tastebuds to the test this week when they have sampled a whole range of exotic fruits just like the ones Handa carried in her basket to give to her friend in the wonderful children's picture book - Handa's Surprise. From passion fruit to avocado to pineapple and mango, the children were encouraged to smell and taste the different fruits before they chopped them up to make a delicious and healthy fresh fruit salad which brightened up snack time no end! They also had a go at walking and balancing a basket of fruit on their heads just like Handa – good for posture, careful movement and for really tuning in to their learning. Our Africa topic has also seen the children painting fruits and writing about their favourite African animals and they did such a good job of it we decided to turn their work in to a new display. In maths the children have been thinking about different ways to make the numbers 6,7 and 8 and they have been hard at work subitising (knowing how many are in a group without having to count one by one) and problem solving in all areas of our provision.



Team Bumblebees

In English, Bumblebees have started a new topic. We are basing our writing on the story, 'My name is not refugee' with the aim to write a diary entry in role as a refugee child. So far, we have read the story and answered some questions to make sure we have a good understanding of the unfamiliar words in the book as well as the plot of the story. We have also identified the features of a diary entry in our model text. In Maths we have been continuing with length and height. Year 3 have been comparing and ordering length and height with a focus on converting measurements. Year 2 have been ordering and comparing lengths and heights of the same measurements. Year 1 have been adding and subtracting different lengths. In History we have been learning about different sources and how to tell if a source was bias. Year 3 enjoyed listening to a virtual assembly led by Tullie House on The Vikings. We have really enjoyed learning how to play twinkle, twinkle little star on the ukulele with Mrs Docherty. We definitely have some musicians in our class!

Team Queen Bee

To finish our book review topic, Queen Bees have been publishing their final reviews. We have therefore been practicing our handwriting to ensure our reviews are neat and legible. We were lucky enough to have a virtual assembly delivered by Tullie House this week. We enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons as this will help us when comparing the Saxon civilisation with the Mayan civilisation as part of our history topic. We learned some interesting facts including some unusual words still used today that the Saxons created! At the end of the session, the children were able to ask lots of questions about Tullie House and we found it interesting learning about what it is like to work at the museum. In DT, we are continuing to explore strong structures and are having fun working in groups to make geodesic domes. We are going to apply this knowledge when we design our own climbing frames in the next few weeks. Finally, we are moving on from our work on decimals to converting decimals and fractions into percentages and are continuing to increase our speed on Times Table Rock Stars. **Year 6** have been continuing their learning on fractions, decimals and percentages, they have been learning how to find percentages of amounts and relating this to fractions of an amount.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th January	Christingle making
Tuesday 30th January	Candlemas Service 2:30pm
Wednesday 31st January	Years 3-6 Trip to Durham Cathedral
Thursday 1st February	Wheelchair Basketball
Friday 2nd February	Bumblebee Class Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 5th February	Water Workshops – Years 1-6
Monday 5th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7th February	Chinese New Year school dinner
Thursday 8th February	Nursery, Reception, Year 1&2 Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
Friday 9th February	End of term