

A huge welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year to all our children and their families. We hope 2023 is a great year for all! We have had a jam-packed first week back, and the children have all begun to explore their new, exciting topics. Ask your child what they are learning about this term. You will also receive a newsletter soon (you may have already had one) which will explain all subjects and how you can help your child at home too.



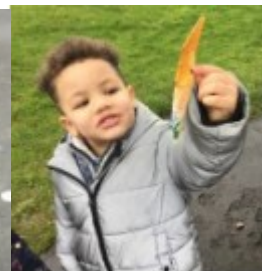
We currently have no after school clubs running at the moment however these will start up again over the next couple of weeks. Watch this space for more information which will be coming soon.

EYFS



Diamond

This week we have talking about how to look after our environment. We decided to help clean up the outdoor environment by walking around the school grounds and picking up all the litter.



Amber

We have enjoyed exploring the story 'The Gruffalo' using role play and description work this week.



"Oh help, oh no it's a Gruffalo!"



Ruby

We have really enjoyed being back with our friends at school this week. We have practised finding all the sounds we know when reading our books each morning – we even found some tricky words too! Let me show you at home!



KS1



Opal, Jade and Pearl

This week we have visited India as an exciting hook into this terms topic. The children got the opportunity to experience traditional Indian dancing, then they had a go at creating some traditional Indian art and finally they visited a lovely Indian restaurant and tasted some of the finest foods.



Lower KS 2

Topaz, Citrine and Emerald



On Wednesday morning, Middle School were surprised to find their classrooms destroyed!

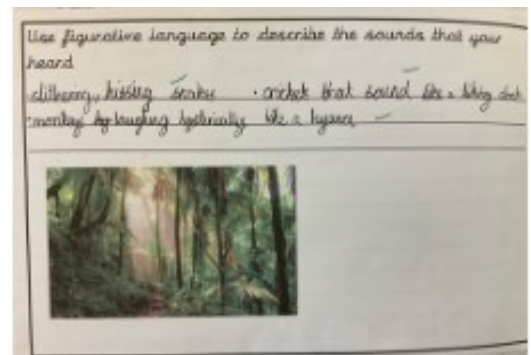
We waited for further information and Mrs Cooper informed us that there had been an earthquake, measuring 8.6 on the Richter scale. Once we had the all clear from the Health and Safety official, the children became journalists and reporters, photographing the scene and gathering further information.



Upper KS2

Amethyst

Amethyst's new class novel is The Explorer (written by a great author, Katherine Rundell), which is set in the Amazon Rainforest. The children have been using figurative language to describe the sounds in a rainforest, they then produced a soundscape as a class.



Tanzanite

Tanzanite class has been learning about countries in South America. They have been researching patterns found in textiles in preparation for designing and making their own Argentinian inspired woven placemat.

Sapphire

This week, Sapphire class have been exploring the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil. We used the five senses to write some high-quality descriptions of what it may feel like to be within the rainforest. Our favourite lesson was creating a soundscape – where the children recreated noises that may be heard in the depths of the forest.



Star of the Week

Well done to this weeks stars of the week.

Diamond AM	Zaviyan	Super name writing.
Diamond PM	Jesse	Remembering where different animals live from our topic last term.
Amber	Tayana	For writing some fantastic sentences to describe 'The Gruffalo' in English.
Ruby	Ibrahim	For always doing extra learning at home.
Opal	Chloe	For always coming to school with a big smile ready to learn.
Jade	Destiny	A positive start to the year and trying her best in all her learning.
Pearl	Afsa	Increased confidence in her own ability.
Topaz	Haider	A great week of effort and enthusiasm, well done!
Citrine	Amelia	For generating fantastic vocabulary relating to our earthquake.
Emerald	Laabiah	Always having a fantastic attitude to her learning in every lesson.
Amethyst	Zack	For returning to school with a can do attitude. He has worked hard in all areas, especially his presentation.
Tanzanite	Summer-Rose	Summer has shown how helpful and resilient she can be. She has taken all the changes in Tanzanite class in her stride and has tried her very best to help all staff members. Well done!
Sapphire	Stephanie	Stephanie is always a delight to have in class, she makes excellent choices, tries her hardest with her learning and is an overall superstar! Keep it up Steph.



Principal Award: Arlo and Amaan - Sapphire class - Massive improvement with behaviour and attitude to learning in class.



Uniform

School uniform is grey trousers or skirt, a blue or white polo top and a royal blue cardigan or jumper. There is also a school fleece available on the uniform website – this can be found at ahyde.co.uk. School shoes are to be black, sensible shoes and not trainers. Children are to come to school in their PE kits each Tuesday and Thursday. PE kit is a black tracksuit, white t-shirt and trainers. Please make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school every day.



Swimming

Citrine class have thoroughly enjoyed developing their swimming skills over the last term. The final swimming session for Citrine will be on 19th January. Emerald class will start their swimming lessons on 26th January and will visit Royton Leisure Centre each Thursday afternoon until 20th April. Children will need a costume or trunks, towel and a suitable bag. Children with long hair will need to wear a swimming cap.



Robinwood Reminder

The children from Year 6 will be attending a trip to Robinwood from Monday 23rd January until Wednesday 25th January.

They must arrive at school at 8:30am prompt on this morning so we can organise children and their bags into groups and ensure they are all ready to get on the coach.

Important: you will have received a personal information form this week. Please send this back into school as soon as possible.

If there are any parents/carers who have not yet paid the full balance for the trip, this must be paid as soon as possible. If there are any issues with this, please speak to Mrs Grady. Thank you for your support. This trip will be an amazing experience for your children to take part in.

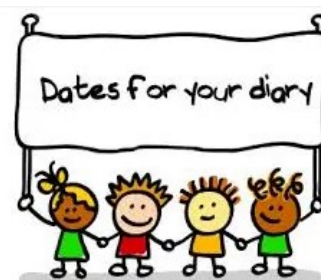


Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th January – Y6 Robinwood Residential

Thursday 9th February – last day of half term

Friday 10th February – School closed - teacher training day



This Weeks Attendance



Overall attendance year to date – 92.1%

Class Weekly winners – Well done to:-

EYFS & KS1 – Amber 93.5%

KS2 – Topaz 94.6%

Our target is 96%

