



Holy Trinity Rosehill

Church of England (V.A.) Primary School

Providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Head Teacher: Mrs A. Swift

Chair of Governors: Mrs C Himsworth

February 2019 newsletter

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:32

Here in school we can hardly believe we are half way through this academic year! With another busy month behind us we are looking forward to the challenges and rewards that the second half of the year will bring.

Our February newsletter is a combination of celebration and news of upcoming activities – please do take time to read through it with your child(ren) and make a note of dates in your diary. . You can also keep up to date with events and activities in school via our school website and Facebook page



www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk



www.facebook.com/HTRosehill

As always if you need to contact school regarding any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible. We aim to get in touch within 48 hours and will, as always, prioritise safeguarding concerns.

Mrs A Swift Head Teacher

February 2019	
Mon 25 th – Wed 27 th	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Tuesday 26 th	Y4 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 28 th	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Discos
March	
Friday 1 st	“We are artists” including celebration of work for parents/carers
Tuesday 5 th	Y3 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day Children’s Fundraising Committee Book Sale
Thursday 7 th	Green class worship
Tuesday 12 th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Thursday 14 th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day – see information in newsletter
Wednesday 20 th	Children’s Fundraising Committee Lent Sponsored Silence – details to follow
Thursday 21 st	Blue class worship
Thursday 21 st	YR and Y1/2 Discos
Friday 22 nd	FOHTR Pop-up Mothering Sunday event
Wednesday 27 th	Y3 visit
April	
Mon 1 st -Wed 3 rd	Y5 Bogglehole Residential
Thursday 4 th	Yellow class worship
Thursday 4 th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Friday 5 th	Non uniform day
Friday 5 th	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 23 rd	School re-opens for summer term
Thursday 25 th	EY/KS1 Easter Bonnets and KS2 Easter Eggs – details to follow
Friday 26 th	Easter service
Tuesday 30 th	Y6 Open Morning

Safeguarding update – roles in school

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Swift (Head Teacher) and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Tomlinson (Deputy Head Teacher). If you have any concerns about a child please share these, in the first instance, with your child's class teacher who will then share the information with Mrs Swift or Mrs Tomlinson. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Walker – part of Mrs Walker's monitoring role is to review Safeguarding procedures and policies in school and report her findings to our Governing Body.

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

Friday 1st March “We are artists”

We look forward to seeing parents/carers in school to share children's work from this special day. Parents/carers are invited to see their child's work from 2.45p.m. on Rosehill site (please enter via class doors) and from 3 p.m. (please enter via class doors).

Easter activities

As our “Easter” holiday is so late this year (we return to school on the Tuesday following Easter Sunday) we have decided to celebrate Easter on our return to school. This will also give our children the opportunity to learn more about and experience the season of Lent.

Did you know that Eastertide (also referred to as the Easter Season and Paschal Time) is the period of **fifty days** from Easter Sunday April 21st 2019 to Pentecost Sunday June 9th 2019?

Children's Fundraising Committee

Thank you to those who supported our Winter Warmer event earlier this month. The children who are members of the committee were rather disappointed that they only raised £26 but they think we have learned from the event.

The children have planned three more fundraising events – please put these dates into your diary:

- **Thursday 7th March** World Book Day Children's Fundraising Committee Book Sale. Each new book will cost only £2 (some of the books would cost £7 if bought in a shop!) Please bring £2 into school in a sealed envelope and you will be able to visit our Book Sale during the day.
- **Wednesday 20th March** Children's Fundraising Committee Lent Sponsored Silence – we will share more details after half-term.
- **Friday 3rd May** Children's Fundraising Committee Easter Coffee afternoon – Rosehill site 3 p.m. – we will share more details after half-term.

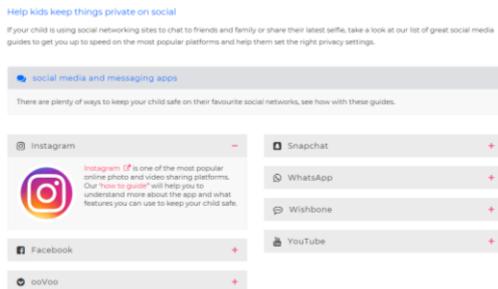
Thank you for your support if you are able to help at any of our fundraising events please contact school. We are working really hard to make a difference to all present and future pupils ICT experience in our school.

Children's Fundraising Committee

Keeping Children Safe on-line

A number of children have recently mentioned that they have an on-line presence and are using Social Media apps which have age restrictions older than their age. Please find below a link to guidance around children's use of Social Media. As a school we support the age restrictions of Social Media platforms and discourage under-age usage.

www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media-guides-parents



To support our children to stay safe on-line, a link to Google's Interland Internet Legend game has been added to the Pupil Zone on our website.

Holy Communion

A reminder to KS2 parents/carers that forms expressing an interest in your child taking Holy Communion need to be returned to school by Friday 1st March.

Pre-loved uniform at consultation meetings

At these meetings FOHTR will be selling refreshments on both sites. FOHTR will also be holding a "pre-loved" uniform sale on both sites. We know that purchasing uniform can be expensive and equally some children grow really quickly – so low cost "pre-loved" uniform can be really helpful.

If you have any uniform that your child no longer wears please bring it to school before Tuesday 12th March so that it can be sold by FOHTR. Thank you.

PE and Sport News

We have had an amazing month at Holy Trinity Rosehill Primary School. Children have shown great teamwork and passion in many events and competitions this month. We had three Netball competitions across 3 days! 21 children in year 5 competed in two Netball competitions, one at Durham University and the other at Grangefield School. Another 20 children took part in an Intra School competition whilst other children cheered them on. They all played with great passion and supported each other in games. Azure class went swimming every morning for two whole weeks. Lots of children received certificates for their achievements. Blue and Yellow class, took part in an Early Years festival organised through Stockton Sports Partnership. All children had a great time playing lots of games.



Mrs Atkinson
PE and Sport Leader coordinator

Can you code?

We are working hard to improve the coding skills of our children and we are currently also looking for support to develop the coding skills of our staff. If you are able to help us please contact our school office – thank you.

Adverse Weather

Although recently weather has been unseasonably mild, we are mindful that this time last year school was closed for three days due to the “Beast from the East”. In the event of adverse weather conditions it is always our school’s priority to remain open and as such our staff will work hard to ensure the site is both accessible and safe. However when weather conditions are so severe the decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by our Head Teacher in consultation with our Premises Manager. As part of our Emergency Plan, recently adopted by our Governing Body, a checklist has been developed to ensure that school is safe for children to attend.

If the decision is made to close school:

- Stockton Local Authority will be informed and they will place a notice on the School Closures page of their website
- www.stockton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools/school-closures
- A text and email will be sent via Teachers2Parents as soon as reasonably possible
- Local radio stations will be informed and should relay information and often enter details on their websites

Scooter appeal

If your child has outgrown their scooter please would you consider donating it to our Early Years children? Please contact Mrs Thomas EY leader if you are able to help us.

100% attendance celebration

Well done to all the children who received 100% attendance in Autumn Term. Six lucky children were randomly selected to visit the Riverside Stadium (home of Middlesbrough Football Club) for a celebration event. It was a wonderful afternoon; full of activities and a special behind the scenes tour. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to our school. At the end we had a surprise visit from Roary and the Cleveland Croc. Miss Kelsey and Miss Horner



Did you know?

As part of Roary’s Class Acts - Roary is going to visit our school! The actual date is a secret for now – the class with the best attendance so far this year on the day of his visit will take part in a special activity with Roary!

Attendance Report

Please find below attendance for February. Congratulations to Y3 Crimson class who have the highest attendance in February – two months in a row - with an 98.7% attendance. Please also find below attendance for the academic year so far. Congratulations again to Y3 Crimson class who have the highest attendance so far this academic year with 98.2% attendance.

2018/2019	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	February attendance	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
FS2 Blue	205	44	94.3	FS2 Blue	7	6	97.7
FS2 Yellow	108	44	96.5	FS2 Yellow	4	4	98.6
Y1 Red	199	34	96.1	Y1 Red	37	0	95.3
Y1 Green	143	64	96.6	Y1 Green	8	0	99.0
Y2 Orange	141	33	97.2	Y2 Orange	18	1	97.7
Y2 Purple	108	31	97.8	Y2 Purple	21	0	97.5
Y3 Crimson	85	35	98.2	Y3 Crimson	11	0	98.7
Y3 Emerald	173	66	96.3	Y3 Emerald	20	1	97.6
Y4 Azure	163	37	96.7	Y4 Azure	31	0	96.2
Y4 Indigo	164	30	96.6	Y4 Indigo	20	0	96.6
Y5 Tangerine	241	77	94.9	Y5 Tangerine	26	0	96.8
Y5 Moonstone	219	11	96.3	Y5 Moonstone	42	1	94.7
Y6 Lavender	268	71	94.7	Y6 Lavender	23	0	97.3
Y6 Magenta	147	85	96.4	Y6 Magenta	26	38	92.4
Totals	2364	662	96.4	Totals	294	51	96.8

We expect 100% attendance from all of our children however we understand that from time to time children can be poorly. Please remember to contact school on the first day of absence before 9.30 a.m. 01642 581239. You will be asked to explain why your child is poorly - this is so that school can monitor any illness and take steps to prevent further illness if deemed appropriate. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Mrs Swift

Friends of Holy Trinity Rosehill School (FOHTR) news

Following our February meeting we are pleased to share that the following events have been organised – further details to follow:

- Smarties Lent Challenge – please keep sending filled tubes into school. A huge “thank you” to from Sainsburys, The Co-op, Morrisons and Bookers for the donations of Smarties
- Refreshments and “Pre-loved” uniform sale at Consultation meetings Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March
- Pop – up gift shop for Mothering Sunday – Friday 22nd March
- Pop-up gift shop for Father’s Day – Friday 7th June

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting Wednesday 6th March 2019 4.45p.m. on Trinity site. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month. Meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

- Wednesday 1st May 4.45p.m
- Wednesday 5th June 4.45p.m

Please follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/FOHTRS/posts
Thank you in advance for your support.

MFC Foundation Fundraising

On Saturday 9th February, some Year 6 children had the opportunity to help MFC Foundation collect donations at the Riverside Stadium. It was a great day despite a late equalizer from Leeds! We received glowing reports from people around the stadium about the children’s behaviour and manners. Well done! Miss Kelsey

Thank you Miss Kelsey for organising this event on a Saturday for our children to attend Mrs Swift.



New trees on Trinity site



On a very cold Friday morning, the Year 3 children had the opportunity to help Stockton Borough Council to plant some new trees at our school. The tree that Year 3 helped plant was a Red Maple tree. Year 3 were so happy to be part of this experience and are looking forward to watch the tree grow over the years.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

Our School Council would like to invite children to wear something red to celebrate Comic Relief. Red Nose biscuits will also be shared during the day and children who have a school lunch will enjoy a red lunch. Their suggested donation for the day is £1. School Council have decided that from the proceeds of the event a donation will be made to Comic Relief with the remaining money put into our school Special Fund.

Red Noses will also be on sale from Monday 4th March **after school** from both school offices (3 p.m. Rosehill and 3.10p.m Trinity).

Parking outside of school

Following a recent incident, our PSCOs visited school to review parking outside of school. If you are concerned about parking outside of school (and many parents/carers tell school they are) please do both of the following:

- Report any incident to 101 - the non-emergency Police number
- Report your concerns to Stockton LA Parking enforcement **01642 528439**

I am reliably informed that the more concerns that are shared the more of a presence from traffic enforcement team will be evident.

Please remember to park with consideration to pedestrians and other road users when visiting school. Please pass this message onto other members of your family too. Mrs Swift

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Children's Mental Health Week 4th February – 10th February 2019

Our Theme Healthy: Inside and Out

During 'Children's Mental Health Week 2019' the children here at Holy Trinity Rosehill worked on lots of different aspects relating to Mental Health and well-being.

The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 worked on:

- Food and feelings
- Playground games around the world
- Sleep tips

The children in Key Stage 2 worked on:

- Connecting through food
- Get up and go!
- Calm time before bed.

The children carried out a variety of activities in class related to the above headings. The children met together in key stages on Friday 8th February to present their findings to their peers. Here are some photographs to show the type of activities that the children took part in.



News from Y5 Moonstone class

Swimming Gala On Thursday 14th February twenty six of the Year 5 and Year 6 children, Ms Ross-Heeley and Mrs McGee went to a swimming gala at Thornaby swimming pool. We participated against three other schools in breast stroke, butterfly, relay, back and front stroke. It was amazing, so we hope to get through to the next round at Billingham Forum. It made an impact on us as it encouraged us to persevere and give our best! We all really enjoyed ourselves and we did really well. By William and Darcey

Yarm School Visit On Monday 29th January we went to Yarm School's Princess Alexandra Auditorium for a singing day. We sang: Se Se rea, Allunde Allunde, African songs and Folk songs (one with Irish words in it).

It was led by the head of music, Mr Richard Gooding. There were 7 other schools. It was really fun to do. And it really inspired me. By Rosie and Isabelle

Open Morning On the 12th February we had an open morning in year 5 during which our family could come in and see our work and our lesson. They were only in our class for half an hour which felt very quick. We were doing English lesson about clauses, we had to underline clauses. I enjoyed this because our parents could see our work. By Mia

On the 12th February we had an open morning. Our parents or carers came in for 30 minutes. My mum came in to do English. We did lesson on different things like expanded sentences and modal verbs. To finish everything off we wrote a short paragraph to describe our invented creature. I enjoyed this because we had 30 minutes with our parents and they could see how we work in our class. My mum loved it too! By Cole

Football On Monday 4th February year 5 and 6 boys went to Stockton Sixth Form College and played football on the 3G pitch. We came 2nd in our tournament because we drew the first game, lost our second game and our third game we won. I enjoyed it and got to meet and watch other players. By Billy

On Monday 4th February 2019 me, Billy and some year 6 boys went to a football tournament which I really liked. It was at Stockton Town FC. It was hard and I was really excited to go. We played in a group but unluckily came 2nd and didn't get through. It was really fair because everyone played the same amount of time on the pitch. We went with Miss Ross-Heeley and Mrs McGee. By Ben

Netball We went to Netball on the 11th of February. We went to Durham University to do the Netball tournament. We went with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs McGill. We played a lot of matches against other schools. It was good how we exercised and we met other people. By Beth

I enjoyed the netball tournament on the 11th of February at Durham University. I learned a lot of new skills. We had 2 teams and we played High 5. Mrs Atkinson led a team and Mrs McGill led one after we played against each other. Our school did really well. It was an amazing opportunity. By Katie

50 years of The Children's Society

On Wednesday 30th January 2019, 12 of our children went to Durham Cathedral to attend a special service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Children's Society. All the primary church schools in the diocese were represented. On arrival, the children were all given a glow stick to wear around their wrist, a sticker of a Christingle and an order of service to take home with them. The service comprised of singing songs, listening to the symbolism of the Christingle, watching a short film about Candlemas, hearing readings from the Bible and participating in prayers of thanksgiving. All the children who went enjoyed the afternoon. Mrs Green



News from Y4 Azure

We have all enjoyed swimming fortnight. This is where we all went swimming every day for two weeks. The children were divided into three groups, where they have learned different skills. Group one have become more confident in water, group two can all swim 25 metres (1 length of the pool.) and group three improved their swimming strokes and extended their swimming distances up to 200 metres. The final day was the favourite because the children wore their pyjamas and took part in rescuing each other from the pool, capsizing in a dinghy and participating in fun races.

Maths update

As an area for improvements following our OfSTED inspection and a priority in our School Improvement Plan, we are working hard to develop learning and teaching in maths in school. Leaders in school are committed to:

- Training staff to deliver the Maths Mastery approach to teaching maths
www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HTR-Maths-Mastery.pdf
- Developing resources in Maths. Thanks to a generous donation from FOHTR we have recently been able to purchase a range of Numicon resources. Numicon is a range of multi-sensory maths resources using imagery, models and signs to develop mathematical understanding. These resources help children to develop fluency by using a visual, practical base to develop conceptual understanding and fluent recall. It also helps children to reason mathematically through the use of concrete objects and spoken language to explain and justify.
- Using staff meeting time to effectively introduce Numicon to staff who will in turn introduce the resources to children – this will be part of our School Improvement Plan for 2019/2020
- Having a focus on Maths Mastery in our Open Mornings in the autumn term 2019 so that family members know how to support their child's learning in maths.

Wonderful compliments

I hear and read so many wonderful comments about our school and our amazing children that I have decided to have a special page on our school website to share them with everyone. Please enjoy reading two of the most recent comments below. Mrs Swift www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/compliments-and-comments

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and your children for helping us on Saturday with the bucket collection. They raised a whopping £527 which will go towards supporting young people just like them that perhaps need a little more support at school or in the community.

I have had glowing reports from people around the stadium about the children's behaviour and manners so please pass on my 'very well done'. I am very proud to tell everyone that I am a Governor at the school, they represented us wonderfully. I hope they all enjoyed it despite the 102nd minute equaliser and bitter temperatures.

A huge thank you and well done to all involved we really appreciate all of their hard work and your continued support.

Many Thanks

Ann-Marie Anderson | Business Development Manager MFC Foundation

I just wanted to say thank you for having our services come into your school last week. I was made very welcome by the staff and your pupils were a pleasure to work with. The children's behaviour was outstanding, they are a credit to your school.

Angela Shackleton Schools Education Co-Ordinator Stockton Fire Station

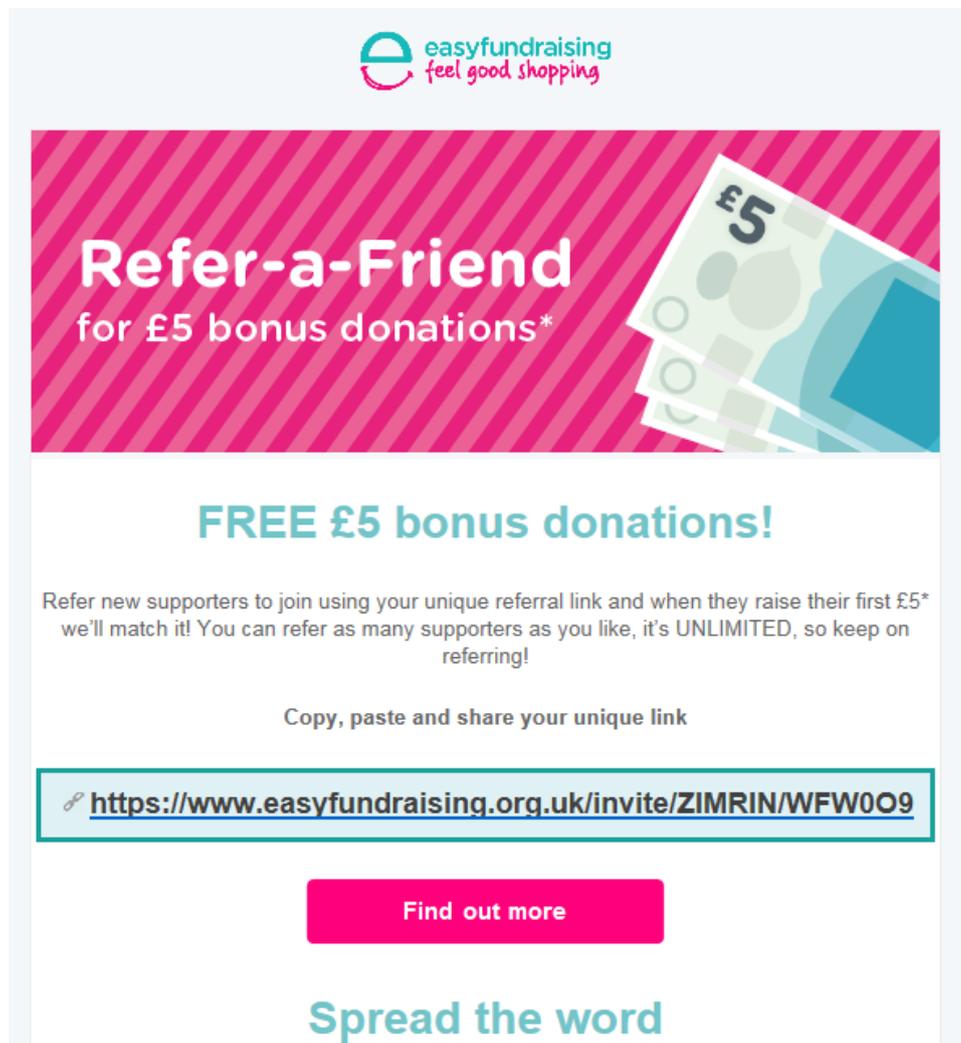
Feedback from our children regarding awards and certificates

We have learned:

- Children know maths is a priority in our school
- Children would like a reward for writing
- Children know they have done well when they get 10/10 in a spelling test and therefore wonder about the value of a spelling certificate.

We will (as a trial):

- Introduce two new awards - Mathematician of the week and Writer of the week
 - Link our Golden Ribbon/Golden Star awards to behaviour/attitudes/Christian Values/Fruits of the Spirit
 - Stop awarding Spelling certificates (apart from in Y2 until June)
 - Challenge our children to design these certificates – see February update letter on school website
- Our School Council will evaluate this trial before the end of the school year.



The graphic features the Easyfundraising logo at the top, which includes a stylized 'e' and the text 'easyfundraising feel good shopping'. Below the logo is a pink and white diagonal striped banner with the text 'Refer-a-Friend for £5 bonus donations*'. To the right of the banner is an image of a £5 banknote. Underneath the banner, the text reads 'FREE £5 bonus donations!' in large blue letters. Below this, a smaller text block explains: 'Refer new supporters to join using your unique referral link and when they raise their first £5* we'll match it! You can refer as many supporters as you like, it's UNLIMITED, so keep on referring!'. A line of text says 'Copy, paste and share your unique link'. Below this is a blue-bordered box containing the URL: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/ZIMRIN/WFW009>. At the bottom of the graphic is a pink button with the text 'Find out more' and the phrase 'Spread the word' in blue text.

A BIG thank you to our supporters who shopped online with #easyfundraising in January and February. You have now raised a total of £25.19 for our school. EVERY PENNY COUNTS, no matter how small you think your donation might be, IT ALL ADDS UP. The more people who use easyfundraising, the more money we can raise – and it's completely FREE!

This 60 second video shows you how easyfundraising works: www.efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman

Sign up using our unique link and when you raise your first £5, #easyfundraising will match it!
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/ZIMRIN/WFW009

Infographic: Screen-based activities

In February the Chief Medical Officer for the UK, published guidance on screen-based activities. The media was full of headlines about screen bans. That wasn't quite accurate.

The guidance itself had an infographic which helps parents and carers think about the challenges of managing their children's screen use.

The United Kingdom Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews' can be downloaded here: www.assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777026/UK_CMO_commentary_on_screentime_and_social_media_map_of_reviews.pdf

UK Chief Medical Officers' advice for parents and carers on Children and Young People's screen and social media use

Technology can be a wonderful thing but too much time sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities. Here are some tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.

Sleep matters

Getting enough, good quality sleep is very important. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.



Sharing sensibly

Talk about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated. Parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared. For everyone – when in doubt, don't upload!



Education matters

Make sure you and your children are aware of, and abide by, their school's policy on screen time.



Keep moving!

Everyone should take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen. It's good to get up and move about a bit. #sittlessmovemore



Safety when out and about

Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.



Talking helps

Talk with children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed – make sure they know they can always speak to you or another responsible adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.



Family time together

Screen-free meal times are a good idea – you can enjoy face-to-face conversation, with adults giving their full attention to children.



Use helpful phone features

Some devices and platforms have special features – try using these features to keep track of how much time you (and with their permission, your children) spend looking at screens or on social media.



March Maths Challenges

Early Years – Nursery and Year Reception



Calendar Muddle

Ordering familiar events
Talking about days of the week and calendars



Children enjoy keeping track of events with visual timetables and calendars.

Adults could take photos of regular events during the day with the children to make a timetable with removable pictures.

The Activity

When the children are familiar with the timetable, take all the pictures off and ask the children to help you put them back in order. Then muddle them up and ask them to help you sort them out.

Encouraging mathematical thinking and reasoning:

Describing

All the pictures have come off. Can we put on all the activities in order? What do we do first? Which activity do we do first/next/after... /before...? What day comes after today? Will it be yesterday/tomorrow? What day comes after/before Tuesday? How many sleeps is it until the weekend/our outing?

Reasoning

How do you know that goes there? First we have lunch, then we wash our hands oh isn't that right? Why not? Is it right that we go home first thing? Invite children to make up 'silly' sequences and explain why they are silly. What things would you like to do in a day? In what order and why?

Opening out

Can we start at home time and work backwards? Can we put the days of the week in order, but start with.... Tuesday? Our duck eggs will take a week to hatch - when will that be?

Recording

Can you take photos and make your own timetable? What would your favourite day look like from getting up to going to bed? Can you find a way to record how many sleeps it is up to your birthday, to show your friends? How can we record how long our duck eggs will take to hatch so that we remember?

Year 1 and 2

Five Steps to 50

Age 5 to 7 ★

This challenge is about counting on and back in steps of 1, 10 and 100.

Roll a dice twice to establish your starting number - the first roll will give you the tens digit and the second roll will give you the units digit.

You can then make five jumps to get as close to 50 as possible.

You can jump forwards or backwards in jumps of 1 or 10 or 100.

Compare your strategy with a friend.

Did you jump forwards or backwards?

Can you land on 50 exactly?

How far from 50 were you?

Could you do it another way?

Could you get even closer?

Which numbers can get you to 50?

Which can't?

Roll the dice again and have another go!

For example:

I roll a dice and get a 2 then a 3, so my starting number is 23.

I make the following jumps to get as close to 50 as possible:

Starting number is 23

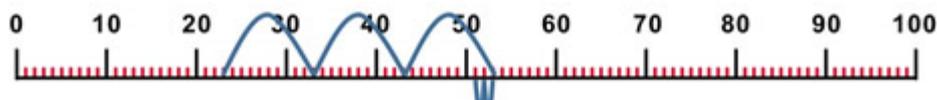
Jump one is +10 to get me to 33

Jump two is +10 to get me to 43

Jump three is +10 to get me to 53

Jump four is -1 to get me to 52

Jump five is -1 to get me to 51

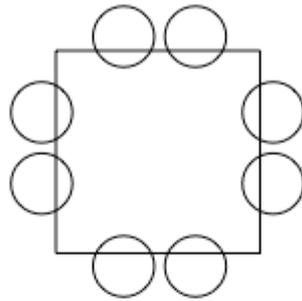


Y3,4,5 and 6

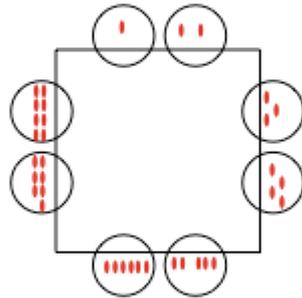
Sitting Round the Party Tables

Age 5 to 11 ★

So, you are at the party and sitting around the table with seven friends.



At the top left-hand corner is the friend who is giving the party. She or he has a bag of sweets and starts giving them out in a clockwise direction: one for themselves, two for the next person and three for the next and so on.



There are other similar parties going on at the same time. They have bigger square tables with more children sitting round on each side.

Explore and compare all the tables: 2 on each side, 3 on each side, 4 on each side and 5 on each side.

You could look at:

the total number of sweets that children sitting opposite each other have;

the total number of sweets needed for each size of the table;

the total number of sweets belonging to children who are diagonally opposite.

Then, what about five- and six-sided tables?

