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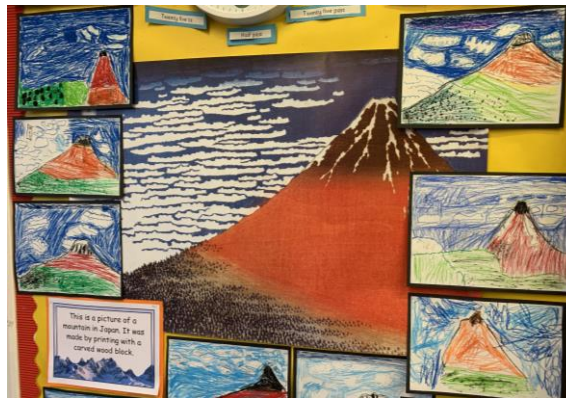
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all managing to keep warm during this cold snap!

Last week, we shared a summary of the EYFS and KS1 curriculum since January. This week, I am pleased to share a few details about our KS2 classes' work.

Our Y3 pupils are fully-engrossed in their Mountains topic. They have written instructions into preparing for a mountain expedition. In addition, they have looked at Hokusai's work in art, inspiring their own mountain scenes.



Y4 have commenced their Europe topic and have enjoyed exploring the variety of maps of different European countries. On Monday, I really enjoyed seeing them grapple with the challenge of completing a cut up Europe map as a team in silence! They used some great non-verbal communication and group work skills!

Meanwhile, Y5 have been polishing their 500 word stories for the BBC Competition. In addition to this, they have delved into Shakespeare's Macbeth!



A text-based theme has also led some learning in Y6. Pupils have been studying the text Wonder, which is centred on a disfigured child. They have explored this text through their English lessons, but also applied themes into their art work (left).

As you can see, art seems to be a bit of a common theme at the moment. You will see that this is building towards our Art Days on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Also, please note the blue dates below that have been added with respect to music events.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey, Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds

- KS2 overviews
- Science STEM Talk – 4/2/20
- Upcoming Art Days – 6/2/20 and 7/2/20
- Upcoming Music events

**Science Spot  
STEM Talk – 4/2/2020  
Pharmacologist**

A pharmacologist studies medicines and how they work. I work in a team that is trying to come up with medicines to treat dementia. Dementia is an illness which mainly affects elderly people and makes them confused and lose their memory so that they are no longer able to look after themselves. I work with chemists who design and make molecules that we hope will one day be new medicines. We test the molecules in cells which we grow in our laboratory, which we can look at through a microscope. We also use special mice which lose their memory to see if they are less forgetful after being given one of our molecules.



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**Dates Summary**

*Changes / additions in blue*

	31/1/20	14:00	Reception Class Briefing	Hall
	3/2/20	14:30	Candlemas Service (led by Y2)	St. Mary's Church
	5/2/20 – 12/2/20		Scholastic Book Fair	
	6/2/20 – 7/2/20	All day	Art Days	School
	10/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	11/2/20	All day	Safer Internet Day	
	12/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	13/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	14/2/20	PM	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	Netherhall
	14/2/20	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	14/2/20		End of first half of Spring Term	School
	w/c 17/2/20		February half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
	24/2/20		Second half of the term commences	School
	25/2/20		Shrove Tuesday	
	26/2/20		Ash Wednesday (Lent commences)	
	28/2/20	14:00	Y2 Class Briefing	Hall
	28/2/20	15:00 and 15:30	Talk by Mrs. Barlow on choosing the right instrument for your child	Think Tank
	5/3/20		World Book Day (non-uniform – book character themes per class)	School
	6/3/20	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
	6/3/20 – 15/3/20		British Science Week	School
	12/3/20	AM	Tag Rugby Tournament	Shelford Rugby Club
	13/3/20	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	21/3/20 (Sat) Fri - 20/3/20		World Poetry Day	School
	20/3/20	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall



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	25/3/20	AM	High 5 Netball Tournament	Netherhall
	26/3/20		Travelling Tuba Music Enrichment	School
	27/3/20	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
	1/4/20	18:30	Instrumentalists' Concert (older pianists and all other instrumentalists)	Hall
	TBC 3/4/20	14:00	Easter Service (led by Y5)	All Saints' Church
	3/4/20		End of Spring Term	
	4/4/20 – 19/4/20		Easter Holidays	
	20/4/20		Summer Term commences	

### Announcements

#### Art Day

We are all looking forward to Art Day 2020, which will take place on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of February. Our main theme this year is animals although our visiting artist will be leading three classes to help create a display connected to our school vision. Thank you to all those who have donated unwanted plastic items to the collection box in the office. We are still collecting plastic - ideally pieces no bigger than about 5cm to decorate approximately 90 wooden letters so please keep looking out for any items that might be suitable.

We would be grateful for any offers of parent help on the day to assist in the workshops led by artist Sandie Sutton for Year 6 on Thursday afternoon, Year 4 on Friday morning and Year 5 on Friday afternoon. Year 3 will work with Sandie on Thursday morning creating plastic sculptures of animals.

In Key Stage 1, all three classes will participate in an African drumming workshop led by the same company who helped us with the Chinese dragon dance last year. This will lead onto artwork in the classroom related to African animals in Year 1 and Reception Class and Chinese animals in Year 2.

#### Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations

Appointment times will be issued on Friday. If you have not returned your preferences to the office, you will have been allocated an appointment from the remaining available slots.

#### PTA Quiz

Thanks to everyone who came to support the Shelford PTA Quiz on Saturday night. It was a great evening of food, drink, and a hotly contested quiz, which was eventually won by Shelford village newcomers the Quizzly Rascals. So far it looks as though the evening has raised around £1650, which can be spent on valuable resources and activities for the school. You can still contribute to the fundraising by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/activewear2020> and donating. In return the PTA will send you a link to one of the videos featured in the quiz, which involves traditional Scottish dancing, traditional Scottish attire and some familiar faces...



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**Netball Club**

Netball Club will start on Monday 3 February and the last session will be Monday 22 June. I am aware that Parent Consultations take place on Monday 10 Feb. If there is bad weather netball club will be cancelled as the hall will be used. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

**Volunteer induction sessions**

The next volunteer induction session is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9.05am. If you would like to attend this session, please contact the office.

**Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night**

Tickets are now on sale for the legendary Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night on Friday 28th February 2020. With many fantastic prizes already confirmed it certainly promises to be a fun-packed night! Get your tickets now from [events@rainbowshelford.co.uk](mailto:events@rainbowshelford.co.uk), or see any Rainbow committee member.

**School prayer meeting - Thursday 6th February at 8pm**

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. We will be meeting at 1A Spinney Drive, Great Shelford, CB22 5LY on Thursday 6th February at 8pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.