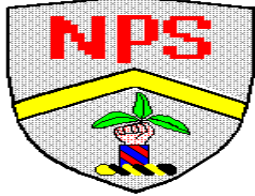


Spring Term Newsletter



Mrs Aspinall has had her baby boy

Congratulations to Mrs Aspinall, who has had her baby boy Zac this morning 00.33-71b 9oz.



Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, although this half term looks very different to the one we all imagined we are all still here for you the same as always.

Please keep checking your child's class activity page and YouTube channel for daily educational lessons and live teaching videos and resources to engage in at home; if you need paper copies of these activities then please contact us and we will get that delivered to you.

Continue sending us your child's home learning so we can share it when we get back together again; but, for now, stay home and stay safe!

Blue Peter on You Tube

Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> – (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,

The Blue Peter Team!

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 96.2%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application using the leave of absence form (available from the school office)

for leave must be made in writing to the Head Teacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. If you do not apply for leave in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Texts/Mail

We regularly send texts/mail to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/mail in the last month. Your contact details may need updating.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Loan of Devices to Support Home Learning

Loan of Devices (Laptops) to Support Remote Learning

As you may be aware the government has a scheme to provide laptops to children who do not have devices/internet access at home.

At the time of writing, Government guidance states that children who are eligible for this are those in Years 3-6 where any of the following are applicable:

- There are no digital devices in your household
- The only available device is a smartphone
- There is only one device in your household which is being shared with more than one other family member
- Your child is clinically extremely vulnerable and having to shield

If your child falls into any of the above categories, the school has been allocated a limited number of devices to loan to children in order for them to continue with their learning remotely from home. These should be available shortly.

The scheme is a loan system. A laptop would be loaned to any eligible pupil for the duration of school closure. There will be a loan agreement to be signed and the laptop will have to be returned once school is re-opened.

If you believe that your child is eligible for a home device, please contact school office on 01913710444 or email d.lee103@durhamlearning.net

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by 9am. It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn

*Teach Children about
COVID 19*

A website has been launched to provide interactive activities to help children better understand #COVID19 testing and how to stay safe during the pandemic.

Check it out

<https://www.storicise.com/>

Department for Education Dr Chris & Dr Xand

Online Home Learning Resources

Oak National Academy Live Lessons

Home – Oak National Academy

BBC Bitesize Home learning

Daily lessons for homeschooling – BBC Bitesize

Winter Family Support Fund

We just wanted to remind all of our families...

That we can help and support all of our families during this difficult time. We have access to food items, toiletries, female sanitary protection, clothing, coats and larger white goods if you are struggling.

We really don't want any of our families worrying or struggling at this time. All support provided is done so in a completely confidential manner and we will do our best to support you in any way we can.

We don't have set criteria in relation to benefits etc., you just need to discuss your needs with Mrs Lee and we can take it from there!

Please contact Mrs Lee by phoning school office to discuss further. You can also email d.lee103@durhamlearning.net

Please note that some of our funding has deadlines set by the provider, so please get in touch as soon as you can. Thank you

Some of the wonderful home learning in Class 1





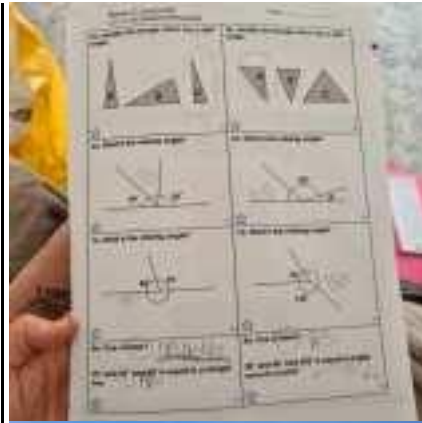
The key worker Class 3 bubble had lots of fun in the snow building a Roman fort snow wall. Last week they divided into two armies, the Celts and the Romans. They had time to plan their attack! I am Warrior topic, memorable experience was a big hit!



Wow! I loved all your Roman or Celtic warrior shields for your

Design Technology project! Well done everyone in Class 3

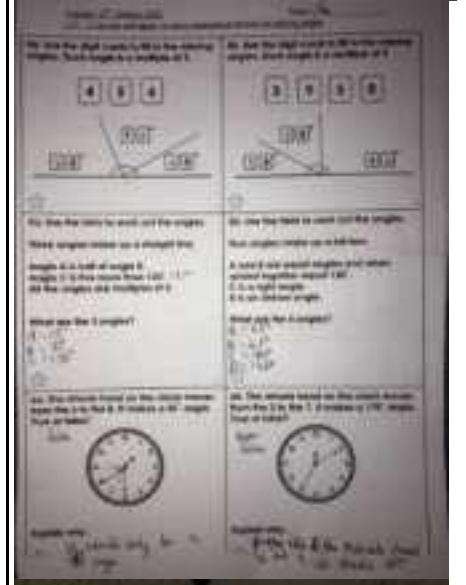
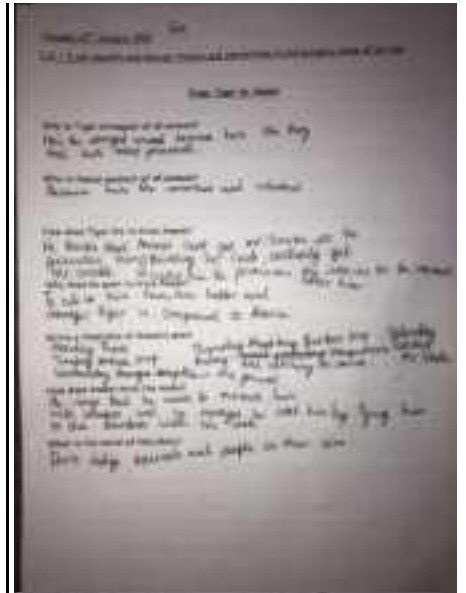



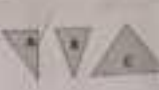
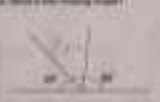






Can I say just how proud I am of all the fabulous work I am receiving via email and in school in Class 4. It really does put a smile on my face when I see how much effort goes into your work. I am particularly impressed with how many power points and word processed examples I am receiving.

Remember to keep it up and enjoy.

Here are a few examples...



<p>10. Identify the triangles which are right-angled triangles.</p> 	<p>11. Identify the triangles which are not right-angled triangles.</p> 
<p>12. What is the missing angle?</p> 	<p>13. What is the missing angle?</p> 
<p>14. What is the missing angle?</p> 	<p>15. What is the missing angle?</p> 
<p>16. Find x.</p> 	<p>17. Find x.</p> 