



# Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

*A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish*



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil  
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



## KEY STAGE NEWS

### Early Years News

#### Thank You!

We would like to start with a huge thank you for all your support. So many of our children are now trying to get their own coats on - this can only be down to the encouragement you are giving them at home. Thanks also for the additional donations of dressing up costumes. The impact of these has been huge. We have been so encouraged by the number of children able to get themselves in and out of costumes independently and by the kindness shown by children helping each other. Just wonderful!

#### Forest Schools

Forest School days are now Wednesdays for Nursery and Thursdays for Reception. Our Forest school suits have been very well used and are now sadly showing their age, so if your child has their own waterproofs (jackets and trousers or all-in-ones) which they would like to bring in on their Forest School Day, this would be very helpful. Please mark them with your child's name so they do not go missing.

#### Nursery Library

We have set up a library in the Nursery entrance. Please feel free to borrow a book to share with your child at home. We only ask that you help your child to look after it and that you complete a simple book review with them before returning the book to the library box. You should find review sheets in the tray beside the library books. We do try to ensure that all the books to be borrowed are in good condition, but if you find any book damaged or with missing pages, just let us know so that we can remove it from the selection. If you have any books that you would like to donate to our library, we always welcome additions to our collection.

## Key Stage One News

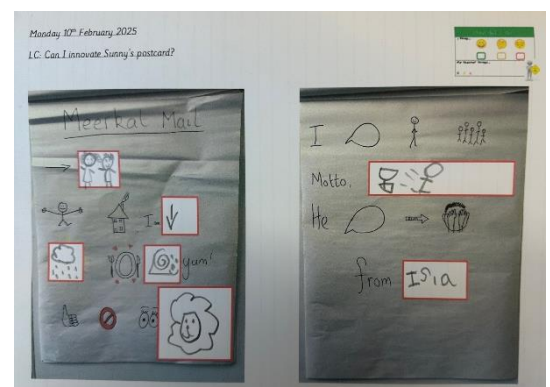
#### Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been working on writing our own version of 'Meerkat Mail.' We have had a lot of fun coming up with some very creative ideas to explain where our meerkats are travelling to. The children created their own story maps and they've also written up their own plans, ready to start writing postcards in the first person next week.

On Friday next week, Year 1 will be spending the morning doing Forest Schools. Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and if you would like them to wear waterproofs, please send them in on Friday. It will be a lovely way to end the half-term by spending time in nature together.

#### Year 2

The children in Year 2 have been in the forest this morning, where they have used tools to help them with their DT project. They have been busy creating their moon buggies this week in their DT lessons and they have worked carefully and creatively to assemble the different parts of their buggies. The children are looking forward to taking these home soon to share with their families.





**Things to ask your KS1 children this week:**

Year 1: What does 'writing in the first person' mean?

Year 2: What is a chassis?

## Key Stage Two News

**Year 4**

On Wednesday, Year 4 travelled to Newcastle to visit the ISKCON Hindu Temple as part of their RE unit of work. The children learned all about Hinduism and had the opportunity to ask a range of their own questions. They were able to dress up in traditional outfits as well as play some very special musical instruments. Mr Adamson and Mr Taylor were extremely impressed with their questions and understanding of Hinduism.



**Year 5**

On Monday, Year 5 had a visit from Rabbi David from the Orthodox Synagogue in Gateshead. He spoke to the children about the Jewish way of life and how they worship. The children were able to share their knowledge as well as asking a range of very thoughtful questions. This was a wonderful experience for our children; helping them to develop their understanding of other religions.



**Year 6**

On Monday, Year 6 visited the Central Mosque in Newcastle. They met Brother Khadim who shared what it is like to be a Muslim. He talked about the Koran, his beliefs, the Muslim approach to charity and the five pillars of Islam. Brother Khadim also shared his experiences of his three pilgrimages to Mecca. It was fascinating to hear about his life and travels.



**The Royal Shakespeare Company**

This week, Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed workshops with Connor from the Royal Shakespeare Company. The children have been developing their thespian acting skills, with the work set around William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest.' Both year groups thoroughly enjoyed their drama lesson and it was clear to see their self-confidence grow during the workshops.

On Thursday, Years 4, 5 and 6 were given the privilege of watching the RSC's production of the Tempest. *Shakespeare's play* is about a magician named Prospero, who lives on a magical island with his daughter, Miranda. After a shipwreck brings his enemies to the island, Prospero uses his magic to make them face their mistakes. In the end, he forgives them and returns home to reclaim his throne. This was a wonderful and amazing opportunity for the children, who enjoyed every second of the production.

