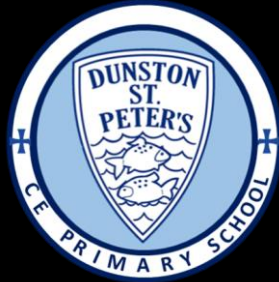

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 3



To provide an aspirational education which inspires all to SHINE in our community so that they are happy, confident and equipped for life in all its fullness.



OPENING
DOORS



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MINDS

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Miss D Winters
Executive Head
Teacher



Mrs E Toulson
Executive Deputy
Head



Miss N Vaughan
Senior Federation
Lead and SENDCo

TERM 3

What a Term It's Been!

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by—blink and suddenly we're already talking about the next one! It's been a brilliant few months, full of energy, progress, and plenty of memorable moments.

It was especially lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to come in, chat with us, and celebrate all the fantastic things your children have been doing. Your support truly makes such a difference, and it was wonderful to share their successes with you.

A real highlight of the term has been our trip to London for Key Stage 2. The children were fantastic representatives—curious, enthusiastic, and brilliantly behaved (even if some of them walked enough steps to last them a lifetime!). Whether it was spotting famous landmarks or experiencing going inside the Houses of Parliament, it was a day full of fun and learning. And of course, no school trip is complete without a stop at McDonald's on the way home, which was possibly the moment some students had been waiting for all day.

As we head towards the rest of the year, it's incredible to think how fast everything is moving. The children are working hard, growing in confidence, and making us proud daily. If the next term goes by as quickly as this one, we'll be waving at summer before we know it!

Thank you again for all your support—here's to even more fantastic moments ahead.

Senior Leadership Team





HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS

What a busy half term Hoglets and Hedgehogs have had!

The children have loved exploring a range of different stories such as Owl Babies, Oi Frog, and The Hungry Caterpillar!

The children have been working very hard in their Phonics sessions and are beginning to write their own captions independently in Drawing Club!

We have also been very proud of their learning in Maths, by singing lots of counting songs, and confidently recognising numbers to 5. We are currently practicing to write the numbers in the correct formation!





HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS





FOREST SCHOOL

This term, Year 1 have joined EYFS in Forest School and everyone has had a wonderful time!

The children made use of the big puddles and made boats and completed some raft building.

They have also made apple hedgehogs to feed the birds, litter picking, shelter building and most importantly stayed warm around the campfire with some warm drinks!



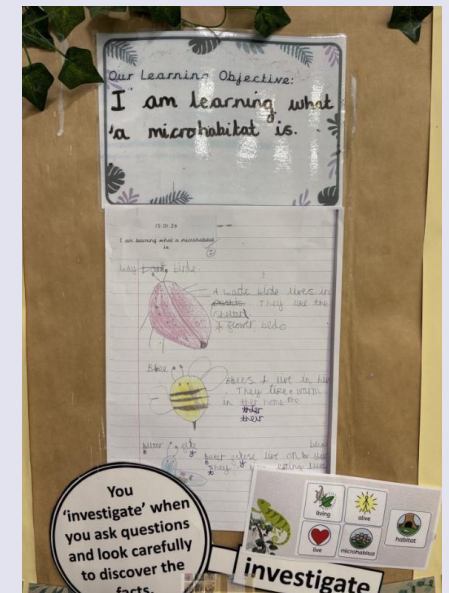
SQUIRRELS



What a busy half term we have had! The children have enjoyed exploring a range of sports such as Archery, Curling and Boccia with Premier P.E.

In English, the children have been creating a setting description of Peter Pan's Neverland! Their piece of writing included fantastic expanded noun phrases, lots of conjunctions to extend their sentences and some even had a rhetorical question to conclude their piece! In Maths, the children have explored numbers to 50 and beginning to add and subtract using tens and ones.

In Geography, we have been finding out about London and its famous landmarks. To end our topic, the children planned their imaginary trip to London, using information on how to get there from the older children in KS2. The children have also enjoyed learning about habitats in Science and has shown a good understanding of where different types of animals live!





SQUIRRELS

Our Learning Objective:
I can plan a trip to London.

 transport	 weather	 landmark
 clothing	 activities	 London

Spring
SP

Destination: London

Packing List:
Rainbow hat
Pleats cap
Pleats good
cap
the pleats
cup tooth
tooth brush
goggles, water
swimming cap
swimming
tooth paste

I have chosen a train because it is a fast.

In London I will see the...



OWLS



Owl Class have had a fantastic and action-packed term, full of exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences. One of the highlights was our wonderful trip to London. Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed exploring both the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum, where they were amazed by the fascinating exhibits and hands-on activities. Meanwhile, Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant time sightseeing and visiting the Houses of Parliament. Seeing the House of Commons in action was a truly unforgettable experience and brought our learning to life.

Back in school, we have loved getting active by having a go at boccia, archery and curling, showing great teamwork and determination. In science, the children were very enthusiastic about building electrical circuits and enjoyed experimenting to see how different components worked together.





OWLS

In art, we have been developing our photography skills, thinking carefully about composition, lighting and perspective to improve our work. History lessons have taken us back in time as we learned lots about the Vikings, discovering what life was like and why they were such an important part of our past.

We have also taken part in Internet Safety Day, a carbon monoxide workshop, and healthy relationships workshops.

A fun-filled, busy term with some amazing opportunities. Well done for all of your hard work Owl Class and enjoy a restful break!



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston and Nocton**



**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

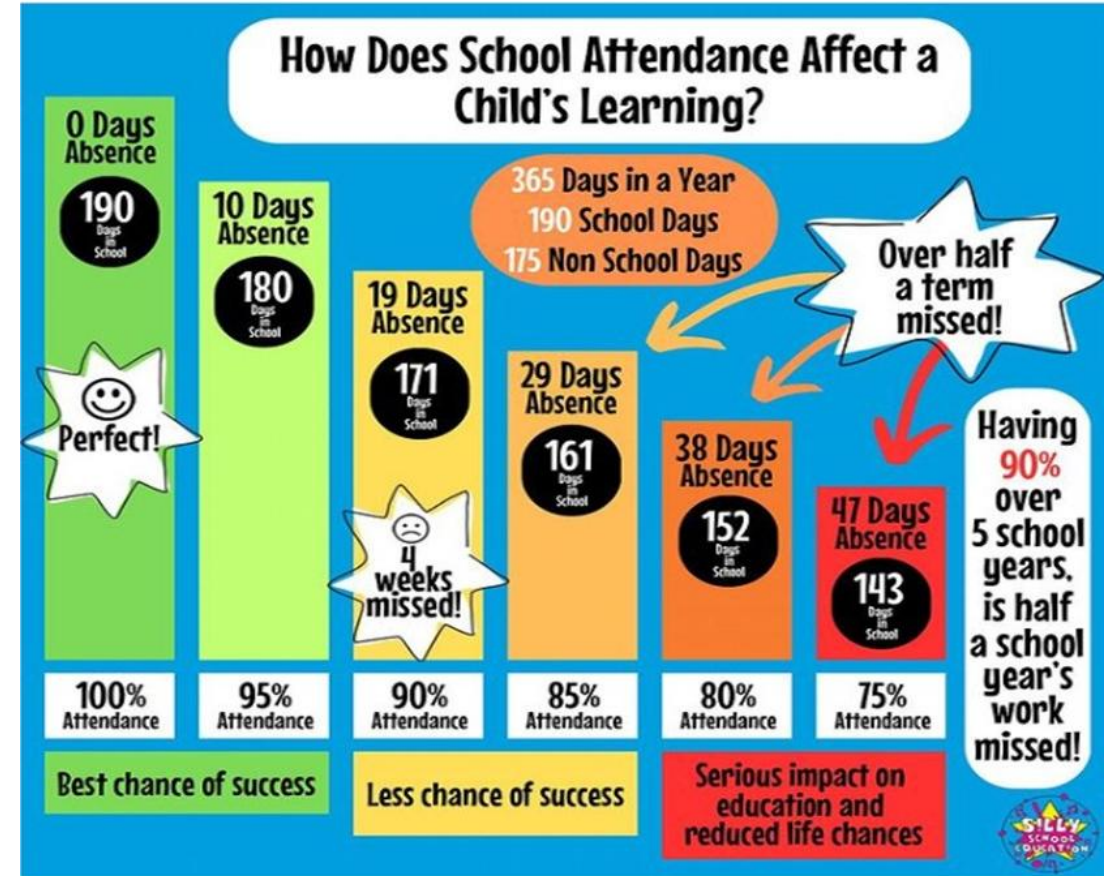
ATTENDANCE

HEDGEHOGS -98.21%

SQUIRRELS – 92.12%

OWLS – 93.65%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 94.32%



Ready Steady go to School



This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm

Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.



READY STEADY GO TO SCHOOL

We know that starting school is a big step for your child and for you as a family and it can be an exciting but also a daunting time. You may have questions or you may just not know where to begin, don't worry we are here to help.

We wanted to invite you to some exciting opportunities to help you and your child to get ready for school.

Attached to this email is a poster with dates for the sessions which will be online live events for parents/carers on starting school. Please choose the session with a time that suits you.

You can access the sessions through these links below:

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

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Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub also has all sorts of sessions available which will help with socialisation, turn taking, sharing and communication skills. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub timetable is available on this link [Find a children's centre - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Click here for useful information on Starting Reception - [Home - Starting Reception](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our sessions, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards
The Early Years Team

HANDS UP WHO CARES?



ARE YOU A **YOUNG CARER**?
ARE YOU WORKING WITH A **YOUNG CARER**?

A Young Carer is a young person under the age of 18 years helping to care for a family member with a physical disability, mental health condition, illness or addiction.

There is help and support available for Young Carers and their families.

For more information, please contact Lincolnshire Young Carers:

Tel: 01522 553275

Email:

youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk



WE DO!



SUPPORT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG CARERS

There is support available for children up to the age of 18 who help to care for someone at home. That person may be a parent, sibling, grandparent, or any other relative who has a:

- Physical disability
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- Misuses alcohol or drugs
- Sensory impairment (hearing or sight loss)
- Life limiting condition
- Any other long term illness or condition

The role undertaken by young carers can include:

- Helping the person they care for to get dressed or washed
- Extra housework, shopping, or cooking
- Helping with medication
- Emotional support
- Helping a sibling with a disability

Young carers often take on responsibilities which affect their friendships and relationships, learning and development, health and wellbeing, or future career choices. They can experience increased levels of stress or anxiety, feelings of isolation and loneliness, lack of time to take part in social activities, and difficulties in keeping up with their education or homework.

We all share a responsibility to identify and support young carers. In Lincolnshire we offer a range of support to help our young carers, including:

- Young Carer needs assessments
- Young Carer Groups
- Young Carer Card
- Emergency planning
- Agency support from specific services
- Online support groups

Free training is also available for all professionals in Lincolnshire. For more information or if there is a child you know that you think may be a young carer in need of support please contact:

Lincolnshire Young Carers
Tel: 01522 553275 or email
youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk



HANDS UP WHO CARES? WE DO!



SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE

Product Recall: Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft

We have been made aware of a product recall which has been issued this week in relation to a potential health risk. Please read the guidance from the Government regarding this here: [Product Recall: Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft \(2601-0364\) - GOV.UK](#)

Source: Corporate Health and Safety

**SAFETY NOTICE
RECALL**

Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft

PSD Number: 2601-0364

Product Type: Hobby/sports equipment –
Arts/Crafts/Needlework Sand Supplies

Product Identifiers

Brand: Hobbycraft

Product numbers: 6686021000, 6505261000,
6099201000 ,6597221000 & 6606171000
(below the barcode on product packaging)

Product Description: Box of mixed craft
supplies including vials of coloured sand.

Country of Origin: China

Counterfeit: No

Customer Service on 0530 020 1400.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DROP IN SESSIONS

- IS YOUR CHILD 4 YEARS OLD OR UNDER? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION? COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DROP IN SESSIONS!



PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE FOR DETAILS OF THE DROP IN SESSIONS.



OR VISIT WWW.LINCOLNSHIRECHILDRENSTHERAPYSERVICES.NHS.UK/SPEECH-AND-LANGUAGE-DROP-SESSIONS

RECENTLY UPDATED GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE

Gov.uk have recently released and updated this website which is full of useful information on online safety for families.

On the site you can find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.

The website can be found by clicking on the link below.

[HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE](#)



TERM 4 CLUBS – DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!



- Tuesday –

KS2 Multi-sports club run by Coach Kieran

3.20pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 3rd March to Tuesday 31st March

Please Note all clubs this term are free of charge!!

“Children are not things to be
moulded, but people to be unfolded.”
— Jess Lair

