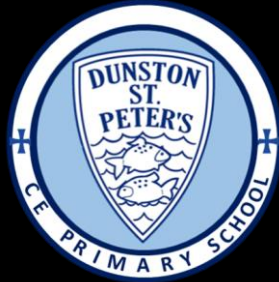

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 3



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.



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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



CONKERS



Conker Class have had a fantastic term!

We have continued our Drawing Club and the children have thrown themselves into their challenges—perhaps the Very Hungry Caterpillar theme has inspired them, as we haven't seen this many Monday challenges completed in a while!

The children produced wonderful independent writing first thing in the mornings, practised their tricky words during our reading challenge, and built brilliant bug hotels in construction using lots of cutting, sticking, and fine motor skills.

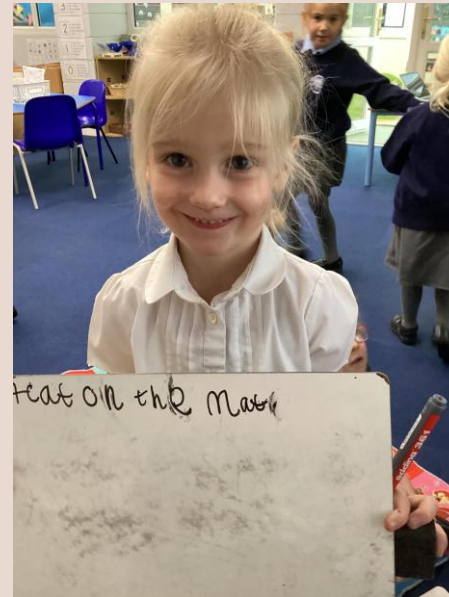
They also enjoyed saving spiders in our funky fingers challenge, creating their own spiders in our malleable playdough area, and taking part in lovely role play in the home corner.

Conkers also joined the RSPB Big Bird Watch, learning about birds they might see at school and at home, listening to bird calls, exploring what birds eat and where they sleep, and then heading outside to spot and listen for the species they had learnt about.





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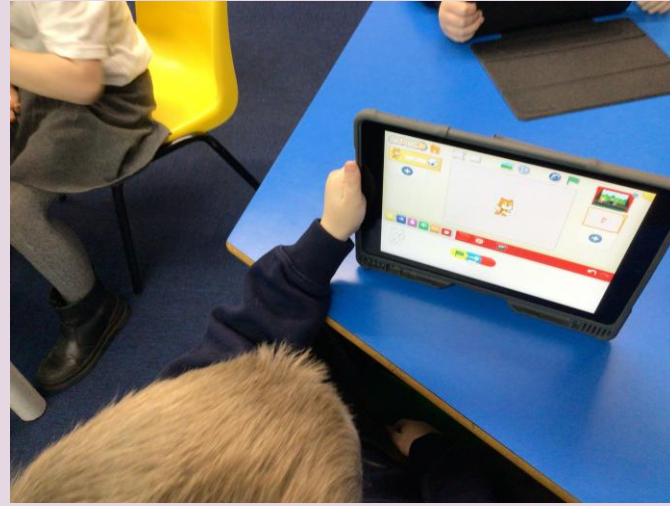
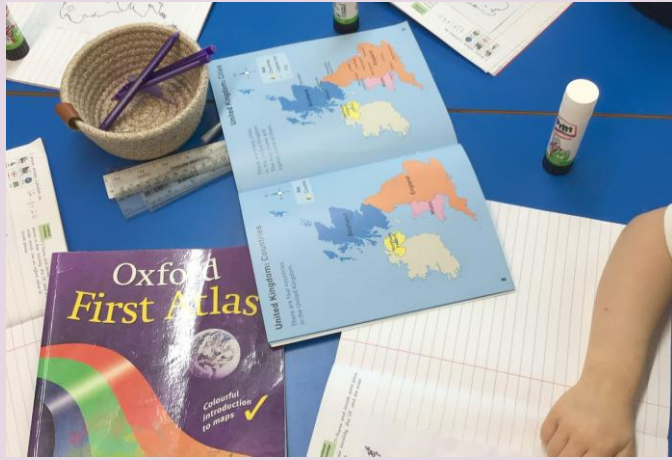


BLOSSOM



Our first Spring Term has been brilliant! Year 1 have loved their Wednesday afternoons in Forest School and cannot wait to carry on after half term. Blossoms have loved their cubism art this term and learning all about London in our geography. We are just coming to the end of writing our non-chronological reports about mythical creatures and we are so excited to see what's next! We have become experts in animals and humans in science and can identify all sorts of habitats. Our PE with Coach Kieran has given us an opportunity to practice our balance and rolls in Gymnastics.





BLOSSOM





FOREST SCHOOL

The children have had a wonderful term at Forest School! We wrapped up warm through the chilly weather and kept busy with ice painting, feeding the hungry birds, and enjoying plenty of time on the swings and hammocks. The children kept active with energetic play to stay warm before sharing a cosy cup of mulled apple juice around the campfire. Year 1 had their first Forest School sessions this term and were absolutely brilliant. We've had lots of fun connecting with nature through litter picking, making apple-hedgehog bird feeders, getting wonderfully 'stuck' in the mud, and then shouting for help with big smiles! There were also quiet moments for swinging and reading in the hammocks. We made the most of the giant puddle by building boats and rafts, worked as a team with weeding and path maintenance, spotted plenty of birds, and still found lots of time for play. Session finished in our favourite way — warm drinks and a story around the campfire.

OAK



Oak class have had a very busy term indeed. We have loved learning all about the Vikings, and thanks to Mrs Murphy, we had an amazing WOW day.

Oak have begun their swimming lessons at Branston too. The children enjoyed their first session with Mrs Green and all did so well.

Oak class have been working hard on their computing and art units which have been photography and photo editing. They have created some amazing pictures and gathered some excellent new skills.

We can't wait for what next term brings! Have a relaxing half term, making lots of family memories!





OAK



REDWOOD



This term the children have been busy writing a narrative and setting description linked to our Whole Class Book Study: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. In History, we have continued our theme of Vikings, producing some stunning learning (and some very creative drama!).

In art, we have been working on our photography skills, learning about taking effective photographs!





Symptoms associated with carbon monoxide.

Year 5 trip to London.



Water polo fun.



REDWOOD

We were fortunate to experience so many fantastic opportunities this term: Year 5 trip to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum, in London, Viking WOW day, Carbon Monoxide workshop, Healthy Relationship workshop and swimming lessons to name a few.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed and engaged in all of these activities with such enthusiasm.

Enjoy your well-deserved half-term break.

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



- **Monday 23rd February to 30th March**

*Year 6 Level-Up Club with Mr Bond and Mrs Rigley
3pm to 4:30pm*

- **Monday 23rd February to 30th March**

*Choir Club with Charlotte Irons – **open to all years**
3:20pm to 4pm*

- **Wednesday 25th February to 1st April**

*Wake up Multi-sport club with Coach Kieran – **open to all years**
8am to 8:45am*

- **Wednesday 25th February to 1st April**

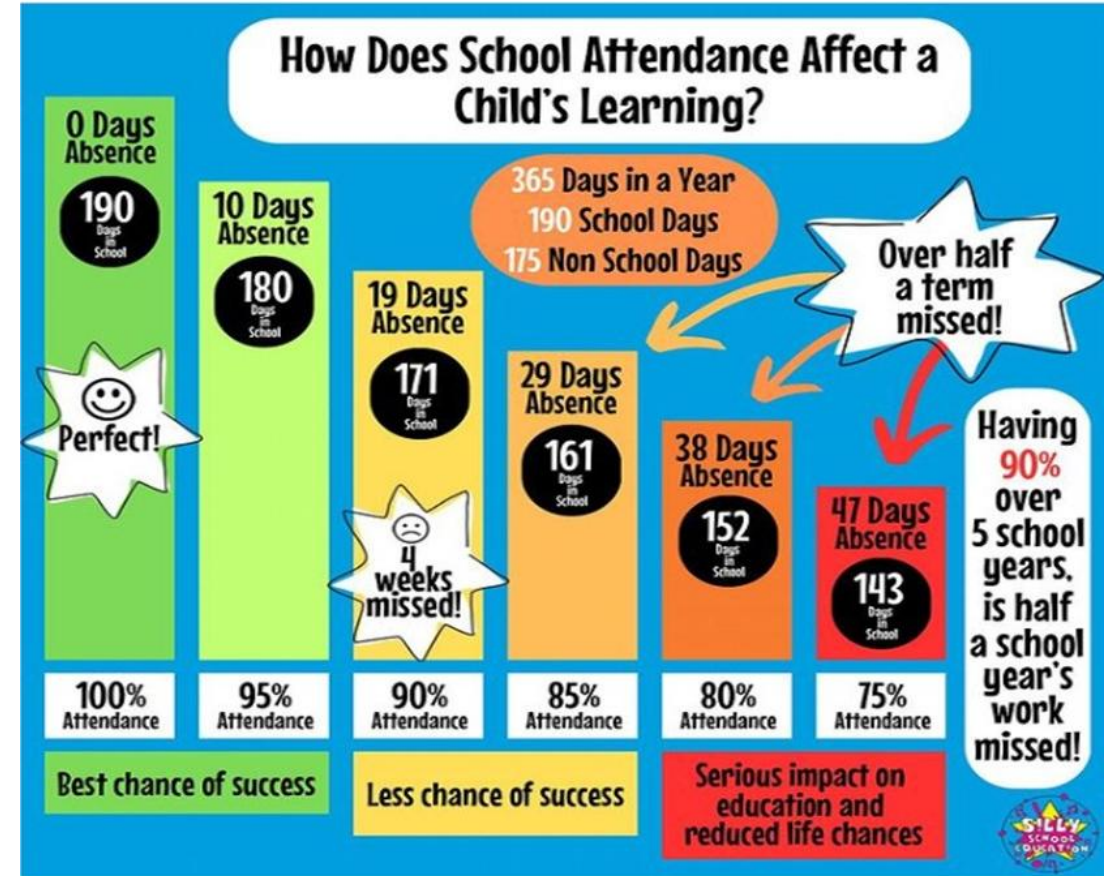
*After School Multi-sport club with Coach Kieran – **open to yrs 1, 2, 3 & 4**
3:20pm to 4:20pm*

- **Wednesday 25th February to 1st April**

*Forest Club – after school – **open to year 3**
3:20pm to 4:20pm*

ATTENDANCE

CONKERS – 93.81%
BLOSSOM – 97.36%
OAK – 96.58%
REDWOOD – 95.12%
WHOLE SCHOOL – 95.87%



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!



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](#)

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm [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

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 0330 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](#)



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston and Nocton**



**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

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

