



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been! We have been super busy with lots of hard work and festive fun!

Over the past term, our schools faced big changes following the Dunston flood but we could not be prouder of how resilient and welcoming all of the pupils and staff were. Whilst it was a challenging few weeks, it was lovely to see the children mixing across the Federation and we had some lovely comments from parents. We would also like to thank yourselves, for being so accommodating and patient with us.

The past few weeks has seen so many exciting Christmas events and we have absolutely loved seeing the children's confidence soar. From Christmas performances, Nativities, crafts and Rudy's Runs, we are ending the term feeling very festive and proud of our family of schools.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the questionnaire. We are always keen to hear your voice and to continue to improve. Going forward, we would like to provide more details t families regarding what their child will be learning and also progress updates and next steps. This week, for the first time, we will be sending home a Pupil Assessment Update, to help keep you informed of your child's current academic progress and how you can continue to support them at home. An example, can be seen on the next page.

We would like to wish you all a very merry and relaxing Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 3rd January.

Christmas Wishes

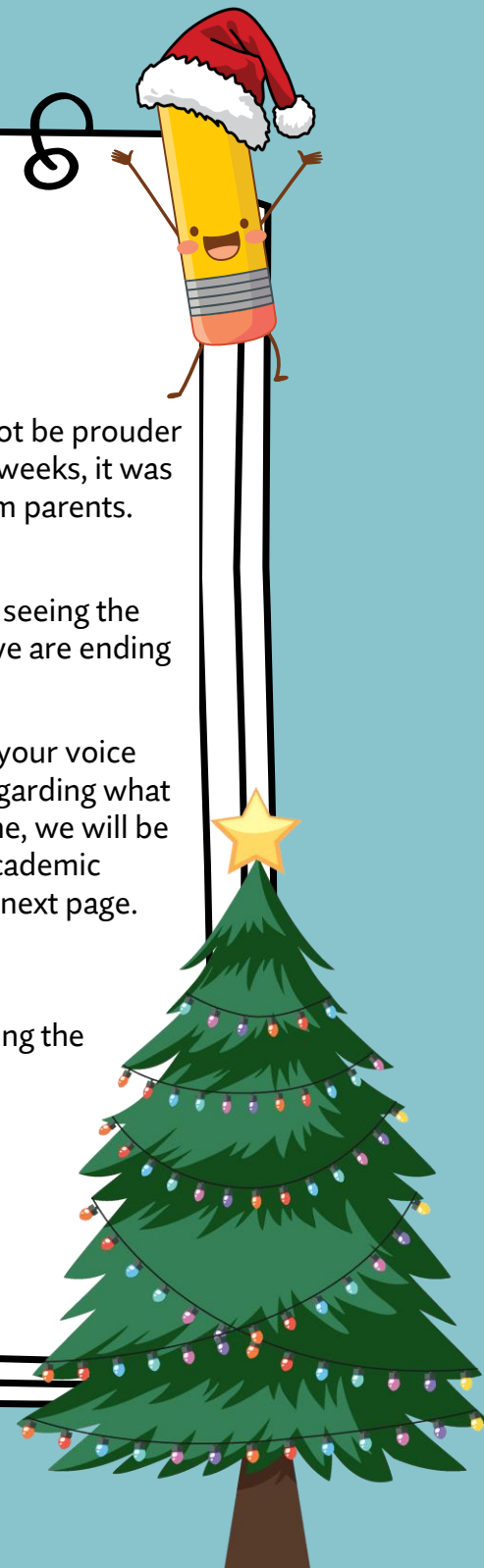
Miss Winters



Mrs Toulson



Mrs Miller



Nocton Community Primary Church of England Primary School

Assessment Update Autumn 2023



Child: Teacher:

Year Group:

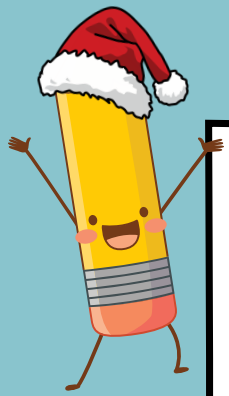
	Reading	Writing	Grammar	Maths
Working towards age related expectations				
On track to meet age related expectations				
On track to achieve greater depth age related expectations				

How can you help me with my learning at home:

English:

Maths:

Anything else:



Change to School Hours from Summer Term 2023/24 -Consultation

The government recently changed their guidance around the length of the school day. The DfE expects all mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week (or 6.5-hour days) by September 2024.

To ensure that we are compliant we need to lengthen our school day by **20 minutes** and plan to start this from Summer Term 2023 (From 16th April onwards).

This will change our times as shown:

The gate will open at 8.45am and will close at 8:50am. Students will be registered at 8:50am

The school day will end at 3:20pm.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions ,or concerns about these changes. Please email admin@spiresfederation.co.uk, titling the email Change to School Hours Consultation.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

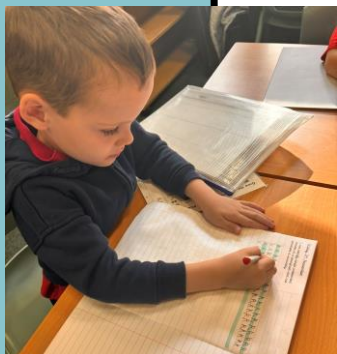


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Term 1

What another busy term it has been! EYFS have enjoyed their topic of 'once upon a time' looking at lots of traditional tales and enjoyed completing different activities. Year 1 and 2 have continued their Terrific Travel topic by focusing on the history of transport. They have learnt about when different transport was first invented and the first moon landing! In English, they have been busy writing Non-Chronological reports based on an animal they have invented. We have enjoyed lots of sporting activities too, both inside and outside of school! We've been enjoying lots of festive activities too and were very excited by the arrival of our class elf, Buddy!

Have a lovely peaceful and relaxing Christmas!





Panthers

Term 2

We have had a busy but fantastic term and are enjoying all the festivities that come along at this time of year. In English, we have written amazing non-chronological reports about a rainforest animal, we have learnt some of the more gory details of Ancient Mayan beliefs about sacrifice in history, and have designed our own chocolate packaging in D&T. Recently, we have had some strawberry plants kindly delivered from Dyson, and are currently growing them to see if natural or technologically engineered crops are the best. We have enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities both in and out of school, the Halloween disco, our Remembrance service and of course, our Christmas production.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a relaxing break!



Low uptake of COVID-19 in eligible 5-17 year olds

Please could we make you aware of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people. Currently, we are seeing a low uptake in ages 5-17 within Lincolnshire.

Eligibility is all children in a clinical risk group, any child over 12 who is a household contact of someone with immuno-suppression and anyone over 16 who is a carer.

Parents can book by calling 119, or on the [national booking system](#). Certain geographical areas can also use the [outreach services](#) or call 01522 301940.

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