



# Ellington Primary School



## News Bulletin #4

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the excellent attendance at the parent consultations this week. I hope you found the evening useful. If you were unable to attend, please call the school office to make an alternative appointment. I hope you are finding the new newsletters useful and informative.

### Covid-19

Following new Covid-19 guidance and changes to our school Risk Assessment, all visitors entering the school building will be required to wear a face covering in communal areas. Currently, we are not implementing any other changes in school, however, we do have a risk assessment which is a working document and updated regularly and also an Outbreak Plan, should we have an outbreak in school.

### Reception Class 2022

You can now apply for a place in Reception for September 2022. Please call the school office for more information.

### Rugby

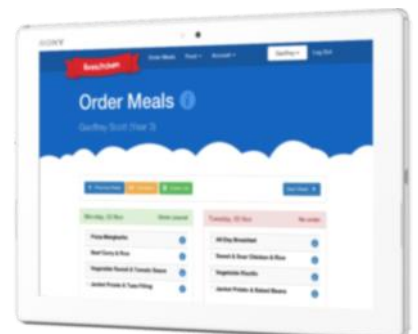
**All classes** had an additional PE lesson today with a rugby coach in school. These will continue every Friday for the next five weeks. All children should have come into school in their uniform with a PE kit to change into, with the exception of Reception who take part in the first session and should come into school in PE kit with uniform to change into. Any children without a PE kit unfortunately did not take part in the coaching sessions.

### School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on November 10<sup>th</sup> for all children. Nursery to Year 6 children can have photographs with siblings who attend Ellington, but we are unable to accommodate photos with siblings who do not attend Ellington.

### School Lunches

Can I once again ask for your support in ordering your child's school lunch at home? The purpose of using this system is to enable lunches to be ordered from home not in school. **From January 2022, we will stop taking lunch orders in school for children and all meals must be ordered from home. Children who haven't ordered a meal at home must bring in a packed lunch.**



## Children in Need - 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need is on November 19<sup>th</sup> this year, not November 12<sup>th</sup> as stated in a previous newsletter. To mark the occasion and to help raise money for Children in Need, all children can come to school wearing something spotty and/or Pudsey related for a donation of £1.

### Parent Class Meetings

Next week, we will be holding events for parents from Reception up to Year 6 after school. This will be an opportunity for class teachers to talk to you about year group expectations and also an opportunity to talk to you about how we can work together to support your child/children. Each meeting will be around 30 minutes. Children can come with you to school if necessary and will be looked after by a member of staff. Tea/coffee will be available. I am happy to take any questions you may have regarding school.

As I have mentioned in previous letters, in my opinion, this is an essential meeting in order to develop a successful partnership which will greatly benefit the children at Ellington.

<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>5.00 - Reception</i>	<i>5:30 - Year 1</i>	<i>6:00 - Year 2</i>
<i>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>5.30 - Year 5</i>	<i>6.00 - Year 6</i>	
<i>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>5.30 - Year 3</i>	<i>6.00 - Year 4</i>	



### Twitter

Our school Twitter account is now up and running, please follow us at:  
[@Ellingtontweets](https://twitter.com/Ellingtontweets)

Best Wishes,

Mr Hodgson  
Headteacher

# Class News!

## Nursery

It was lovely to see all of the children back in school after half term! We have had such an exciting week this week, we have started gymnastics in PE where the children showed some lovely listening skills and enjoyed learning all about the bean family.

In literacy this week we have been thinking lots about Bonfire Night. We made our own firework pictures using chalk and black card and then came up with lots of ways to describe the sounds that fireworks make such as BANG, FIZZ and POP! We have also discussed staying safe on Bonfire Night and thought up a list of rules to help us stay safe including staying with our grown-ups at all times and never touching a firework. We really enjoyed looking around the fire engine when the fire brigade visited school. The children impressed me with how well they listened and had some really good conversations. We have also been learning the sounds 's' and 'm' this week. It would be fantastic if the children could practise recognising these at home!

In maths we have been looking at numbers to 5 and matching quantities. The children have all been working super hard on their counting skills this week.

As part of our whole school Diwali celebrations we listened to the story of Rama and Sita and discussed how this led to the Festival of Lights. We decorated some elephants in the hope that we get some good luck and practised our writing skills by doing some shared writing. What an amazing week!





## Reception

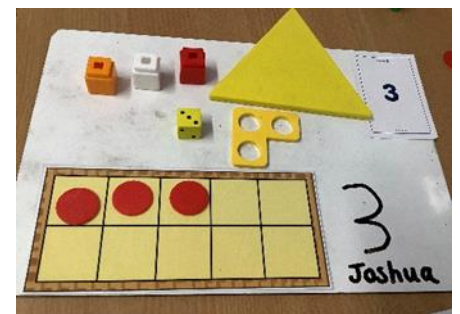
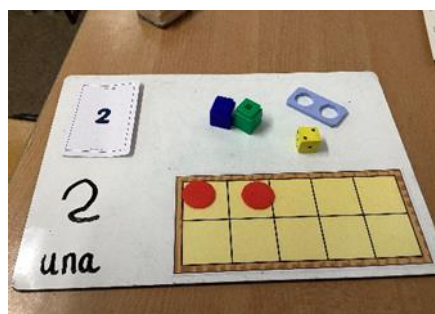
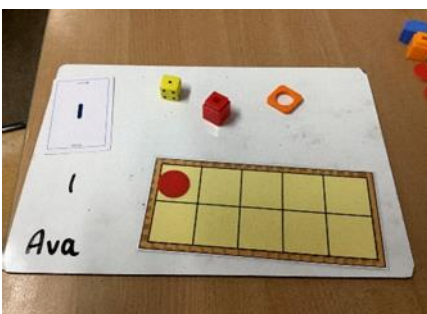
We have had an exciting week in Reception! The firefighters visited our school to tell us about their role and how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. We then got to look at the big fire engine and all of the equipment. We got excited when the firefighter put on the blue flashing light and the siren. In Literacy, we designed our own firework and wrote words relating to fireworks such as pop, bang and fizz! We also experimented with the different coloured paint and glitter to make firework pictures.



We have enjoyed learning about a special celebration called Diwali. Diwali is the festival of lights and many rituals and traditions in the event include light. We made our very own lantern and paper plate lamp craft.



In Maths, we have been representing numbers 1, 2 and 3. We used items from our classroom to show how we could make the different numbers.



# Year 1

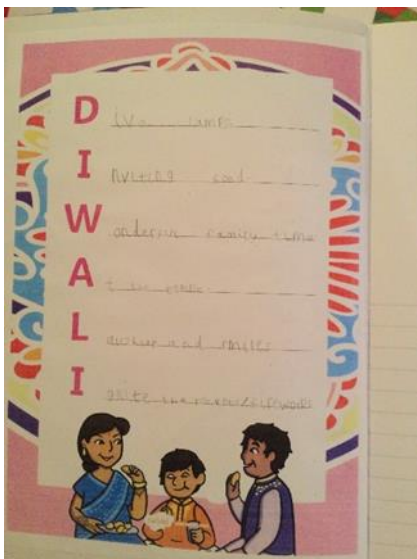
Year One have been very busy. We have been learning about adjectives and prepositions. We really enjoyed doing some drama and music linked to our new story about The Robot and The Bluebird. We found out about Onomatopoeia! The children were very good at finding these words to describe the setting of the factory and the scrap heap. We listened to the sounds and imagined being there.

In R.E we have enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita. We found out all about the Diwali festival and looked at how it was celebrated around the world. We made Diya lamps and tried lots of ways to make Rangoli patterns. We linked this to our Maths lessons about shape.

We wrote acrostic poems about the festival.

We enjoyed the visit from Pegswood fire service team. The children were fantastic at listening and asking questions. They were very interested and could recall the important safety messages they had been given.

In P.E we have been learning about gymnastics and have enjoyed finding out about different balances and ways to move. We are looking forward to our Rugby lessons this week.





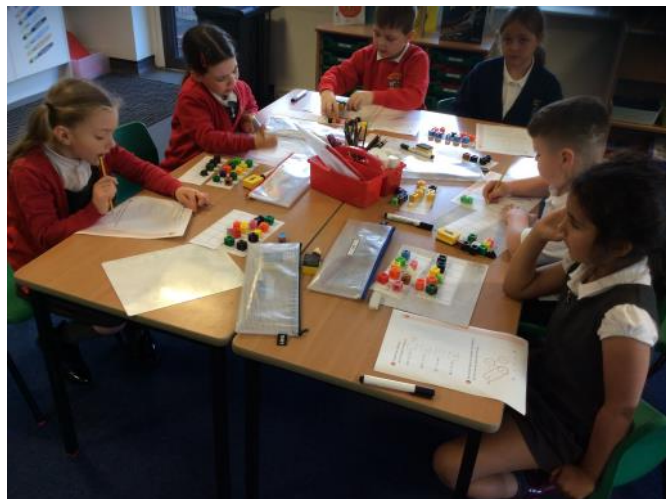
## Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy first week back! On Tuesday, we were very lucky to be visited by firefighters from Pegswood Fire Station. We learnt all about fire safety and loved having a tour of the fire engine. Year 2 children wowed firefighters with their Great Fire of London knowledge, and compared how the role of a firefighter along with fire equipment has changed since 1666.



In English, we have continued our work on 'Adventures are the pits'. Children have worked really hard this week on applying the grammatical terms learnt so far in their writing. We have been using expanded noun phrases, similes and prepositional phrases to create a setting description of the mysterious ball pit. Children have been so enthusiastic about their learning they have even asked to do extra work and write their own stories based on the short film! It's great to see such pleasure for writing.

In maths, we have been working on our addition skills. We have started to use the column method to add 2-digit and 1 digit numbers crossing 10. Year 2 have found this new formal method a little tricky but we will be continuing to practise this method for the next few weeks and we are continuing to build upon our resilience and independence. I am really proud of how far they have come already!



## Year 3

What a busy week back we have had in Year 3!

This week we have had an important visit from the Northumberland Fire Brigade. The fire-fighters explained the importance of fire safety and how to keep safe around fires, fire-works and sparklers on Bonfire Night. The children then went out to see the fire engine and had a tour of what equipment is carried in case of emergencies.

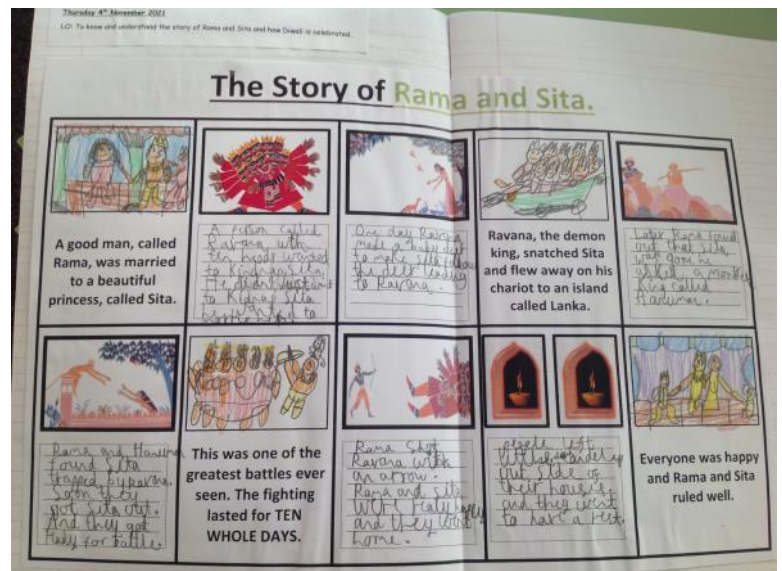
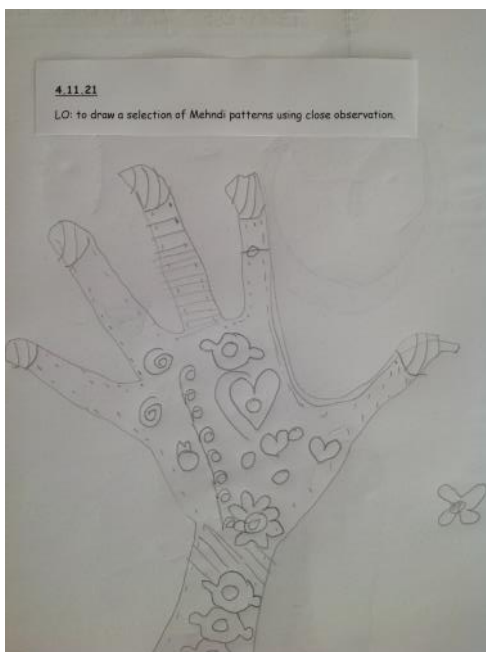


In English we have been creating our own propaganda posters in the style of those used in World War 1. We have also been working hard on extending sentences by using a variety of different conjunctions to connect two phrases together.

In Maths we have recapped on last terms column addition and subtraction and have started to use the inverse operation to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

In topic we are continuing to study WW1 and will be carrying out a local study of how Northumberland was involved during the Great War. We will be reading letters sent from the trenches by a Northumberland Fusilier. As part of their homework this week, I have asked the children to see if they have any family links to WW1 and if so for them to write this down so we could use this in our topic work. If there are no family links children have been asked to find 5 facts about WW1 so they can present this to the rest of the class.

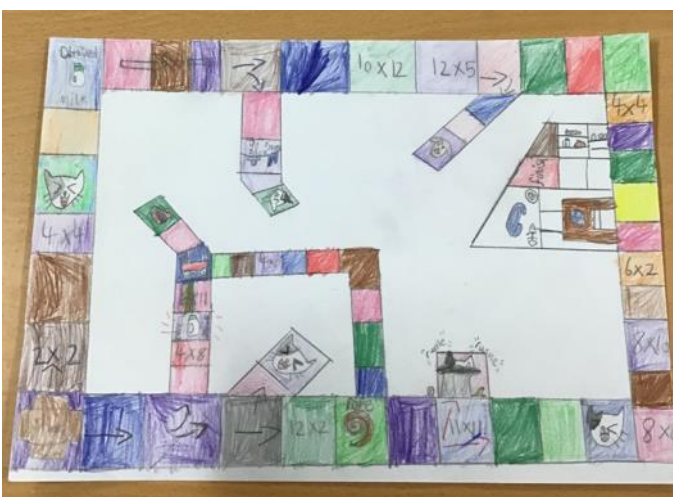
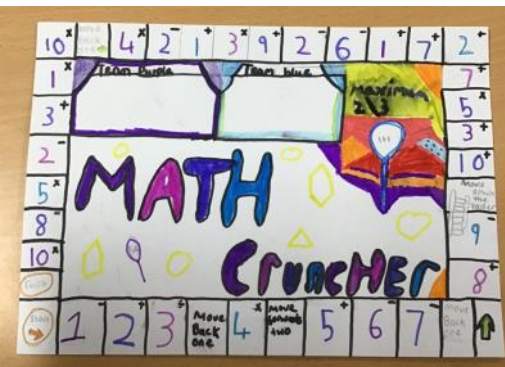
We have also celebrated Diwali this week. We have produced story boards of the Story 'Rama and Sita' and then created our own Mehndi hand patterns.





## Year 4

The children have all come back to school refreshed and ready to learn! We have kick started English with following and writing instructions. We started with following instructions without diagrams - what a disaster! So diagrams were included and the children were able to make some lovely book corners to find their page in a book. The next day, we tried our hand at making sandwiches and then writing instructions for an alien to follow. This was followed with making a maths game and writing the instructions; as you can see from the images below, we had some fabulous games and instructions. In maths, we have been looking at pie charts; quite a tricky concept but the children have all tried extremely hard to master that aspect of maths. In science we finished our circuit topic and then rounded it off with a little assessment much to the delight of the children! In RE, we looked at the story of Abraham and were a little worried how God tested Abraham to sacrifice his only son. Thursday had some wonderful Diwali crafts being made; both of which were extremely tricky. A great start to the second half term.





## Year 5

Year 5 have got straight back into the swing of things after half term and we have had a lovely week, including a school-wide visit from the Pegswood Fire Service which we thoroughly enjoyed. Yesterday afternoon we had a special RE and art afternoon because it was Diwali, and Mrs Richardson was so impressed with all our knowledge about the festival and the careful artwork we so carefully completed. We made colourful posters incorporating Diwali patterns and graphics, made candle holders and some of us had the perseverance to create intricate rangoli patterns using a technique called 'quilling'.



Our Saxons topic is continuing, and we are now investigating village life in Saxon times, remembering our time at Jarrow Hall to help us label the features of Saxon houses. Topic work is still closely tied in with literacy lessons with Mr Fernandes. We have started the book 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman and have already produced some fantastic writing linked with it. We love that it links back to our 'Viking Boy' work in year 4!



In maths, we are now looking at statistics, and have already shown that we can understand bar charts, pictograms and line graphs.

What an active week we are having as well, with our first swimming session taking place and rugby sessions just having started. In science, we have started a new topic about properties of materials, and we are developing our scientific vocabulary.

## Year 6

Year six have settled back well after the half-term. They enjoyed the visit from the local fire service on Tuesday, with the chance to look at the equipment on board the engine, and more importantly, listen to all the cool sirens.



In topic, we have been learning more about Winston Churchill, and his role in the Battle of Britain. In RE, the children learned about Diwali celebrations on Thursday, and used clay to create ceramic hand dishes decorated in patterns. The children are also excited to start their rugby coaching this Friday.





## Cookery Club

The new set of budding cooks kick started their cookery club with a delicious Oreo Cheesecake. There was much oohhing and aaahing as the smell of crushed Oreos filled the air. Lots of whisking happened and then a crumbled topping of more Oreos before the cooks headed home desperately looking for the biggest spoon they could lay their hands on. Happy munching!



## Diary Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Reception Class Meeting	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 5:00pm
Year One Class Meeting	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 5:30pm
Year 2 Class Meeting	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm
Year 5 Class Meeting	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 5:30pm
Year 6 Class Meeting	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm
Year 3 Class Meeting	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 5:30pm
Year 4 Class Meeting	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm
Remembrance Day	11.11.21
Children in Need	<b>19.11.21</b>