

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." — Carl Bard

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week so far.

Our use of digital to enhance the learning in the classrooms and support children to access the learning, continues. The children are engaging in their learning and are feeling successful. We had the Director of Education and a Principal from Amadeus Trust to visit us on Wednesday to look at our use of digital and AI and they were extremely impressed in how the children engage in their learning, the calm behaviour and how beautiful the school looked. We have offered our support as collaboration with other schools is so important. Some feedback was, "It was incredible to see how engaged, enthused and invested both pupils and staff are in ensuring that teaching and learning is accessible for all."

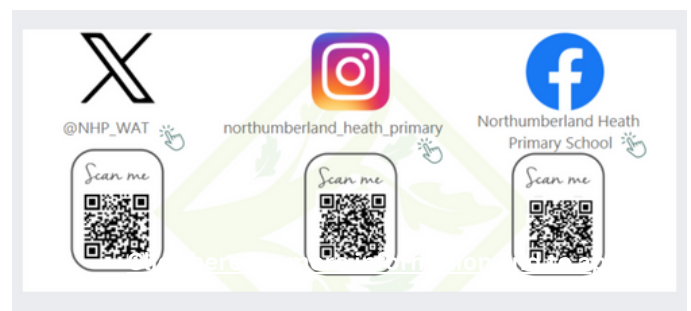
Some of our Year 5 children went to Hurstmere School to play dodgeball with some other primary schools. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mr Franklin and Miss McLelland for taking them.

On Thursday, we celebrated our stars of the week and the class with the highest attendance in Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. Well done to all those who received a certificate.

Good news! Bexley council have agreed to put in the zebra crossing near our school on Brook Street. This will be great for our children and will make it safer to cross the road. They are looking to do this either in the Easter or summer holidays.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and see you all on Monday.

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team!



Early Years



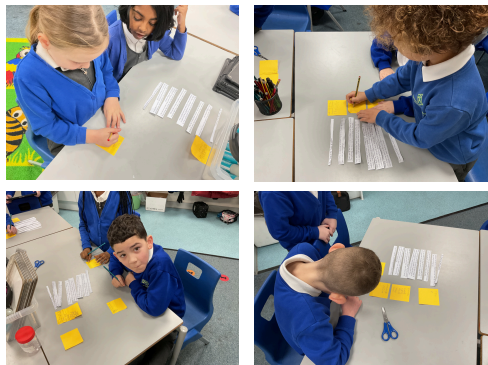
Bluebells have been busy this week. As part of our 'Cultural Capital' learning, we have started to learn some of each other's home languages. This week we were delighted to have welcomed one of our parents, Miss Mersin into the classroom. She taught us how to say some words and phrases in Turkish. We learnt how to say Good morning / goodbye, yes and no. We also started to listen to numbers from 1-10 in Turkish. We embraced the learning and it helped us to respect each other's individuality.

Year 1 enjoyed their trip to the library this week. They each chose a book to take back to class to share and enjoy.



Year One

Year Two



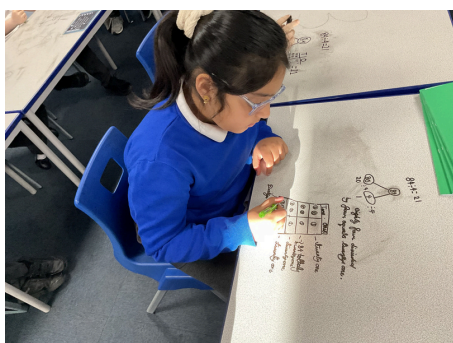
This week in Year 2, we have been exploring recount writing. We started by identifying and learning about the key features of a recount. Next, we practiced ordering and labelling different examples. Using our new knowledge, we wrote detailed recounts about our school trip to the Tower of London. Finally, we edited and refined our writing to make it even better!

Year 3 had an absolute blast on Big Bang Day, creating their own volcanic eruptions! Using baking soda, vinegar, water, and a splash of washing-up liquid, they watched in awe as their homemade volcanoes erupted with fizzing, foamy lava. It was an exciting, hands-on way to learn about reactions, and everyone loved seeing their volcanoes come to life with such a big, bubbly boom!



Year Three

Year Four



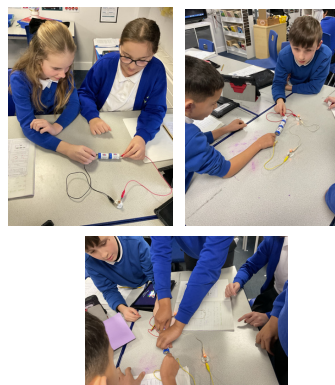
In Year 4, the children have been practicing their division using manipulatives and part whole models to break their questions down in Maths. They enjoyed working collaboratively and focusing on the key vocabulary to explain their answers.

Year Five



This week in Year 5 we started to construct our DT projects for the term. The children started by designing their planets in pairs and painted their boxes, for their CAMS to be hidden into. They have decided which CAMS they will need to create a rotary and reciprocating motion to control their planet to move on an axel.

Year 6 have had an amazing week in science investigating the brightness of a light bulb. We created circuits by connecting crocodile clips to a battery allowing current to flow to the bulb. We added more batteries to find out if it would increase the brightness of the bulb. I wonder how many more we could have added and the effect it might have had.



Year Six

ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
N Bluebells	87.5%
R Catkin	89.9%
R Saplings	88.6%
1 Aspen	93.8%
1 Hawthorn	94.6%
2 Elm	91.0%
2 Nettle	95.3%
3 London Plane	85.2%
3 Mountain Ash	84.5%
3 Silver Birch	78.2%
4 Maple	93.1%
4 Spruce	88.6%
4 Whitebeam	92.9%
5 Beech	93.2%
5 Linden	94.6%
5 Pine	91.8%
6 Cedar	97.3%
6 Elder	92.0%
6 Oak	94.8%

STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Sehaj
Bluebells PM	Abela
Catkin	Tyler
Saplings	Eno
Aspen	Melody
Hawthorn	Vivaan
Elm	Harry
Nettle	Serenity
London Plane	Ana-Maria
Silver Birch	Semra
Mountain Ash	Reggie

Maple	Samuel
Spruce	Mia
Whitebeam	Amelia
Pine	Freddie
Beech	Isla C
Linden	Henry
Oak	Bonnie
Cedar	Xavier
Elder	Isabelle

SAFEGUARDING

We are reaching out to discuss a topic of concern regarding the popular Netflix series Squid Game. Although this show has received a lot of attention in the media, it is important to be aware that Squid Game is rated for mature audiences and is not appropriate for children.

The series contains graphic violence, adult themes, and distressing content that is unsuitable for young viewers. Exposure to such material at a young age can negatively impact children's emotional and psychological development. It may also lead to confusion or fear, as children may struggle to distinguish between fictional scenarios and reality.

As a school, we encourage families to monitor the media their children consume and to promote age-appropriate entertainment. Open conversations about what is appropriate for their age group can also help children make better choices as they grow.

If your child mentions or displays behaviours inspired by Squid Game—whether during playtime or discussions—it's important to remind them that such content is not suitable for them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need advice or support on how to address these concerns at home.

Sign of the Week

We have introduced Sign of the Week at NHP.

Our first sign is Work.

We are embracing inclusivity in our school so each week we will send a new Sign of the Week and we encourage you to practice this at home with your children



Coming up...

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 2025



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Vlad, Eno, Alessia, Tillie-Harriet, Grayson



Please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd	4th	5th Year 6 SATs Info Event 3.30pm Online Exploitation Information Session 2.30pm and 6pm	6th	7th Last day of clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10th Y3 Trip to Sea Life	11th Safer Internet Day	12th	13th Last Day of Term	14th No School. Return to school Monday 24th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24th Return to school	25th	26th	27th	28th

Reminder

No clubs week commencing 10th February

WEEKLY EVENTS (Clubs finish at 4.10pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year Three - Choir Year Four - Choir Year Five - Choir Year Six - Choir	Year Three - Times Tables Year Four - Times Tables Year Five - Coding Year Six - Coding	Year One - Multi Skills & Board Games Year Two - Multi Skills & Board Games		