



Newsletter: 10.9.21

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 210 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

**Excellent behaviour this week!**

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2
28/29	30/30	26/26	30/30

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
25/25	26/26	18/18	27/28

**Well done everyone!**

## Stars of the week

Nursery: whole class

Reception: whole class

Class 1: RJ

Class 2: whole class

Class 3: whole class

Class 4: CCP

Class 5: HB

Class 6:

**Well Done!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 96.8% and 5 late.

Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date: 96.8%

Nursery  
95% 0 late

Reception  
95.8% 1 late

Class 1  
94.2% 0 late

Class 2  
98.8% 0 late

Class 3  
98.5% 0 late

Class 4  
95.7% 1 late

Class 5  
96.5% 0 late

Class 6  
100% 3 late

## Up and Coming Key Dates

13 Sept 21, 27 May 22, 25 +26 July 22	<b>INSET DAYS</b> <i>Please use these to plan ahead for holidays.</i>
22 to 24 September	KS2 residential visit
6 October 21	Parents' evening 3.15 -6 details to follow
22 October 21	Break up for half term
1 November 21	Return to school

Further dates will be added as the term progresses

## E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk). Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Take care with Tik Tok. Remember that Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

It has been wonderful to have all the children in Nursery this week. They have amazed us with how well they have all settled and adapted to a new routine. This week we have been focusing on learning our nursery routine.

We have also been exploring our new classroom, we have especially enjoyed playing in the sand and water this week, which might explain all the wet jumpers we have been bringing home! We are working on remembering to put an apron on when we do something messy. All of our children have painted a self portrait this week. We looked at photographs of ourselves, discussed our features and tried hard to choose the right colours to represent our features. This week all of our nursery children are our stars, we are so proud of them all.

## Reception @MD\_Reception

A big welcome back to everyone! The first week has flown by so fast! Reception have been very mature this week and shown exceptional behaviour. The children have begun their new topic for the half term, 'All About Me'. We have introduced ourselves to each other and spoken about our adventures in the holidays.

In English the children have been drawing themselves or someone special to them. We have started to learn to recognise or write some of the letters of our name too! Next week we will be talking about our families. Please could the children bring a photo of their family into school by Wednesday 15th September which can stay in class for the half term.

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

Wow! What a wonderful start to the new year. The children have all coped amazingly well with such a difference in their environment. They have shown just how resilient they are and their artwork, of themselves, has been really fantastic. They have been writing about themselves and dancing to 'Beat It' Maths. Homework will be in their bags and I am looking forward to reading their wonderful sentence to accompany their spellings. Keep learning those number bonds to aim to reach the top of the Number Bonds League. Here is a YouTube clip to explain what number bonds

are: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyK8IEO5-GI>. Terrific start and they all deserve a big hug.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

Welcome back everyone and well done Class 2 on a wonderful first week back in school. The children have settled well into their new class and are really working hard. Keep up this fantastic attitude to your learning Class 2. Our topic this half term is 'Me and My Family' where the children will be learning about changes within living memory. We have been discussing this week how your living memory increases with age and so their parents' and grandparents' living memory is longer than their own. As part of our research for the topic, the children will be compiling questions to ask both their parents and grandparents about their memories. On receiving the questions, please send your answers back to school so that your child can complete the learning activities. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

Year 3 have had a great first week of being KS2! Everyone has settled in very well and the attitude towards learning has been great! We have started our new topic in Maths of Place Value which the children have a very good understanding of from their previous learning in Year 2. In Literacy our new topic is Narratives and we have been looking at different texts and questioning them. This is something the children were very engaged in and worked well together. We started our PE outside this week and the children worked on their teamwork skills to create their own obstacle courses and it was clear for me to see that they have great relationships with each other. Our new

Science topic is "Animals including Humans" and we started by looking at what animals eat and food chains which started some great discussion.

It is great to have everyone back and get to know all the children. This week Star of The Week is the whole class for how they have settled back in so well. Well done class 3 we have had a great start to the new academic year!

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

What a fantastic start to our new year of learning together.

Our teammates new and old have jumped straight into all of their learning and are showing excellent Mill Dam attitudes for learning. This week we have been revisiting some of our key learning from last year in maths, exploring alternative ways (postcards) of creating a short narrative, based on the book 'At the Beach', have been gobbling up our new book 'Who let the Gods out?', including using our learning about Greek gods from last year, explored resilience and have kept going when we fall into the learning dip, learned about the components of a computer network and explored clay as a material for creating art. What a week! Next week we will be restarting our weekly spelling and times tables tests so please practice these at home, and check out our page on the school website for this half term's home learning project.

For daily updates on our learning make sure you are following us on Twitter: @MD\_Class4. If you already follow us it is the same account, we have just changed the name.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

Welcome back everyone and congratulations on settling so well to our brand new class. In English we have begun to look at description using an image of a character. The children discussed the character and shared ideas before doing a short piece of writing to use the skills they had learnt last year. In maths we have begun to look at number and place value. Our topic work has begun and the children have mind-mapped what they already know about coasts and will add to their mind-map as they learn more. This week our star of the week is HB, he has shown great resilience throughout the week, well done

HB.

## Class 6 @MD\_Class6

Class 6 have had a great start to the new year! They have settled in well and are all trying their very best in all lessons. In Maths we have been looking at place value up to 10 million, knowing what each digit represents and ordering numbers. For English we have been recapping grammar ready for fantastic writing in the weeks ahead and reading The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo to help us with this week's work. We have started our topic on Coasts, locating towns on the coast around Britain. We have found out the coastal places the class has visited: we are all familiar with the Yorkshire coast! We have talked about fixed and growth mindset and realised quite a lot of us already have a growth mindset. We will all be working at it this year. Well done, Class 6.

**Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson** What a fantastic start to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and the positive attitude and excellent work ethic from all of the children have been an absolute pleasure. May I take this opportunity once again to thank you for all of your support during these unusual times. Please note the changes to times which have returned to normal this year and the changes to collection and drop off points which are still slightly different to normal. Our tweaks during the week seem to have improved this. However, we do still have some families arriving later than expected. We start learning at 8.50am and children enter their classrooms at around 8.45 to allow for this. Please make sure your child is on the premises by 8.45 at the latest so that they don't miss the essential start to the day's learning.

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