

Newsletter - Term 3

10th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a really lovely week in school and although we still have a number of staff and children absent due to Covid-19, we are finally starting to return to a more 'normal' school life. As I write this, I can hear children outside laughing, I can hear singing and today I have seen children playing badminton, sitting reading in our library areas and enjoying their learning all around school.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and messages of support for Mr Bladon. He is still not well enough to return to school, but is thinking of you all – we will hopefully see him back in the playground soon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far this school year and wish you all a happy half term break!

Mrs Cox



Our EYFS children had a ball today – they were celebrating the end of their topic, 'Once Upon A Time.' It was lots of fun, with music, dancing and games. The children looked amazing in their dressing up outfits – thank you!

World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March - Book Swap

As well as dressing up on the 3rd March, if they wish, children may bring in a book from home, to swap with a classmate at school.

Dormice Walk – Wednesday 2nd March.

On 2nd March, Mrs Craigs is planning to take the children in Dormice class for a walk to the park near Tesco's. This is to support their learning in talking about where we live and being able to tell people about a familiar route they know. They will be leaving school at 9.30 am and then be back at school by approximately 11.00 am. We need a ratio of 1 adult to every 3 children to be able to do this walk. We would be very grateful to any parents who you are able to accompany us - please could you let Mrs Craigs know by Thursday 10th February. If your child is not in Nursery on that day and you and your child would like to join us, please let Mrs Craigs know.

Year 1 - please look in your child's book bag this evening. They have brought home something to do with you over the holidays. It won't take long and hopefully it will be enjoyable! Please can you put it back in, so the children bring it back to school after half-term. Thank you!

Assistance Through The Half-Term Break

If you feel you need help throughout the holidays, or indeed at any time, please contact the school office as we can connect you with various agencies who can help.

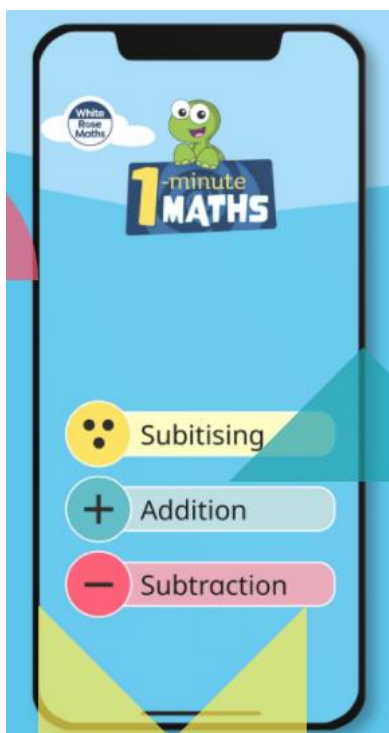
Please remember, all children can access free lunches during the holiday, from Horncastle ChEF (Children Eat Free) at the Community Centre, on Monday, Weds and Friday 11.30 am – 12.30 pm. Additionally, if you need to contact the Crisis Team, you can do so on 07599 023501 or by emailing communitylarder@gmail.com

School Office - 01507 522662 enquiries@horncastleprimary.co.uk

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Great app for Key Stage 1 Maths

White Rose Maths 1-MinuteMaths is a fantastic app for EYFS and KS1 pupils. It is free and encourages early number and number facts learnings.



Who's it for?

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting — and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

How does it work?

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.