



# Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy  
Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parents,

Children continue to settle in to new expectations and routines at the start of the year. As they move to the next year group, expectations increase and that can be very challenging, particularly in Year 1. Mrs McCluskey will be leading forest school for Year 1 children, on Thursday afternoons from next week. This will be a 3 week rota, starting with class 4 on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, class 5 on 10<sup>th</sup> October, class 6 on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Children will need suitable footwear (bring wellies to change into if needed) and outdoor coats for these sessions.

In school reception classes have begun their daily phonics and are practising writing their names each morning. They enjoy 'explorer time' which has been structured by the adults to reinforce the important learning. Teachers have completed the baseline assessments which mean that they will spend time with the children establishing routines and behaviour expectations. They are working on number recognition, subitising (recognising how many objects there are by pattern) and accurate touch counting with numbers to 5 (lining things up to count them) and beyond when they are ready. Lots of activities in the classroom support their pencil grip and developing letter formation.

Year 2 children have begun their history learning about the Great Fire of London and we are trying to arrange a visit to West Boldon Lodge where they can learn more. They will have the opportunity to make houses and actually set them out, close together and then watch them burn down. They will also have the chance to bake some bread and to eat it on the visit! More information will follow if we manage to book this. We are also hoping to invite the fire brigade to bring an engine to school, particularly as the fire brigade was initiated after the Great Fire of London. Year 2 will also have a visit from Angela's Ark as part of their work on habitats and food chains in science. As yet, the date has not been confirmed.

**REMINDERS:** 'no dogs on school premises at all' .

All bikes and scooters to be left in the rack outside Nursery and not ridden in the yard.

PE uniform **must be school T shirt (yellow)** and black, grey or navy leggings or joggers with **no logos**.

We will be asking for correct kit to be brought to school when children are wearing 'Nike or adidas track suits etc. The only item needed are joggers or leggings to avoid costs for parents! Thank you for your support with this.

Wendy Angus

Nursery new starters... had their first week attending full time





Year 2 children have worked on collage (Great Fire), Mr Twits beard in clay and pencil drawings of animals from science work on habitats this week.



# Art

Year 1 children completed work on lines, using pencils of different grades. Class 4 used charcoal for self-portraits. These were very effective!



