



Frodsham Primary Academy

Newsletter 19

26th January 2024

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Sorry to have to mention this again, please can I remind parents and carers about appropriate clothing for PE day on Friday. Children should be in navy blue, grey or black shorts or jogging bottoms with a white T shirt. Hooded tops or jumpers may be worn, but no sports logos please. School jumpers or cardigans are appropriate wear. Please can we ensure children are in full PE kits each week, no Adidas, Nike etc. Children will be asked to change into a school PE kit next week in school if they have incorrect kit.

In school this week, our subject leaders have been spending time checking what knowledge children have remembered from their learning in the autumn term. Children have then been taking part in retrieval activities including quizzes, Kahoots and ClickView to consolidate past learning. We have been very impressed with children's retention.

Our Y2,3,4 children took part in a planting workshop with the Woodland Trust this week. We travelled by coach to the old golf course near Frodsham Hill. As a collective group, children dug holes and planted 165 trees! WOW! That was in the cold with blustering wind. We learnt that in about 40 years, the trees will have grown to full size. The Woodland Trust will be based there again this Saturday (27th) 10-3pm and any family is welcome to attend for free to help plant more trees.

A huge well done goes to our Y5 and Y6 children who attended a sports event at the leisure centre this week. They competed in many different sporting events against other local schools. They represented our school exceptionally well and showed great determination and resilience.

ClickView seems to be working very well. We have been checking each day to see how many children have engaged with videos at home and how many children have completed their homework and answered the interactive questions. Homework should be complete by Thursday each week. Videos will be either to support future learning or consolidate past learning. But remember, children can watch anything else available on their dashboard. Newsround has been a favourite as well as Horrible Histories.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Callaghan



KCR

COACHING

I have confirmed the booking with KCR coaching who will deliver a football camp for two days during the February half term. We finish school on Friday 9th February.

The camp will run on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February. KCR charge £12 per child but as a school, we are subsidising this cost. The cost for your child to attend will be £7 per day. Club will run from 9.00-2.00pm.

I will add the cost of this onto Parent Pay this week. Children will need to come dressed in sports clothing and trainers (football boots if you have them). Children should bring a packed lunch with them.

We have 20 children who expressed an interest so this enables the club to go ahead. If any more children wish to add on, please come and speak with me and I will add you onto Parent Pay.

CLICKVIEW

With money raised from the last Bingo night we have purchased the online app ClickView.

ClickView has a bank of educational videos, TV documentaries, Newsround and also allows continued access to the Disney Channel. Children can explore ClickView independently as all clips on there will be age appropriate and are curated to only allow children to watch things within their age limit. Videos link to all areas of the National Curriculum but also allows children time to watch things of interest to them personally. Videos such as Beauty and the Beast, Nemo and Home Alone are all available on ClickView. Educationally, children can also consolidate their learning on adjectives, verbs, nouns and mathematical concepts. Children can watch clips about their favourite history topic or learn about the wider world through geography linked clips. If there is something you find your child struggles with at home, type into the search bar and try and find a linked video for children to watch. Many of the clips are interactive with questions for the children to answer as they go through.

This week, teachers have set homework on ClickView for each child. You should see this in your child's dashboard when they log in.

Children should all have come home with their log in details so that they can access this from home. We hope you enjoy!

If you have any problems accessing from home, please call into school and a teacher will demonstrate how to set it up.

▶ ClickView Parent Info Guide



How can ClickView support your child's learning?

ClickView provides teachers and students access to thousands of interactive videos and related resources to support learning and teaching. All ClickView produced content is developed with subject experts, ensuring it's age appropriate and aligned to the Australian Curriculum.



High-quality resources for learning

ClickView provides a library of video content explicitly aligned to the curriculum. Students and teachers can confidently access high-quality video resources that have been purpose-made in Melbourne, or educationally curated from a selection of pay-TV or free-to-air programs.



Engaging and interactive

Teachers can find, edit and share relevant educational videos with students, including interactive learning tasks, through which teachers can monitor each student's understanding. Students can upload and share their work with teachers and other students to demonstrate their learning.



Access videos anytime, anywhere

Teaching staff can share clips with students to view at home so they can use class time for quality discussions, higher-order thinking and problem-solving.



Safe and age-appropriate

ClickView resources feature Australian content classifications to help ensure students are accessing age-appropriate materials.

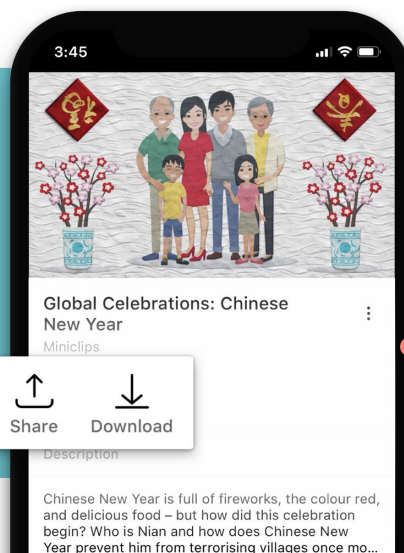
Get started with ClickView at home

1. Go to online.clickview.com.au on any browser or download the ClickView app.



2. Sign in using your child's school login details.

3. Browse over thousands of educational videos.



Stars of the week

N: Maddox
R: Carter
Y1: Lexy
Y2: Roary
Y3: Charlie
Y4: Leo
Y5: Casey
Y6: McKenzie
RP: Jack

Dojo Champions

Reception: Logan
Year 1: Suzannah
Year 2: Evie-May
Year 3: Hugo
Year 4: Finley
Year 5: Casey
Year 6: Alex
RP: Indianna



Aria (8) Vinnie (9) Kasey (6)

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Learning this week...

This week Snowy Owls have planned and started to write their own superhero stories. Year 1 have been looking at the language features in the example text to support them with what they need to include in their own writing. Reception have been practising to retell the story. In Maths this week Reception have been developing their vocabulary when talking about height. They have been using tall, short, taller, shorter, tallest and shortest to describe the objects around our room and to order the superheroes too. Year 1 have been looking at making fact families using their known addition and subtraction facts for bonds to and within 10. They have also started to think about how using the inverse can help them solve missing number problems too. In Science this week we have been looking at grouping objects through observation of how they can change. For example, when stretched, ripped, twisted or bent. Another brilliant week! Well done Snowy Owls!

Miss Sands

This week in Hawk Owls we have had lots of extra-curricular enrichment! On Wednesday we were invited by the Woodland Trust to help them plant a variety of saplings in Frodsham woods. They were expecting us to plant between 30 - 60 however the children managed to plant 165! We learnt all about the types of trees we had planted and look forward to visiting again in the future to see how they are growing. On Thursday we took part in a workshop all about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide poisoning in the home. The children learnt about the symptoms to look out for and what to do if they think there is a Carbon Monoxide leak at home. Progress continues to be made in swimming with nearly all children having a go without aids to support them. Well done everybody. In English we have completed our invention narratives and in maths looked at partitioning when doubling and halving larger numbers. We have also started to learn about the Bronze age in History.

Miss Curtis

Wow, what a busy week in Desert Owls. We started off the week with finishing off our flashback narrative in English. The children have impressed myself and Mrs Atherton with their stamina for writing as well as their vocabulary choices. In maths, we are continuing to make progress with fractions and the children have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and then converting to mixed numbers! We have had a sports competition, a Carbon Monoxide workshop and spent an afternoon looking at global trade. On Friday in PSHE, we looked at first aid and how to put people into the recovery position. We also popped into Snowy Owls to show them how to use Rollama as we are the top performing class in school.

A big thank you to the 2 parents that turned up to the SATs information session.

During the session, I shared all the dates of SATs, the boosters we are doing in school and the structure and timings of the papers. I also shared how parents can support their child further at home.

Tawny owls have had a busy week this week with their writing. Children have begun writing up their superhero narratives. They have been taking their time to plan each paragraph before writing it out. Children have also been spending time playing with our 'egg swivel chair' that was bought with the money we raised at the Christmas fair. Children are enjoying using it as a sensory release and a 'hide out'. Children have also completed more learning on their geography topic of 'the UK', this week children we able to consolidate their understanding of the countries that make up the UK, their capital cities and the seas that surround it.

Miss Pemberton

Diary of events for Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January	Start back to school
Monday 8th January	Forest school starts for Reception
Monday 8th January 2.30pm	Reception and Y1 curriculum information session for parents
Tuesday 9th January 2.30pm	Year 2,3,4 curriculum information session for parents
Wednesday 10th January 2.30pm	Year 5 and Year 6 curriculum information session for parents. Helsby High Head teacher will be attending this session too.
Tuesday 11th January	Swimming sessions begin for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 19th January	Y6 Helsby Big Maths
Tuesday 23rd January 3.30pm	SATS information session for Y6 parents
Wednesday 24th January	Tree planting event for Y2/Y3/Y4
Thursday 8th February	Book look for all classes 3.30-4.00pm
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term at 3.20pm
Monday 19th February	Children return to school

**Please take a note of term dates
These are also on the school website**



Frodsham Primary Academy
School Term Dates 2023-2024



Autumn Term 2023

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6 th September	Friday 20 th October	Monday 6 th November	Wednesday 20 th December
33 days		33 days	

Spring Term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 rd January	Friday 9 th February	Monday 19 th February	Thursday 28 th March
28 days		29 days	

Summer term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 8 th April	Friday 24 th May May	Monday 3 rd June	Thursday 18 th July
34 days		33 days	

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday
5th September 2023
Tuesday 28th June 2024
Friday 19th July 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024



School Term Dates for Frodsham Primary Academy September 2024 - July 2025

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 18 th October
October Half Term	Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Break	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
February Half Term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February	Friday 11 th April
Easter Break	Monday 14th April – Monday 21st April	
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
Whit Holiday	Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	
Summer Term 2	Monday 2 nd June	Friday 18 th July

INSET TRAINING DAYS (staff only – children are not in school)

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Friday 27th June
- Monday 21st July
- Tuesday 22nd July

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

