



Headteacher's Introduction

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and that 2022 has got off to a great start! The children have come back to school refreshed and raring to go and are already thoroughly immersed in their new topics for this half term. The learning overviews for all year groups can be seen on our school website under the curriculum tab and highlight the range of learning that will be taking place over this half term.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Innes

What have we been working on this week?

This term in all classes we will be working on learning and memorising key recall facts - addition for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children and multiplication for Key Stage 2 children. This will support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work we do in school. Research shows that to become fluent in use of mathematical facts, children need to be taught strategies in order to help them make links.

In our staff meeting this week we have been looking at different ways to teach the children strategies and the order that these facts should be taught. Once children have been taught the strategies, we will continue to practice in order to increase speed and fluency.

We have signed up to Times Table Rockstars and will be sharing further information about this fantastic resource shortly.

E-safety tip of the week

At Christmas, many lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. National Online Safety have created top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as adjusting the screen time settings, setting windows limits and installing Xbox family settings.

Deaf Awareness

We will be focusing on feelings and emotions this half term and will be sharing two signs every week to build our bank of BSL signs.





Upcoming events

Future date for Early Years and Year 1 Parents and Carers

We are making a change to the way we deliver phonics and early reading. As a school we have selected to use 'Little Wandle' which is a refreshed version of the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme which we have used in the past.

All staff across school have been through a vigorous training programme which will ensure consistency and fidelity to the programme. There are some changes we would like to share with you about phonics and reading expectations at home.

Therefore we would like to invite you to a meeting to share these new and exciting changes. The phonics and early reading meetings will take place on;

Monday 24th January at 4:30pm - EYFS parents.

Monday 24th January at 5:00pm - Year 1 parents.

THE PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

ENROLLING NOW!

IN YORK

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

WEST END PERFORMANCES
IN PQA'S EXCLUSIVE SHOWS!

PQA CINEMA SCREENINGS
AT YOUR LOCAL CINEMA!

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON EXAMS
FREE TRINITY EXAMS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS!

QUIRKY KIDZ
JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE AGENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK!

FREE OPEN DAY
22ND JAN 2022

PQA BRINGS THEIR FANTASTIC PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCE TO YOUR AREA!

FRIENDLY AND REWARDING SESSIONS FOR 4 – 18 YEAR OLDS IN COMEDY & DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE AND FILM & TELEVISION

PQA YORK

Saturdays 9.45am-1.00pm & 1.45pm-5.00pm
Huntington School, York, YO32 9WT
Contact James Aconley on 07753 179070 or james@pqacademy.com