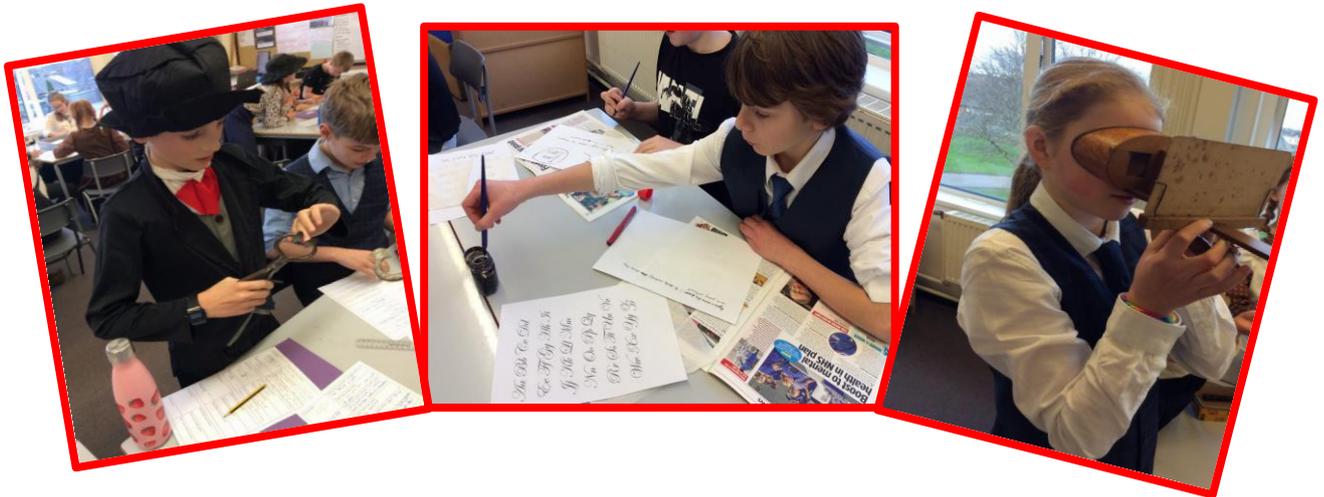




Headteacher's Introduction

This week our Year 6 children had a themed Victorian day in school which they thoroughly enjoyed! Pupils compared and contrasted today's classrooms with Victorian ones, including learning which subjects were taught to boys and girls separately - they couldn't believe that there were usually between 60 and 70 pupils in one room! The day was jam-packed with activities: nature drawing; 'drill' on the playground; copperplate handwriting with quills, calligraphy pens and ink; learning about crime and punishment, including potential crimes from their ancestors; and studying artefacts and their unusual purposes. Thank you for your support with the outfits; we really appreciate the effort and the Year 6 team loved teaching Charles Dickens, Florence Nightingale and the chimney sweeps for the day! We have future themed days in other year groups planned for this half term which I'm sure will be just as successful.

As ever, have a lovely weekend
Mrs Innes



What have we been working on this week?

We have had a focus this week on our Design Technology curriculum. Mr Dyer led a great staff meeting in which staff planned opportunities for the children to learn a wealth of skills, from food preparation to sawing and sewing, in order to give the children inspiring and engaging opportunities to apply these skills as engineers and chefs. We're very exciting about the Design Technology that we've planned for the coming weeks and months ... stand by for more information about what your child will be doing!



Times Tables Rockstars

Next week in school, pupils in years 3 - 6 will be beginning their journeys to becoming 'Times Tables Rockstars'. The online programme (and iOS and Android app) uses a rock music theme as a fun, interactive way to practice multiplication facts, where pupils select and manage their own avatar.

Pupils will set their accounts up next week in school using their individual logins which will be sent home next Friday 11th February, along with further details for parents/carers via Parent Pay. Miss Bevins





Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be encouraging children to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. We have planned lots of activities across school and we will be taking part in many different mindfulness activities including yoga, a mindful mile and meditation.

We will round off the week with **'Wear Your Scarf to School Day'** on **Friday the 11th February**. Children can wear a scarf of their choice in school throughout the day.

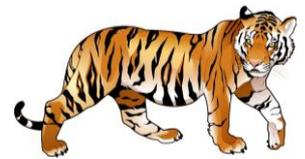
Attached with the newsletter is a wellbeing bingo game which you may like to have a go at at home. Please let us know how you get on should you give it a try!

Volunteering in School

We would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents to volunteer to help in school. This can be hugely beneficial for our children and we value your time enormously. Usually, volunteers would support with practical activities, reading with individuals, supporting children, creative lessons and other tasks. If you are interested and can offer some time each week, please contact the school office.

Team Tigers

We have a super set of Year 6 boys who have set up their own Team Tigers group to raise awareness and money for the World Wildlife Fund. You may have seen them selling buns and biscuits on the school drive on a Tuesday after school. They have suggested another great idea of holding a non uniform day on the last Friday of this half term. Children can come to school dressed in Tiger colours or just non uniform of their choice. A contribution of £1 would be gratefully received and all money raised will go to WWF.

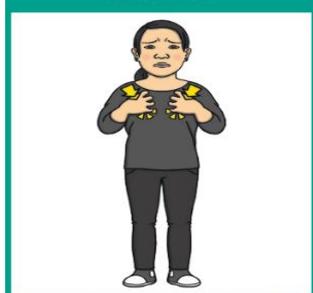


E-safety tip of the week

This week's tip of the week is a reminder about joining our incredible National Online Safety resource. This is a brilliant resource for learning all about how to keep our children safe online, and when using a wide range of technologies. It's completely free, and is a brilliant way to keep your knowledge of apps, TV programmes and websites up to date. For more information about how to join, see the e-safety part of the Hempland website, or speak to your class teacher. It's free and easy to join.

Deaf Awareness

scared



nervous





Dates for the week ahead

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 7 th February	
Tuesday 8 th February	Year 1 History of Toys Day
Wednesday 9 th February	Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thursday 10 th February	
Friday 11 th February	Wear Your Scarf to School Day

Future diary dates

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th February **Hempland Art Gallery Week**

Tuesday 15th February **Year 2 Shackleton Day**

Friday 18th February **Year 3 Robot Day**

Friday 18th February **'Team Tigers' non uniform day**