

Goodbye January

Hello February



Your Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Fennelly

If you have a worry you can talk to your teacher or an adult you trust.

We also have other important people in school who know what to do if you have a serious worry – their pictures are below:



Mrs Fennelly
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs De Board
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Richards
Gruffalo Class Teacher

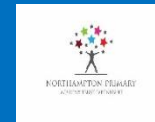


Mrs Holland
Inclusion Leader



Miss Garrard
Nurture Lead

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
4th February	Whole school	Short reports sent home
8th & 10th February	Whole school	TLCs Online Parent Evening meetings
11th February	Whole school	Closes at 3:15pm for half term
22nd February	Whole school	We look forward to welcoming our children back to class at 08:40am promptly
22nd February	Scouting community	Rainbows, Brownies & Cubs can wear their guiding or cub uniform to school



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the school was filled with children touring from one class to the next, looking at the wonderful work that has been produced by every child, as an outcome from our Tempest unit. It was a pleasure to see how proud children were of each other and the positive comments given to each class were a joy to read. As we come to the end of this unit, we are all so proud of every child; their determination and dedication to their learning clearly evident in the amazing work that has been produced. In addition, the resilience that each child has demonstrated to ensure that their work is the best it can be is astounding to be a part of.

The children at SdS love to learn and we are so proud of every child!!

Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Fennelly



Miss Garrard says...

REMINDER



Lessons begin at 8.45am with morning tasks in all classrooms. We know a prompt start in the morning has huge benefits on a child's learning. Unfortunately, repeated lateness can mean children missing vital input required for the day ahead.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time each morning via their classroom.

If your child arrives through the office after 8:45am they will receive a late mark on the register.

Miss Garrard say's...

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

If you receive one of the following benefits then
your child may be entitled:

Income Support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190)

with no element of Working Tax Credit

National Asylum Seekers Support

Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit

Employment and Support Allowance (income
related)

Universal Credit (income dependant)

What does this mean for your child?

£150 towards the following each year:

- School day trips
- School residential trips
- School clubs
- Peripatetic music lessons
- Snacks

You will also receive a £40 school uniform voucher
to spend online at Jules at Home each year.

Please email info@simondesenslis.org if you think
you could be eligible and I will be in contact to
make an application.



A reminder to book your online Parents Evening appointment.

To book your appointment please visit:

<https://simondesenisorg.schoolcloud.co.uk>

All you need to login is the following information:

- Your name
- Your email address
- Full name of your child
- Child's date of birth

Please contact the office if you have any queries

Star of the Week Class Visit



Each week, I visit the children in their classes to celebrate the Star of the Week. During this time, I share a poster to discuss with the children.

This week we celebrated the hard work and dedication that has taken place throughout our Shakespeare unit- The Tempest. The determination from all children has resulted in outstanding pieces of work that we presented today in our whole school showcase. Well done everyone, you're amazing!!
Mrs Fennelly

William Shakespeare's The Tempest

This week each child, from Reception to Year 6, have produced their final piece of writing and art which has been inspired by The Tempest. The outcomes are outstanding, and we are so proud of every child with their engagement and enthusiasm for this unit.

Please take a look at the school twitter account to see videos of the showcase. The outcomes will be shared virtually with you next week via Sway.





Eco Logo Competition



It was wonderful to receive so many great entries to the Eco-Log Competition.

The Year 6 Eco Ambassadors and I met over lunch this week to judge the competition. It was a very difficult job to choose a winner from the superb entries, but after much deliberation, we eventually agreed on one.

We will be announcing the winner next week.



Think of the week

A **think** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.

If we borrow every single book from a library, is it still a library?



Get ready for Big Garden Birdwatch

It's fun, free and for everyone. Join in 28-30 January



giving
nature
a home



Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.

Sign up here and you will get a free bird watching kit to take part:

Take part | Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 - The RSPB

Be one in a million!

In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022?

Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife.

As a conservation charity, we depend on your support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch, you can also make a difference. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

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Big Schools' Birdwatch

How to take part

It's as easy as

1,2,3...

1. **Find the perfect spot to do your Big Schools' Birdwatch.** It can help to put up some feeders a couple of weeks in advance. We've got some advice on making these at www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswildchallenge.
2. **Do your Birdwatch!** Find a place where the children can watch the birds without disturbance, then encourage them to use our simple survey sheets to record what they see.
3. **Tell us your results.** Complete the online form with your class (rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch) between **5 January – 21 February**. This bit's really important, even if you don't see anything on the day. Once you've submitted your sightings, you'll see a graph breaking down your results, and you'll also receive an email with a downloadable certificate to print out for your class.

Once you've completed your Birdwatch and sent in your results, you can use this as one of your **Wild Challenge** activities. You'll find more ideas for taking part in the Wild Challenge award in this pack and online.

Have fun birdwatching!

If you have any queries, please get in touch by emailing education@rspb.org.uk or calling 01767 693680.



The kings of the forests

The Goldcrest and Firecrest may be the smallest birds in Europe, but they are also kings! These unbelievably small birds are both in the kinglet family, with the Goldcrest's Latin name meaning little king, while the Firecrest's means fire-capped little king. Amazingly some of these birds fly cross the North Sea to winter in the UK, some stopping for a break on fishing boats or oil rigs. With their numbers higher, winter is the best time to spot them, especially in coniferous forests or parks with mature trees where they dart between the trees looking for tiny insects to feast on like a king.



The Winter warbler

The UK winter weather used to no place for a wise warbler. But now the sight of a blackcap is becoming more and more common, with many showing up in gardens. In fact that is one of the big reasons why they stay – because the snacks we put out gives them a reliable source of food - making up for the cold grey weather. If you want to encourage black caps to your garden, try putting fruit such as apples or fat in the branches of trees or your hedge.

[Nature's Calendar: January - The RSPB](#)



🏠 / Seasonal wildlife / Winter

1.8 miles from NN4 OPH



STORTON'S PITS

Old gravel pits providing a heaven for animals and insects, less than 2 miles from our school, perfect for a walk, bird watching and insect spotting.

Edgar Mobbs Way NN5 5JE

Nature Reserves | Wildlife Watch

1.8 miles from NN4 OPH



BARNES MEADOW

A mosaic of wetland habitats attracting an abundance of wildlife, within the 3 meadows you may find Heron and Kingfishers amongst lots of other birds, animals and insects.
Less than 2 miles from our school.

NN1 5NG





Since you can't come to us,
let the
⇒ ZOO come to YOU! ⇐

Everything you need to know about our VIRTUAL zoo days

⇒ Virtual Visits are BACK! ⇐

Don't miss out, watch our original LIVE Virtual Zoo Days.

We have been going LIVE on our Facebook and YouTube pages for a **WHOLE DAY** of *amazing animal antics!* Packed full of *fantastic facts*... it's the **PERFECT** way to learn, all from the comfort of your own sofa!

From **AMAZING** aardvarks, an elephant **POOL PARTY** and **fantastic** fossal



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www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo

APPLY YOUR COMPUTING SKILLS AT HOME



TRICKY TRAFFIC

Age:

7-9 years

Concepts:

Algorithms, Decomposition

Overview:

Help the drivers of Red and Blue town avoid disaster using decomposition skills!

[Play now](#)



BAREFOOT ZOO

Age:

5-11 years

Concepts:

Abstraction

Overview:

Help Ranger Jack use the powers of abstraction to save his struggling zoo!

[Play now](#)

Barefoot computing has a range of interactive game for children aged between 5-11 to apply the skills learnt in their computing lessons. These games cover a range of concepts taught in computing including algorithms, decomposition and abstraction.

If you would like to apply your skills and play some fun interactive computing games at home, you can find them here:

<https://www.barefootcomputing.org/homelearning#interactivegames>

20 Books to Read in 2022

Can you read one of each type of book this year? Print off this grid and in the box, write the title of the book you read!



A funny book:	A comic book:	A book about someone who has made a 'dent in the universe':	A book you like the front cover of:
A book with a female main character:	A book with an evil character:	A fantasy book:	A picture book:
A book you would recommend to your teacher:	A book set in another country:	A book written from before you were born:	A poetry book:
A non-fiction book:	A book set in the past:	A book with a one-word title:	A book set in the future:
A book by an author you have never heard of:	A book recommended by a family member:	A book with a male main character:	A book from a library:



Inside Out PE Home Learning

Time to Learn:

- Lay out items of clothing on the floor in a safe space, making sure that some items of clothing are turned inside out. [Click to add text](#)
- Player one is going to try and turn all the items of clothing inside out, player two is going to try and turn all the items of clothing the right way round.
- Play for three minutes. At the end of the game the player who has the most pieces of clothing 'their way' is the winner.



Can you
play fairly and
encourage
each other?



Keep active at home.

Have fun with this game at home and help tidy up at the same time! Enjoy.

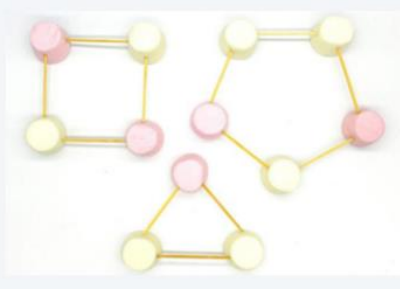
Miss Bland

maths

Have fun this weekend with marshmallows and toothpicks to make 2D and 3D shapes!

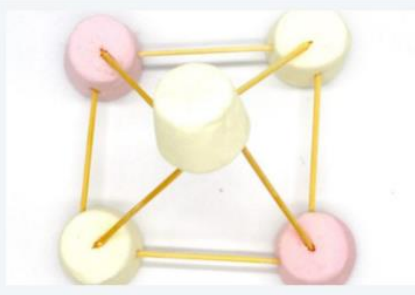
Challenge 1: 2D shapes

Connect the marshmallows to make 2D shapes such as a square, triangle and pentagon. Give younger children the correct number of marshmallows and toothpicks to help them get started.



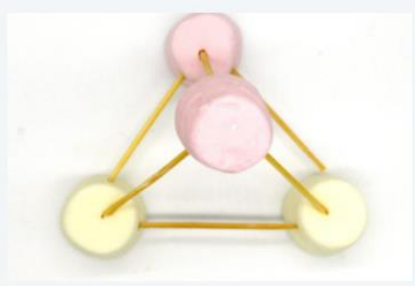
Challenge 3: Pyramid

Make a 2D square to use as the base. Add 3 toothpicks, one at each corner, pointing upwards. Then join them together with one more marshmallow at the top.



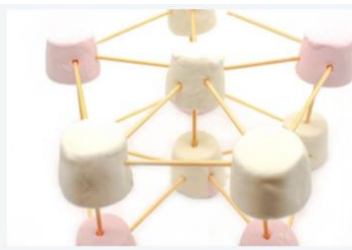
Challenge 5: Triangular-based pyramid

This time use a 2D triangle as the base. Add 3 toothpicks, one at each corner, pointing upwards. Then join them together with one more marshmallow at the top.



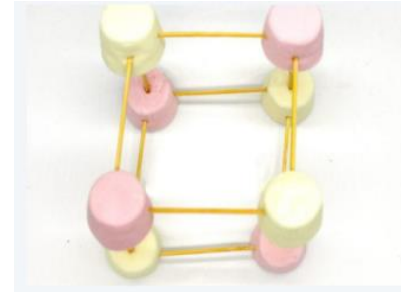
Challenge 7: Pentagonal prism

Use a snowflake base to build up a pentagonal prism. You can use the same method to build up octagons or pentagons into 3D shapes too.



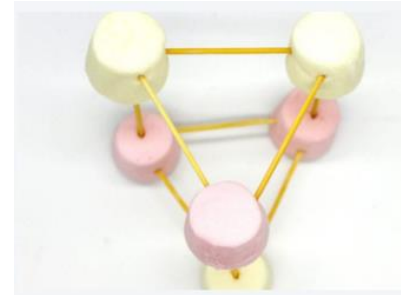
Challenge 2: Cube

Start with the 2D square made in challenge 1 and add a toothpick to each corner, sticking up vertically. Then carefully build another 2D square and stick on top.



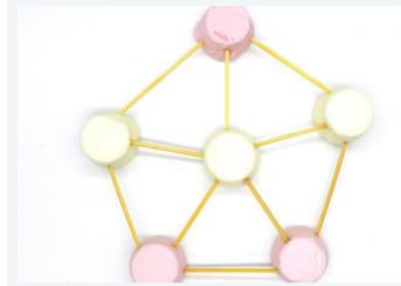
Challenge 4: Triangular prism

Make two 2D triangle shapes. Add a toothpick to each corner of one of the triangles, sticking up vertically. Carefully add the second triangle on top to form a prism.



Challenge 6: Snowflake

Now try making more complex shapes, like this 2D snowflake shape with spokes.



Enjoy!



Parent and Carer Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park on junctions or over driveways. This is especially prevalent in the roads close to school. We have received complaints regarding parking at drop off and collection times and therefore asked our PCSOs to come and monitor this. In the New Year PCSO Shelton and Evans will visit us regularly.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosds>

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Holiday Fun



February Half Term 2022 Holiday Activities

 Music	 Atomic Science
Big Bubble  Cheerleading!	YOGA and Mindfulness 
	 Sports

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Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children ages 5-11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?











To book spaces please visit: www.northamptonesco.co.uk, you can book as many days as you require. Full details can be seen on our website/facebook page.

What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks. Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls. Must drop off and pick up children.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535 762

February Half Term 2022 Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February					
Monday 14 th February	Tuesday 15 th February	Wednesday 16 th February	Thursday 17 th February	Friday 18 th February	Venue
Science 	Big Bubble 	Big Bubble 	Cheerleading 	Science 	Cedar Road Primary School Cedar Road East, Northampton, NN3 2JF.
Sports 	Yoga 	Music 	Yoga 	Sports 	

TRILOGY



TRILOGY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

14-18
February

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SPIDER-MAN:

No Way
Home (12A)

Sing 2 (U)

Kids Screens are FREE to Junior Active
members, £4.50 for junior non-members
and £5.40 for adult non-members



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Our OFSTED registered playschemes at Duston Sports Centre and Lings Forum
Leisure Centre provide childcare for 5-13 year olds (5 year olds must have started
Year 1 at school) throughout February half term in a COVID secure way.

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- Available 8.30am-5.30pm.
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- Call 01604 838333 to secure your child's place

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A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

28TH JANUARY 2022



Damaged coral reefs can still provide food

A study, led by Lancaster University, finds damaged coral reefs can still provide seafood. The research team used more than 20 years of data from the Seychelles, where tropical reefs have been destroyed by coral bleaching. Coral bleaching is when corals become white due to various stressors, such as changes in temperature, light, or nutrients.

“coral reefs may be more resilient to climate change than previously thought”

Bleaching occurs when coral polyps expel the algae (zooxanthellae) that live inside their tissue, causing the coral to turn white. The study reveals coral reefs may be more resilient to climate change than previously thought; damaged reef fisheries remain rich sources of micronutrients, even increasing in nutritional value for some



Pictured: Corals and tropical fish.
Source: Canva

minerals. This will bring hope to more than six million people, who work in small-scale fisheries and rely on tropical reefs. Dr James Robinson, who led the study, said: "We found that some micronutrient-rich reef species become more abundant after coral bleaching, enabling fisheries to supply nutritious food despite climate change impacts."

Colour changing car

BMW have just unveiled their first colour-changing car: the BMW iX Flow featuring E Ink. "In the future, BMW customers may change the colour of their car with the push of a button," BMW project lead, Stella Clarke said. The new BMW has electronic ink (E Ink), which allows you to instantly change the exterior colour of the car from white to grey to black. The specially developed body wrap on the car has paint which, when stimulated by electrical signals, brings different coloured pigments to the surface, allowing the

colour and pattern of the car to change at any point in time, whenever the owner fancies. This feature, while being described as futuristic and cool, could also have practical uses, allowing the owner to flash their car's paint to find their vehicle more rapidly in car parks. The car also has a 31-inch (about 80cm) BMW theatre screen with smart TV functions and a resolution of up to 8K! We will, however, still need to wait a while to see these cars on our roads as they haven't gone into production yet!

Pictured: BMW iX Flow featuring E Ink. Source: BMW's Twitter page





Pictured: A border collie, like Dr Cuaya's Kun-kun
Source: Canva

Bilingual dogs!

A recent study, conducted by researchers at Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary, has found that dogs can identify different languages! Dr. Laura Cuaya, the first author of the study, became interested to find out if her dog had noticed people speaking in a different language when they moved together from Mexico to Hungary. For the study, Kun-kun (who had only been spoken to in Spanish) and 17 other dogs were trained to lie very still in a brain scanner, which scientists used to watch language-specific areas of their brains,

to determine if the pooches recognised any words in the language they were listening to. "We played them speech excerpts of 'The Little Prince' in Spanish and Hungarian. All dogs had heard only one of the two languages from their owners. So, this way, we could compare a highly familiar language to a completely unfamiliar one," Dr. Cuaya explained. Senior author of the study, Attila Andics, said this "showed for the first time that a non-human brain can distinguish between two languages."

Last week's topic:

Do you think it is important for us to know the history of our universe?



I think yes because if you want to be an astronaut you need to know everything about space and what is dangerous you need to know.

Jenni - age 11

No, I think we should spend the money on learning about and looking after the planet that we live on now!

Tarek -age 9

I think it is very important for us to understand the history of our universe because if we learn about it, we can understand and use this knowledge to expand our space travel.

Freddie Hardy - age 10

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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Democracy

We all have a voice and can share our opinions. Sometimes raising awareness of an issue, such as British Sign Language having no legal status in the UK, can make an impact.



TAKEHOME

24th - 30th
Jan



Should everyone learn sign language?



In the news this week

Ever since Rose Ayling-Ellis became the first deaf contestant to compete in Strictly Come Dancing, the number of people wanting to learn British Sign Language (BSL) has surged. One half of the overall winning couple, Rose was frequently seen using sign language on the show and she used a translator to interpret what others were saying.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen sign language being used or used it yourself?
- > Can you make a list of all the different ways we communicate with each other? E.g. our body language, words, actions etc
- > Do you think sign language is a skill that everyone should learn?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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