



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 1

16th January

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Sway newsletter of 2025! Despite the January weather, it has been a pleasure to see all the children back in school and getting settled into their learning. This term our whole school value is 'Believe' and we are also focusing on two of our learning behaviours- 'Collaboration' and 'Resilience'. These have already been the themes of our assemblies and we will continue to come back to them as we move through the term. Hearing stories of resilience and collaboration from home is always great and we love to celebrate these in school too. This week we were thrilled that 4 of our pupils who attend Chichester Tri Club, were awarded prizes at the club's prize giving evening. What an achievement- well done Daphne, Leah, Freddie and Gabriella.

This week saw the return of United Voices at the Chichester Festival Theatre for the first time in 5 years. It was a wonderful opportunity for our choir to be part of a professional performance in such a prestigious venue. The children performed as part of a whole choir (400 children) and a smaller group. Holly and Chloe (Year 6) stood up in front of the whole audience and introduced songs and the children all sang beautifully. The event was put together by Emily Barden who is always inspirational and so enthusiastic. The children even sang songs that were written by her. Well done to Miss Guppy and Mrs Massey who run the choir. We were very proud of everyone!

On Thursday we had our first ever Maths Day. Mrs Robins organised a fun day of maths activities to motivate and show the children how much fun maths can be. As part of the day the teachers were all renamed a number and the children had to work out by a process of elimination and maths questions which teachers had stolen a piece of cake. This caused lots of excitement and eventually the perpetrators were uncovered as..... Miss Grounds and Mrs Gill! There were fun activities outside involving maths skills- in fact we learnt that maths really is everywhere and we can't get by very long without it at all.

Today was our first class assembly of the term and Year 3 did a great job showing us what they have been learning. Through songs and performance they were incredibly confident and showed what a long way they have come since they started in Butterfly class- well done all.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



United Voices performers

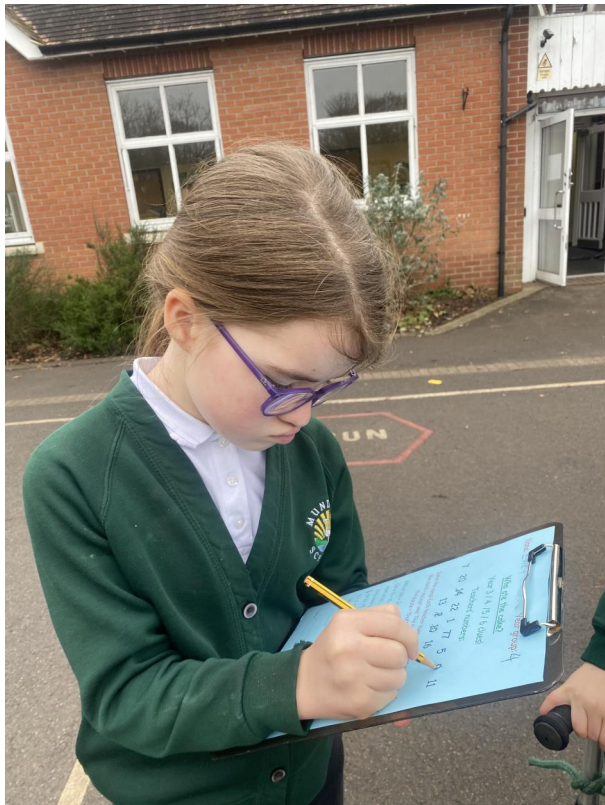


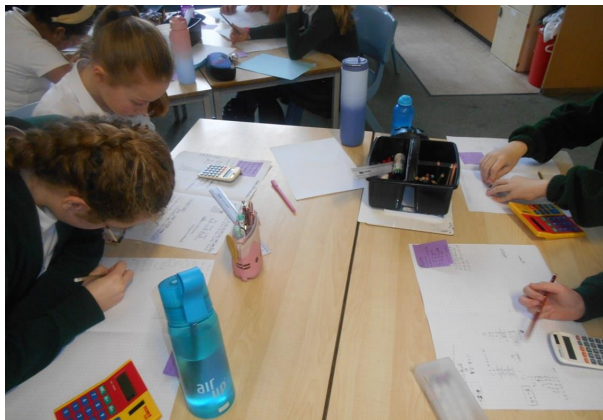


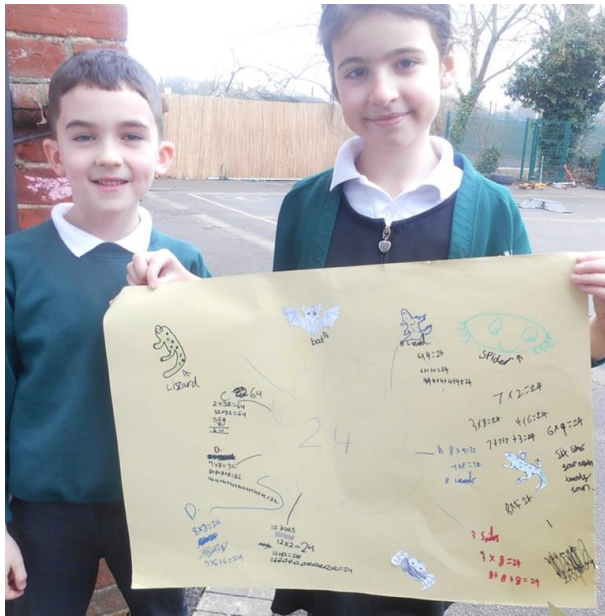
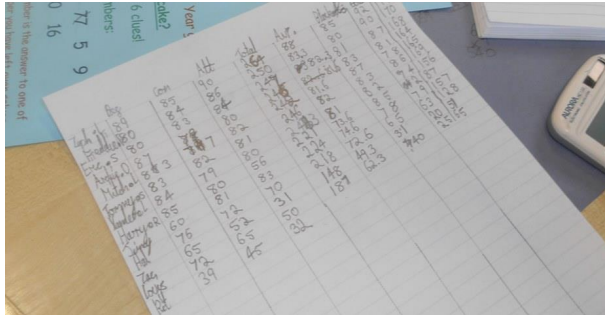


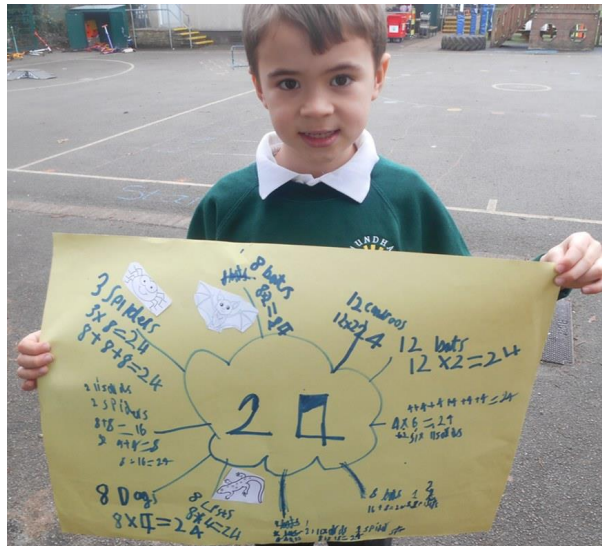
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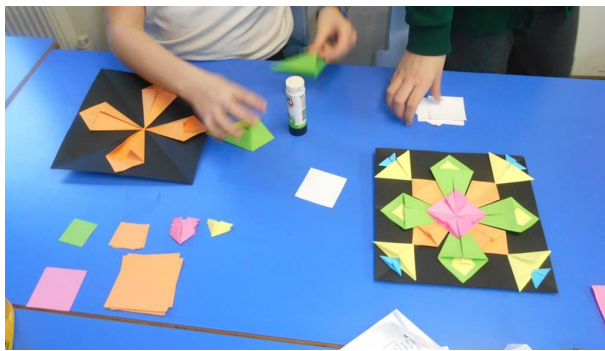














Year 3 assembly







Sporting Events



1 - Congratulations to our Triathletes Daphne, Leah, Freddie and Gabriella who all won awards at Chichester Tri club award evening!



OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



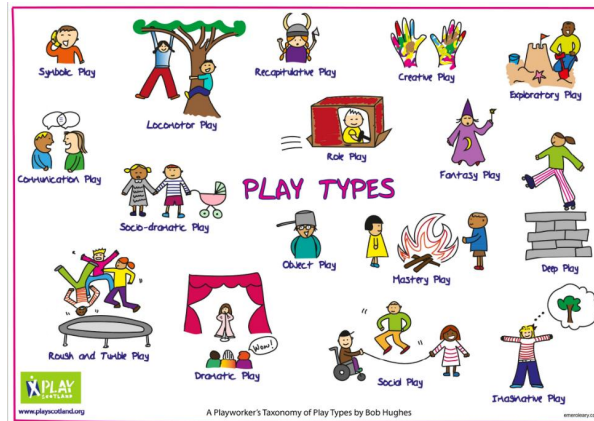
Our OPAL year has started well but the wet and wintry weather means that children **MUST** have waterproof clothing and wellies in school at all times to really take advantage of all the fun that OPAL has to offer.

We are always looking for small world toys to add to our provision- Lego, cars, farm animals, zoo animals, dolls house furniture and toys.

Many thanks



2 - Please remember your wellies!!



3 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.



Internet Safety



4 - UK safer internet has lots of really good advice and resources to help keep children safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Notices and Reminders



Staff News-

Mrs Palin will be absent from school from Tuesday 21st January until Tuesday 4th February for a planned operation. In Y3 Mrs Mills (who is known well to the children) will be covering most of this time along with Mrs Finch who regularly teaches Butterfly class. Mrs Palin has planned the children's work so the transition will be smooth. We wish her well and for a speedy recovery.

School run clubs

These are mostly starting next week and you should have received an email about them this afternoon. Please contact the office if you have any queries about this.

Parking

Residents of the roads opposite the school have, once again, contacted the school regarding parking in those roads. Please remember that this is **NOT** allowed as these are private roads. In addition, we ask that you **DO NOT** Park in the staff car park (next to the bin store). This small area is reserved for staff only and parents parking there causes a significant inconvenience.

Year 1 Royal tea party

This is on Thursday 23rd January- please see earlier letter for details.

Year R NHS health checks

All children in Ladybird class will be screened as part of the national NHS screening checks over the next two weeks. If you have any queries, please speak to the office.

Silent 'Valentine' Discos

After the success of these events last year, the PTA are arranging for the children to have a silent disco on Thursday 13th February. Look out for correspondence from the PTA with more details.

Quiz Night

The PTA are also organising a Quiz night on Friday 7th March. This will be for adults and will be held locally. Save the date and get revising!!

Phonics Meeting YR 21st January 9am

Mrs Ford will be holding a phonics workshop for all Ladybird parents. We really encourage you to come and take part in this interactive event with your child to find out how they learn phonics and how you can help them.

Many thanks for your help and understanding in these matters.

Dates for the diary



21st January- YR Phonics workshop

21st January- YR NHS screening

23rd January- Year 1 Royal tea party- see sep letter

28th January- YR NHS screening

29th January- Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

6th February- Rainbow Theatre- YR Y1 and 2- see sep letter

6th February- YR Maths workshop

7th February- Year 2 Class assembly- 9am, parents and carers welcome

11th February- safer Internet Day

12th February- Netball Year 5/6*

13th February- PTA Silent Discos*

14th February- finish for half term

24th February- INSET day

26th February- Dancehouse performance in Worthing

27th February- Bags 2 School

28th February- Culture day- Food festival*

28th February – Year 1 class assembly- 9am, parents and carers are welcome

3-7th March- Parents' evenings this week

6th March- World Book Day

7th March- PTA Quiz Night*

12th March- Year 5/6 swimming gala

14th March- Comic Relief

17th March- year 4 trip to Chichester Harbour*

17th March- year 1 Alien Day*

17th-21st March- science Week

21st March- Poetry Slam

3rd April Easter Church service

29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production*

INSET Days

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

Autumn 2- November 4th- December 20th

Spring 1- 6th January- 14th February

Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April

Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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