



Steeton Primary

KSI



Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Topic

We've had a wonderful first half term in KSI. The children have all settled in very well and have been working hard.

Next half term we will be learning all about dinosaurs and trying to answer the big question "How do we know dinosaurs existed?" The children will learn about a famous person from British history - Mary Anning the Fossil hunter. They will learn about dinosaurs, when they lived, how big they were, what they ate and what happened to them. We will go to the wonderful Cliffe Castle Museum to look at the fossils on display there too.

Magic Monday

To compliment our work on dinosaurs, our Magic Monday art focus will be ammonites and dino eyes. The children will practise drawing spirals and using different shading techniques. They will look at the work of artist Tamara Philips and create a class ammonite canvas based on her work.. Children will create 3D dino eyes using cardboard, glue and paint.



English / Reading

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying their Curious Quest (English) lessons, helping the Faithful Friends on their journey through a variety of different locations, and getting to read some traditional tales along the way. Year 1 have continued with their drawing club (English) lessons and have been focussing on writing sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Next half term Year 1 will also be starting on their Curious Quest, where they will get to meet the mysterious Professor Klunk, Brain, and The Greap (boooo), amongst others. Hopefully your child will be able to explain all this to you once they've started!

Children should be bringing home reading and phonics books every week now. We only give children new books when they return their old ones so please make sure children bring their book bags in every day with all their books in, so they're always ready to change them. If any books have been lost please let your child's class teacher know.

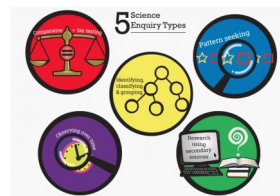
The children have been reassessed in phonics and may be in a new group this half term if they have learnt the sounds they have been taught. Don't worry if your child has not moved level, they may need more time to consolidate their knowledge.

Science

Our first week back after the holiday will be another science enquiry week.

We will be working on these scientific enquiry skills:

Observing over Time
Identifying and Classifying
Research
Comparative Testing
Pattern seeking.



We will be doing lots of practical activities throughout the week such as using timers and thermometers to measure the temperature of melted chocolate, finding out what happens if you mix vinegar and bicarb, tasting sweet and savoury foods, finding out which fruits float and sink and classifying leaves and flowers by various attributes.

Pupil Offer / Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 12th November—KSI Trip to Cliffe Castle Park and Museum.

Forest school dates—5th December for Willow Class—19th December for Maple Class.

KSI—Christmas Songs performance for parents Monday 15th December 1:30-1:50pm.

Other Information

Please can you make sure children are not bringing toys of any type into school—they also do not need their own pens/pencils etc, these are all provided by school, thank you.

Can pupils remember to come in PE clothes (jogging bottoms, white t shirt, black trainers and school jumper/cardigan) on their PE days:

Willow Class—Tuesday/Wednesday.

Maple Class—Thursday/Friday.