



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

9th February 2018

YEAR 1 UPDATE

This half term, Year 1 have been finding out about the development of the early railways in our local area. The children loved finding out about Stephenson's Rocket and the impact of The **Liverpool and Manchester Railway (L&MR)**. In science they have been exploring animals and using their scientific knowledge to compare and group animals. Which is the odd one out? A pig, a penguin or a possum?

Frankie Simons: I liked finding out about Rocket. I saw Rocket in York!

STORY MESSAGE

The benefits of peer massage are widely recognised, and like many primary schools, we include opportunities for this. Some classes are trialling this and we will be rolling it out to other classes shortly.

- Children are calmer and concentration improves,
- Children have more confidence and increased self esteem
- Children learn to respect others, leading to social inclusion
- Children show improved motor skills
- Co-operation improves as children work in pairs and groups
- Massage in FUN!

Story massage combines the principles of peer massage with the creativity of storytelling. We have been using the beautiful **Smiling Flowers Story Massage**, which was originally written in 2012 for the children affected by Japan's earthquake and tsunami tragedy.

PLATINUM WISE UP AWARD

How amazing it was to receive our Platinum Wise Up Award this week! The presenter of the award, Pip Horne, shared with the many other schools just why Newchurch received the highest award possible. There was only one other primary school in Warrington that received this award. Four of our Newchurch robins (Daisy and Faye Pryce and William and Chloe Savage) collected the award on behalf of all the other children. Well done, everyone!

Smiling Flowers Story Massage



The round, round sun rises in the sky

(Large circular movements on back with the palm of hand)

And the flowers grow – one, two, three

(Place palms of hands either side of spine then stroke upwards to the shoulders. Do this move three times)

But one little flower is very tired

(Small circle on middle of back with finger pads)

So the sun brings rays of light and hope

(Large circular movements on back with palm of hand)

The wind sings songs of courage

(Zig-zag movements across the back with palms of hands)

The rain sprinkles the little flower with strength

(Pitter-patter movements with pads of fingers on head and back)

Every night, the moon watches over the little flower

(Shape of new moon, semi-circle, with pads of fingers on back)

And the stars twinkle brightly in the darkness

(Plucking movement over head, back and arms)

So the little flower can sleep very peacefully.

(Hold both hands on head)

Slowly, slowly the little flower gets taller and stronger

(Place hands either side of spine and make fan shapes with palms, getting larger and using a little more pressure).

It grows and grows in a field of colourful flowers

(Lots of small circles over back with pads of fingers)

And if you stop and look very carefully,

(Hold hands on shoulders)

You can see that all flowers are smiling. Smile and smile. Be Happy today.

(Shape of smile on back – from one shoulder to the other)



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If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,
Please contact school

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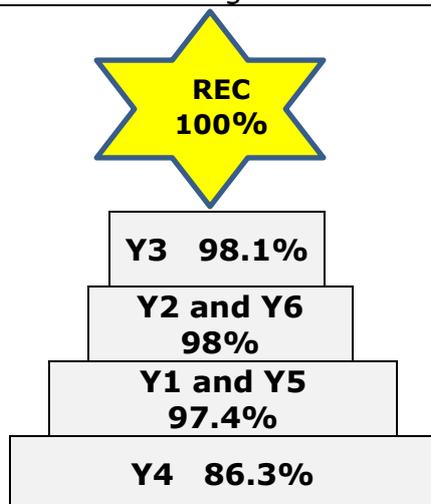
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| School meals menu changes w/c 12 th February 2018 | |
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| Tuesday | Pancakes for dessert |
| Wednesday | Valentine's lunch |
| Friday | End of term packed lunch |

READING LADDER w/e 9TH February 2018

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| | Y2 97% | + |
| | Y4 97% | + |
| | Y5 96% | + |
| | Y3 93% | + |
| | REC 83% | - |
| | Y1 82% | + |
| | Y6 79% | - |
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Attendance w/e 2nd February 2018
Our whole target is 97.5%



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as authorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

| SCHOOL DIARY DATES | |
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| 12.2.18 | Y1 Warrington Museum |
| 15.2.18 | Valentine's Disco |
| 16.2.18 | Y3 People's History Museum |
| 2.3.18 | Y2 Cake Sale and Coffee morning |
| 9.3.18 | Thankyou Service (9:30am) |
| 20.3.18 | Dress down Day - Tim Parry - Colours for peace |
| 14.3.18 | Y6 People's History Museum |
| 15.3.18 | Dress down day for Easter eggs |
| 16.3.18 | Y4 Whitworth Art Gallery |
| 29.3.18 | Easter Bingo |
| 29.3.18 | School Closes for Easter Weekend |
| 3.4.18 | School Opens |
| 6.4.18 | Y1 Cake Sale and Coffee morning |
| 6.4.18 | School closes |
| 17.4.18 | School opens |
| 24.4.18 | Stay and Play |
| 7.5.18 | School closed for May Bank Holiday |
| 14-18.5.18 | KS2 SATs |
| 15.5.18 | Y5 Liverpool Tate Gallery |
| 11.5.18 | Reception Cake Sale and Coffee morning |
| 24.5.18 | Summer Disco |
| 25.5.18 | School closes |
| 11.6.18 | School opens |
| 21-25.5.18 (date change) | KS1 SATS |
| 15.6.18 | Reading Picnic |
| 22.6.18 | Sleepover (KS2 only) |
| 13.7.18 | BBQ |
| 30.6.18 | Summer Ball |
| 2.7.18-6.7.18 | Book Fair |
| 10.7.18 - 11.7.18 | Year 4 Beeston Residential |
| To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July. | |

VALENTINE DISCO

15th February 2018
KS1 5.30pm – 6.30pm
KS2 7pm – 8pm
Tickets available from the office at £1.50

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Lawrenson