

Monday 6th – Friday 17th January 2025

New Year 2025

What a couple of weeks it has been in Parson Street! The children have returned from the Christmas break ready and refreshed, and we are so proud of their positive attitude to learning in school – Mrs James has had to re-order more of her celebration stickers! In this newsletter you can read about some of the learning taking place, as well as information about opportunities to come into your child's classroom and celebrate their learning with you. We are really looking forward to showcasing some of the children's learning! Have a lovely weekend, Team Parson Street.



What's on this term?

Mon 6th Jan - term starts
Fri 10th Jan - tuck shop Holly class

Friday 17th Jan - Y3&4 Tobacco
Factory theatre trip for Hansel &
Gretel

Fri 24th Jan - tuck shop Chestnut
class

Fri 7th Feb - tuck shop Apple

Wed 12th Feb - Chestnut, Beech
and Birch class visits to the church

Thurs 13th Feb - Plum class visiting
the church

Friday 14th Feb - last day of T3

Monday 24th Feb - INSET day
Tuesday 25th Feb - first day of T4





We recently had some feedback in our CPAG (Community Parent Action Group) that families would welcome more opportunities to come into school and be a part of Parson Street's community. The teaching staff met, and we are pleased to invite you in to at least one event each term where you can celebrate learning or take part in an activity with your child.

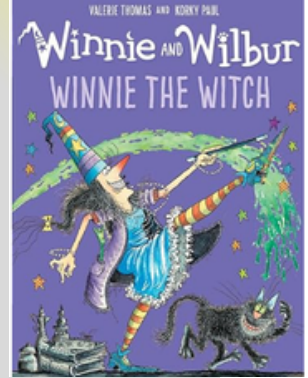
Please see the dates of these below. If events happen in the morning, please come in through the same entrance as your child. If the events happen at the end of the day, for EYFS, KS1 or Y3/4 please come and enter via the same entrance your collect your child from (as we can open these external doors.) For Y5/6, please come in through the main entrance.

	Term 3 date	Time	Event
Acorn	Starting 5th February and taking place every Wednesday	11.30am and 3:20pm	Lending Library of Books and Games Please come along and select a book and/or a game to take home and share with your child.
Sapling	Tues 28th January	8:50 –9:20am	Stay & Build or Make session Please stay after drop off to enjoy a building/making session with your child!
	Every Wednesday morning	8.50-9.05am	Kick Start Reading
Plum	Thurs 30th January	3:00-3:30pm	Shared learning: Showcase of DT pottery and artwork in books from the term
Cherry	Thurs 13th February	3.15 - 3.30pm	Poem performance from Cherry class and a chance to see learning in books.
Pear	Wed 5th February	3.15-3.30pm	Shared learning: Some and see the children's work and hear their explanation of volcanoes and earthquakes
Apple	Wed 29th January	3:15-3:30pm	
Holly	Thurs 30th January	3:15 – 3:30pm	
Birch	Fri 7th February	3:00-3:30pm	Shared learning: Come and see the learning which has taken place this term in Y5 & 6. Prepare to be impressed!
Beech			
Chestnut			

Spotlight on learning: Acorn, Holly and Beech class



Acorn class have been listening to Winnie the witch stories as part of their enquiry '**What is dark**'...as her house is black inside and very dark. They made some Wilberts, her cat and some magic wands. They have also been doing some great mark making!



Opal Power in the community



Mr Munro and Mrs Pringle were thrilled to hear some feedback from the Salem Chapel following the visit of Cherry class last term. Cherry class took part in a 'Christmas through the Keyhole' workshop and we were told they represented Parson Street brilliantly with exemplary behaviour. We know that lots of local schools have visited too!

We are very proud of Cherry class for demonstrating this Opal Power in the community and they have been awarded some Opals for their class gem jar.



Dear Monica,

I hope your doing well, ever since I have moved to Yorkshire moors I have felt so depressed. You I can't believe how awful and gloomy it is here. I am wishing every night that I can leave and go back to India and be happy again. I am really struggling in the moors everything looks dead and dark. I can't stand this place!

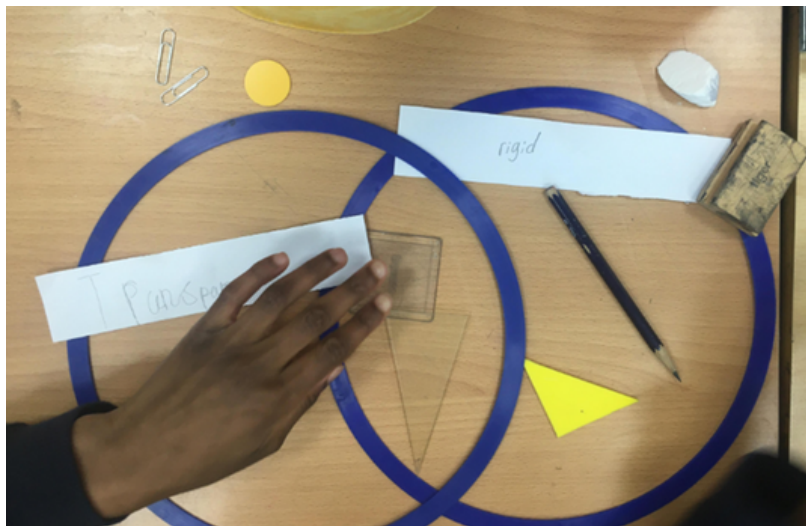
These plants are dead and miserable here compared to India they are bright and colourful. I sure hope that you never come to the moors of Yorkshire and see all these melancholic houses and plants. Every night I dream to go back to India to see all the colourful lights again.

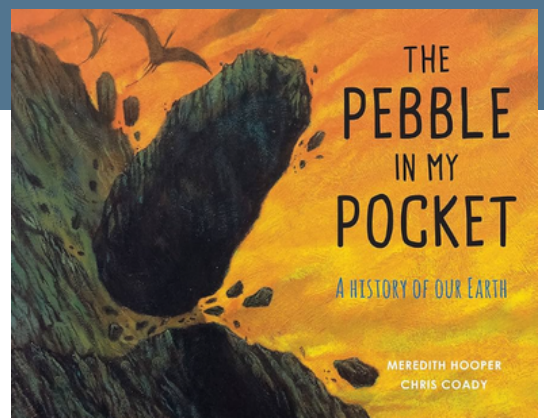
From Mary.



Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying the book "The Secret Garden" this week and the staff have been so impressed with the quality of writing the children have been producing.

This term their enquiry question is '**How do scientists classify materials**'. They have sorted materials based on their properties and discussed how properties of materials are used when designing products. They are now designing and making our own thermos flask based on their understanding of thermal conductivity. (Watch this space for final outcomes!) We will then be looking at electrical conductivity.





Holly class dug for pebbles as part of their English immersion for the new text, 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. This has inspired the children to write, and to include features such as personification, similes and prepositions.

In Enquiry, they've been learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. One of our focus questions has been: **Why do people live near volcanoes? Would you choose to live near one?** They also brought tectonic plates to life with a hands-on activity using an orange! They peeled it, split the peel into 'plates,' and reassembled them to understand how tectonic plates fit together and move. Great work Holly class!



Gem stars this fortnight:



Plum - Sara, Arber, Elise, Bobby

Cherry - Harper-Ray and Mofi

Apple - Grayson, Oscar, Nate, Lotti

Pear - Bradley, Abiha, Mayas, Hasnaa

Holly - Harper K, Iggy, Alfie, Jade

Beech - Testimony, Crystal, Ayo, Ronnie

Birch - Hez, Daniel T, Ezra, Darcie

Chestnut - Maia, Lumen, Conor, Ella

Opal gem certificate - Sonny



Staff member shout out

Thank you Mr Grierson for driving some of our footballers to their matches in our minibus. We are so pleased Parson Street can take part in community events and look forward to hearing how they get on!



We are always looking to improve our lunchtime play experience for the children. If you have any of these things, please donate to the school for us to use for the children's play. Items can be dropped into the school office. Thank you.

Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates 
Dress up Items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Cable spools 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Containers 	Cardboard tubes 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Baking pans 	Aprons 	Chalk 



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Lunch Menu – Week 1

4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 10th Mar, 31st Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage Pasta Bake (V)	Ultimate Spiced Rice (V)	Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese with Roast Potatoes (V)	Roasted Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Oven baked Chips (V)
Chicken Curry with Rice Halal Option Available	BBQ Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Halal Option Available	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Halal Option Available	Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Friday Fish bar & Oven Baked Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables
Apple Bread Pudding (V)	Fruity Crunch Pot (V)	Autumn Fruit Shortbread (V)	Chocolate Custard Pot (V)	Berry Flapjack (Ve)
Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt

Lunch Menu – Week 2

11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Roasted Tomato Pasta (Ve)	BBQ Cauliflower Wings & Roast Potatoes (Ve)	Chickpea & Sweet Potato Curry & Rice (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Oven baked Chips (V)
Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Halal Option Available	Chinese Noodle Stir Fry (V)	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Halal Option Available	BBQ Baked Chicken with Rice Halal Option Available	Friday Fish bar & Oven Baked Chips
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Fruity Sponge Oat Crumble (V)	Fruit Jelly Pot (V)	Cinnamon Apple Cake (Ve)	Pineapple & Ginger Tart (Ve)	Chocolate Cookie (Ve)
Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt	Fruit & Yoghurt

Lunch Menu – Week 3

18th Nov, 9th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato and Red Onion Salad (V)	Loaded Five Bean Chilli with Roast Potatoes (Ve)	Vegetable Tray Bake (Ve)	Handmade Sausage Roll & Oven Baked Chips (V)
Potato Topped Beef & Onion Pie Halal Option Available	Meat Feast Pizza with Potato & Red Onion Salad Halal Option Available	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Halal Option Available	Mac n Cheese (V)	Friday Fish bar & Oven Baked Chips
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Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables	Daily Vegetables
Banana Yoghurt Cake (V)	Autumn Fruit Traybake (V)	Easiyo Fruit Mousse (V)	Carrot Cake (V)	Gingerbread Selection (V)
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