



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



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A message from the Headteacher

At Fairisle Infant and Nursery school, we strive to support keeping children safe online and promote a positive and responsible use of the internet with the support of parents. On the 12th February was our annual Internet Safety Day. To stay safe online our children use – Lock It! Block It! Show It! Tell It! It is a strategy with an easy to remember motto to promote online safety to children and parents. Children learn to keep their personal information online secure, to block bad images, to show an adult anything that they see that makes them feel uncomfortable and to tell an adult if they find something that makes them upset online.



I would like to draw parents/carers attention to our school website and within the – Parent Section. In the drop down menu you will see a section called E-safety. Here you will find a number of helpful informative posters on subjects that may be of use and help to you. They include: Tik Tok, Snap Chat, Fortnite, Instagram, Disney, The Online Safety Act, social media, pop ups, managing screen time and both mental health and fitness Apps. Ask your child about:



The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children (Article 3 CRC UNICEF RRS)

Have a lovely half term break everyone!
Miss Owens, Headteacher



Caterpillar room

The children working in Caterpillar Room have been on a Sensory walk outside and gathered ingredients to make Sensory Soup! Each child took a container outside and gathered leaves, twigs, small pebbles and other items that they thought would make an interesting Sensory Soup. The children then took turns to mix the soup up, making sure that everybody had a chance to mix and stir. Once the soup was made, the children had the opportunity to explore this with their hands and talk about how it felt.

Meet the EYFS leadership team

Teresa Ardani



Lead Practitioner

I have worked at Fairisle Infant and Nursery School for almost 34 years! Throughout my career in the school, I have had the pleasure of nurturing, teaching, guiding and supporting many families within the local community. I take pride in the fact that I lead the Rainbow Nursery within our school, which hosts the youngest members of our school. It is very gratifying having such a huge impact on the children, being able to help them make their very first steps in their schooling. I am passionate about providing a setting, which is an aesthetically pleasing and engaging environment in which all our children can learn, flourish, feel safe, thrive and be serene. Aside from school, I have two grown up daughters and a grandson who is now 2 and half years old. I enjoy visiting my native country of Italy whenever I can, but closer to home I enjoy spending time with my family, shopping, and going to the sauna whenever I can.

Leanne James



Nursery Teacher in Charge

With over 15 years of experience teaching children from Nursery to Year 6, I am passionate about equipping children with the foundational skills they need to succeed in their next stage of learning. I believe in the power of learning through play and strive to create a nurturing, inclusive, and engaging environment where every child feels safe to explore, think creatively, and follow their natural curiosity.

Mathematics is my favourite area of learning, and I enjoy making it accessible and enjoyable through storytelling, role-play, songs, and hands-on problem-solving. By providing the right balance of support and challenge, I aim to foster a love for learning and help each child reach their full potential.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy going for walks with my family, weight-lifting and travelling!

Abbey Ramsdale



EYFS Year R Leader

My name is Miss Ramsdale and I am the Year R phase leader at Fairisle Infant and Nursery School. I have been teaching over 10 years and my experience has been primarily across EYFS and Key Stage 1.

I feel passionate about creating an irresistible and engaging learning environment where children can follow their own lines of enquiry and ultimately develop their understanding of the world around them. I enjoy spending my time being creative with the children in our cohort and supporting them as they start their school journey.

We have an incredible EYFS team who strive to ensure Year R is the best that it can be. I believe it is important to create lifelong memories that children will cherish for years to come.

In my free time, I love spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy going to the gym and seeing the world!

Rainbow Room

During the past few weeks, we have been immersed in many different and engaging texts, all of which have grasped our imaginations. Our favourite books have been 'Owl Babies,' which helped us understand emotions. Titch,' which helped us understand about size comparison & 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' which we enjoyed repeating the refrains from. We love listening to and sharing stories.



Sunshine Room

Our highlight from this half term involved exploring the classic story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children enjoyed reading the story and brought it to life by acting it out, dressing up, and using different voices for each character. As we engaged with the story, we focused on some important concepts, such as comparing size, using terms like "more" and "fewer," and discussing ideas of full and empty. The children had the opportunity to compare groups of objects, deepening their understanding of quantity and size. During child-initiated play, some children made puppets and others chose to set up their own role-play scenarios in the heuristic area and the home corner. Our favourite (and messiest) activity was making our own porridge in the garden and serving it to the adults!



Year R



This half term in Year R we have been learning about our local area and also we have been looking at different places like Africa and comparing it to the U.K. We have also been doing repeated patterns and whole and part numbers in Maths.

We celebrated Chinese New Year and we made lanterns and did some fun activities on the day. Also, we got to taste yummy noodles and fortune cookies they were delicious.

In reception, we have been exploring space and we have been learning about the Planets.

We have had a busy few weeks in reception. What busy bees we have been!!!!

Year 1

In Writing, we were inspired by the story of 'SUPERTATO', written by Sue Hendra. We created our own Supertato characters using adjectives to describe our hero, as well as Evil Pea. We used the conjunction 'and' to extend our sentences. We also had a fun SUPERHERO DAY and dressed up as our favourite heroes. One child even dressed up as the real life Superhero we have learnt about... Florence Nightingale! We know many facts and we are always ready for a challenge if you want to ask us about her life and how this influenced hospitals today. Year 1 also had the Fire service in to teach us how to stay safe. We learnt safety songs, rhymes and enjoyed helping some adults in school dress up in the firefighter uniforms.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London' this half term. We have learnt so many interesting facts! "The fire was down Pudding Lane in Thomas Farriner's bakery. They think he accidentally dropped some charcoal, which started the fire. Before the great fire of London there was a plague where lots of people got poorly." - Freya. We had a great time visiting the Tudor House last week. We handled artefacts, sketched parts of the building and explored the different rooms.

