



# Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



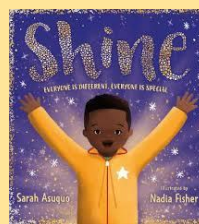
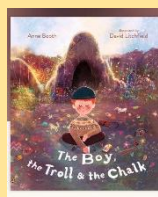
## Spring 2026 Newsletter 1

### A message from the Headteacher

As part of the National Year of Reading, we have been celebrating stories together in our new Mindful Reading Area. Each week, I have been sharing carefully selected picture books that explore important themes such as kindness, empathy, courage, resilience, friendship, confidence, belonging and self-belief. It has been wonderful to see how thoughtfully the children have engaged with these stories. I have been especially impressed by the depth of our conversations and the way our shared reading experiences have fostered a real sense of togetherness within our school community.



Miss Owens, Headteacher



### In sporting news....

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February our Year 2 children attended a sports festival in which they developed their basketball skills. They joined other schools from the local area and participated in a range of competitive activities. They learned how to dribble, pass, shoot using hoops and most importantly work together as a team. Year 2 had lots of fun and represented our school beautifully! Well, done!



### Little Caterpillars/Room

We have introduced the TEACCH approach to the children to develop independence by utilizing visuals which supports creating a predictable environment. We have also had lots of fun exploring and mark making in sensory materials to develop their fine motor and pre-writing skills.



## Rainbow Room

We are delighted to share that the children resettled extremely well after the Christmas break. They quickly familiarised themselves with our usual routines, showing confidence, enthusiasm, and a real sense of comfort in their environment. One of the highlights of this half term was our special pampering session, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They were treated to a soothing hand and foot spa, followed by gentle hand and foot massages, and nail painting for those who chose to take part. The session created a calm, relaxed atmosphere and offered the children a chance to unwind and enjoy some well-deserved self-care.

In addition, the children practised some basic yoga poses and listened to calming meditation music.

These activities were planned to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week and helped to promote relaxation, mindfulness, and emotional wellbeing.



## Sunshine Room

Science Adventures!

We've had a busy term becoming "little scientists" alongside our teachers. We loved creating giant eruptions with Coke Zero and Mentos—it went so high it gave us a fright! After learning about where rain comes from, we successfully made our own rain clouds in the room. We also put our detective hats on to study oxidation, proving that dipping apples in lemon juice keeps them fresh and bright. What an incredible journey of discovery we've had so far!

Zara 'We were being scientists. We put some mentos in the coke and it exploded! We were making science!'

Lincoln 'We put the mentos in the bottle. Exploded!'



## Year R



3, 2, 1....Blast off!

What a wonderful world we live in! Year R have been comparing different places around the world. We started with where we live, New Forest and Africa. Year R talked about similarities and differences including the weather, environment and animals. "Africa is hot and England is mostly cold. We need hats and gloves to keep warm- Daisy". Year R made beautiful paintings, mixing colours and using silhouettes. "Red and yellow make orange- Dior". We also made winter collages and discussed how the colours made us feel.

We then took a journey into space where Year R learned all about the planets. They had great fun creating their own narratives in the role play. Finally, to end the term we turned our environment into a Chinese restaurant. Year R explored different traditions and tasted a variety of food to celebrate the New Year. You have been busy bees this term Year R, we are very proud of you.

## Year 1

Year 1 has had a fantastic half term learning all about real and fictional superheroes! In History, the children dived into the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, dressing up, exploring artefacts and learning about the importance of these two remarkable women. We loved exploring the Supertato story, making our own Supertatos and writing character descriptions of Supertato himself and the Evil Pea.

Our superhero unit culminated in an exciting Superhero Day! It was wonderful to see the teachers dressed up too. We paraded our costumes and discussed the traits of a real-life superhero —

kindness, teamwork, bravery, honesty and helpfulness. During the day, we got creative making superhero silhouettes and masks, showed off our dance moves in the hall, and finished by enjoying some exciting superhero stories.

'Some superheroes are real like Florence Nightingale. She helped the soldiers and so did Mary Seacole.' - Harry, Tigers

'We liked that our teachers dressed up too and I dressed up as Owlette.' - Jessica, Lions



## Year 2

This half term Year 2 have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London.

We went on a trip to Tudor House to find out more about what houses were like in 1666. We also held our own fire, burning cardboard houses that we had made for homework, to help us understand what the fire would have been like.



This is what Primrose said about the fire:



"My house nearly got burnt. Then it went near my house and it burnt all in pieces. I couldn't see it any more. I'm very sad about it and I hated that part."

We then used these experiences to help us with our writing. We have also enjoyed learning how to use a number line in maths and seeing how much water plants need to grow in science.

Amelia trying on Samuel Pepys wig.

## Attendance Matters

### Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



#### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance