



Pendock CE Primary School

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We aim to enable and encourage all those connected with Pendock school to be the best that we can be. By living out our Pride in Pendock values, we strive to inspire children, parents, staff and our wider community to fulfil their potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.

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Newsletter 15

Dear Families,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! If you're new to the Pendock community then welcome – it has been wonderful to work with your children this week and help them settle in.

We have two main forms of communication – our weekly newsletter and Class Dojo. Between the two, we aim to ensure that all messages reach our families and that we showcase the amazing work your children do. There is always a member of staff on the playground in the morning or on the door at the end of the day, so if you do have a question or a query, please do ask.



There have been several posts on Class Dojo with information about what the children are learning this term. Curriculum Overviews are on the respective class pages which outline the learning in the broader curriculum.

We always try to ensure that we include aspects of your child's learning in English and Maths in each week's newsletter so that conversations can be tailored at home to support their learning as well as

updating you on Class Dojo through our posts and pictures. As a way of tracking whether messages are getting home, please can you like our posts on Class Dojo. Any information or examples of any learning at home can be added as a comment or onto your child's portfolio. Thank you in advance.

Although this is a short term, I am sure it is going to be a very busy one. Most dates are on Class Dojo and will be added to the bottom of the newsletter. Other information is available on our website - <https://www.pendockprimary.co.uk/> which is regularly updated.

Please can we ask that the following are in school every day:

- Reading diary and reading books
- Warm and waterproof coat
- Change of shoes for lunchtime
- Wellies (especially for Forest School) – if the field gets very wet then only children with wellies will be able to use it
- Drinks bottle (preferably water)
- Packed lunch (if needed)

Class 1 News

Class One have made a fantastic start to the new year, adapting to changes in the timetable, challenging themselves in their learning and welcoming the new pre-school children so well.



This week in maths the Reception children started a new unit called 'Alive in 5', in which they have been developing their subtising skills.

We have introduced new maths group names for the Year One and Two children, the hexagons and the pentagons. The Hexagons have been working on place value up to 20, this week focusing on counting within 20 and understanding 10, 11, 12, and 13. The pentagons have started a unit on money, this week focusing on counting pounds and pence.

In English, the Year One and Two children have been learning all about setting descriptions. They have created a checklist of the key features needed and identified them in descriptions. We have also been thinking of the adjectives we could use to describe a given setting.

A great first week back, keep it up, Class One.

Class 2 News

Welcome back to School! We hope you all had a very relaxing Christmas period. There have been a lot of changes for the children this week including a few changes in the timetable and a new class teacher to name a few! The children have all settled in brilliantly and I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them.

This week we started our new enquiry question 'What do we mean by through the ages?' The children have been exploring cave paintings and trying to predict what will be included in this term's lessons.

Class 2 have also been learning how to write informal letters and thinking about who we can write to, to say thank you. I have seen some great examples of work from them and hope this can continue as we go through this term.

After School Clubs

Please use the link to book your children into any teacher led after school clubs – there is a post on Class Dojo with more information about each club. <https://forms.office.com/e/LNjzXhJZSV>

Amounts Owing to School

Invoices for Wrap Around Care and Catering up until the end of last term will be going out at the start of next week. Meanwhile, if you have any previous amounts owing, please bring these up to date via Payments4Schools.

We would also appreciate it if Class 1 Spring Term swimming voluntary contributions of £30 per child could also be paid via Payments4Schools.

Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

The log ins for these will be in pupils' reading diaries so that they can access this resource from home.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

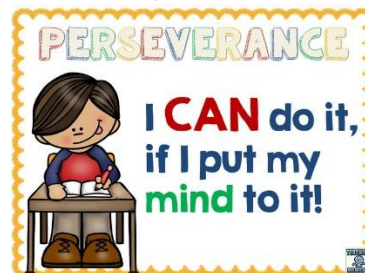
Children in Year 4 have a leaflet coming home today which gives more information about this check that will take place in June. The above resource is a brilliant tool to help prepare the children for it 😊

Community Links

Please see the attached which may be of interest to you:

- Multi Sports Camp February Half Term and Easter
- Jack's Place Half Term Camp

Our Value of the Term/Reflection



A few examples which were shared in assembly:

'I've persevered with learning my times tables this week – I find them hard but I am getting better!' – Greg

'I persevered in Forest School making a zip line. We didn't quite get it right but I am sure we will next week.' - Tom

Wishing you a restful and relaxing weekend,
Team Pendock

Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Tuesday 23rd January – Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics at Hanley Castle, morning only, details to follow.
- Wednesday 24th January – Reception Hearing Screening
- Half Term – 12th – 16th February
- Sunday 17th March – Pendock Spring Chicken Run
<https://www.entrycentral.com/runpendock>
- Thursday 21st March – Pupils' last day (Friday 22nd March is a TED)