

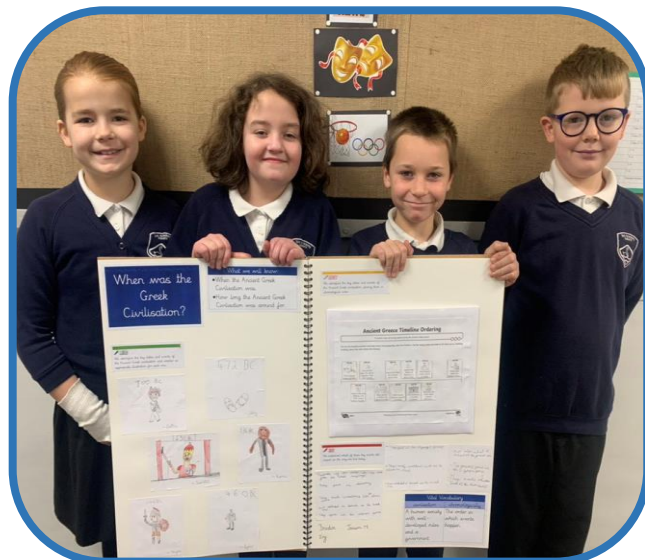


A Spring In Our Step!

We began the Spring Term at Spa with celebrations for pupils who had been chosen as our Learners of the Autumn Term. Well done to all of our winners for demonstrating our values!

As always, our parent engagement events and SEND coffee mornings have been well supported and we have held our second pupil achievement meetings of this academic year, which we hope you found both informative and supportive. If you were unable to attend, and meet with your child's class teacher, please get in touch via the school office so that an alternative meeting can be arranged. You should now have received a link to our parent survey which we would really appreciate your time in completing. Your responses to these questions really help us in planning future school improvements.

Emma Anderson
(Headteacher)



KEY DATES

- Mon 13th - Fri 17th February: Half Term Break
- Monday 20th February: School reopens
- Monday 27th February: SEND Coffee Morning
(8.30-9.30am)
- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
(information over page)
- 13th-17th March: House Teams Competition linked to British Science Week
- 21st-23rd March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- Monday 27th March: Parent Event (TBC)
- Friday 31st March: End of Spring Term
- 3rd - 14th April: Easter Holidays
- Monday 17th April: Training Day
(School closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 18th April: School Re-opens



#TEAM SPA

- Spa were the winners of the first **Leger Sport Challenge**, winning a set of basketball nets!
- Congratulations to our amazing **Cheerleading Team** who finished in **first place** in the Leger competition!
- Pupils from Year 6 represented Spa brilliantly at the **EFL Kids Cup**, Football Tournament, held at **Doncaster Rovers Keepmoat Stadium**.
- Our fabulous **Young Voices Choir** performed in front of 1000s of people at **Sheffield Arena** and we were so proud of them all!
- Our **Year 3** pupils enjoyed a visit to **The Deep** in Hull to deepen their understanding of coral reefs, as featured in their current book 'Flotsam'.
- Pupils have taken part in activities as part of **Children's Mental Health Week** to raise awareness of the importance of mental health.
- All of our pupils were fantastic in asking questions and discussing online safety as part of **Safer Internet Day**.

Y6 SATs

[Click Here for additional Y6 SATs Information](#)

At the end of Year 6, all pupils across the country sit their SATS (statutory assessment tests). These are national end of KS2 assessments in reading and maths (as well as teacher assessments in writing). It is fantastic to see the progress pupils are making towards this.

Please note that SATs week runs Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023. The Monday of this week is a Bank Holiday, for the King's coronation. The tests can only be taken during this week at the dates and times set by the Government. With this in mind, pupils are not allowed to take holidays during this week.



OTHER NEWS:

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day 2023. Although we will not be dressing up for this event, we will be taking part in a range of reading activities based around pupil's favourite books and authors.

More information will be sent nearer the time!



Attendance

We will continue working with families to improve attendance rates. One of the ways we aim to do this, is by encouraging pupils to 'catch up' missed learning. As part of Leger Education Trust Attendance Strategy, we will be meeting with families to discuss a variety of ways to ensure pupils make progress, including additional homework clubs and home learning packs.

Attendance Ladder		
0 days	100%	Perfect
4 days	98%	Impressive
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Nearly There
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns

PE Days:

A reminder that we encourage pupils to come to school on their PE days, already wearing their PE kit. This saves valuable learning time, previously spent changing for PE.

PE kit should consist of a **white or navy top/t-shirt, black or navy shorts or sport trousers and trainers** (any colour) or **pumps**. Pupils may also wear a **tracksuit top or jumper**. Please note that football kits will not be permitted.

PE Days - Spring 2 Term:

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday

5A: Tuesday, 5S & 5T: Friday

Year 6: Monday & Thursday

Academy Governing Body: Our Chair of Governors, Wayne Dorey, can be contacted via the main school office.

ASPIRE

Our ASPIRE curriculum aims to develop, nurture and stretch pupil's talents and interests both within and beyond the academic curriculum. Whilst we plan many of these experiences within the school day and encourage pupils to participate in extra-curricular clubs and activities, it is always fabulous to hear about the experiences and activities our pupils take part in out of school. You can share these with us in many ways:

- emailing us aspire@spaacademyaskern.com,
- pupils bringing in certificates, awards and photos,
- posting on twitter with **#SpaAspire**

Next term clubs include:

Dance (continued), Crafting Club, Journalism, Hockey, Dodgeball and Graphics

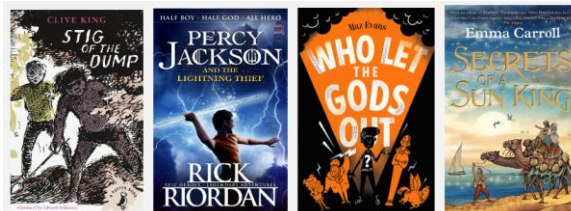
TEACHING AND LEARNING

We have built in time during the school day to teach pupils times tables.

Resources will be sent home for pupils to practice in addition to regular use of TT Rockstars to increase speed and fluency.



Next half term each year group will be studying a historical fiction novel:



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