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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week back was a really positive one. Children were working hard within minutes and it has been a joy to see what they are achieving! The curriculum is really coming to life at Nova and we are so lucky to have teachers who inspire the children in this way.

Our first assembly introduced our termly theme of 'Play'. We looked at how play has changed over the years, but also how important it is to young people's development. Play is an appropriate theme as we have given a great deal of thought to our playtimes as a school. Our next '30-day pledge' will be to make playtimes as harmonious and enjoyable as possible. One action has been to introduce a lunchtime play club for all sittings. Sometimes, children need somewhere quieter and more settled to play. We are purchasing different

Dates for your diary

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We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2018 – 2019

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Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

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Term 5

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

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Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July 2019

resources such as games, play-dough and arts and crafts so children can explore their creative ideas. We also committed to increasing the number of adults to support children's play - for example, Miss Abraham, our new Year 1 Teaching Assistant, also does a lunchtime duty. All SMSAs are attending assemblies this week to talk about the pledge and will also be starting their own 'Star of the Day' awards to appreciate those children who make an effort to be kind, sensible and great fun to play with - there will also be a playtime star of the term. There are many other things in the pipeline, such as more fixed play equipment in KS1 and a more organised approach to physical and creative play, so children can plan in advance what activities they wish to participate in. I know Mrs Green, our new Lead Learning Mentor, is excited to bring her own ideas to playtimes when she takes up her role in April.

Even with the best provision in the world, children will find more unstructured parts of the day more challenging at times - conflicts happen and friendships can become strained. Nevertheless, this is why playtimes are so vital as all children need the opportunity to develop their social skills. With good quality equipment, a shared understanding of brilliant behaviour and adults that bring enthusiasm and

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS 18/19**

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Inset Day 4

Friday 5th April 2019

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Inset Day 5

Friday 24th May 2019

Other Useful Dates:

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World Book Day

7th March 2019

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Parent Consultations

13th & 14th March 2019

Appointments can be booked

via [https://nova.parentseveningsystem.](https://nova.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)

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Comic Relief

15th March 2019

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**Year 6 SATs information evening for
parents**

21st March 2019 @ 3.30pm

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**Year 4 'Porridge' Dress Rehearsal for
grandparents & other family members**

27th March 2019 @ 10.00am

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Year 4 'Porridge' Performances

appreciation to the playground, we can enable this to happen much more effectively.

We appreciate that when things do go wrong, it can be upsetting for children and their families. Arguments or incidents at playtime can often infringe on learning if they are not sorted out. Staff are committed to resolving things in school as soon as they can.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



28th March 2019 @ 1.45pm & 6.30pm

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Mothers Day Sale

28th & 29th March 2019

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Heroes Day

3rd April 2019

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SATs Week

Monday 13th May 2019

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KS1 Sports Day

25th June 2019

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KS2 Sports Day

28th June 2019

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KS1 Sports Day Reserve

2nd July 2019

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KS2 Sports Day Reserve

5th July 2019

CURRICULUM AT NOVA

'Making a difference' is the overarching theme for this term's Line of Enquiry so that each year group can develop their scientific, design and performance skills, making products and outcomes that make a real difference. Parents in all year groups will be invited in to share in children's learning in this Line of Enquiry so please check for key dates as detailed below.

You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at <http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/>

Reception will be exploring space! We have already been visited by Ben's mum who kindly brought in astronaut suits for us to try on. We have been transforming our classrooms into space stations to research our questions about space such as:

"Do the stars only come out at night?" Arina

"How do astronauts go to the toilet?" Max M

"How many suns are there and what happens at night?" Ollie

"What is the moon made out of?" Elliot

"What is the Milky Way?" Audrey

We look forward to seeing you for Family Friday fun throughout the term but in addition we have planned this event:

Family Stay and Play – 4th April, 8.35am - 10.00am



Year 1's Line of Enquiry is 'How can we make traditional tales come to life?'

We look forward to seeing you for Family Friday fun throughout the term but in addition we have planned these events:

Come and share a traditional tales breakfast with us – 29th March

Traditional Tales Dress Up Day (Dress as your favourite character) – 4th April

Story sharing with parents - 4th April @ 9.00am

Year 2's Line of Enquiry is 'What makes Bristol brilliant?'

During this term's Line of Enquiry, children will be learning about our local area. We will go for a walk near the school to notice the human and natural features of the landscape and then learn some mapping skills before they have a go at making their own maps. They will take part in an RE day called 'What can we learn from sacred books?'

We look forward to seeing you for Family Friday fun throughout the term and parents will be invited on a tour of Shirehampton in week 4 (date and time to be confirmed).

Year 3's Line of Enquiry is 'How can science educate and entertain us?'

We will be putting on an event for parents/carers called Nova Games Arcade on 4th April at 2.30pm.

Year 4's Line of Enquiry is 'Could you put on a stage show?'

Key dates for Year 4 are:

Dress Rehearsal of our production of 'Porridge' - 27th March @ 10.00am (this dress rehearsal is for grandparents and other family members)

Matinee performance of our production 'Porridge' - 28th March @ 1.45pm.

Evening performance of our production 'Porridge' - 28th March @ 6.30pm. Tickets are available online at <https://nova.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

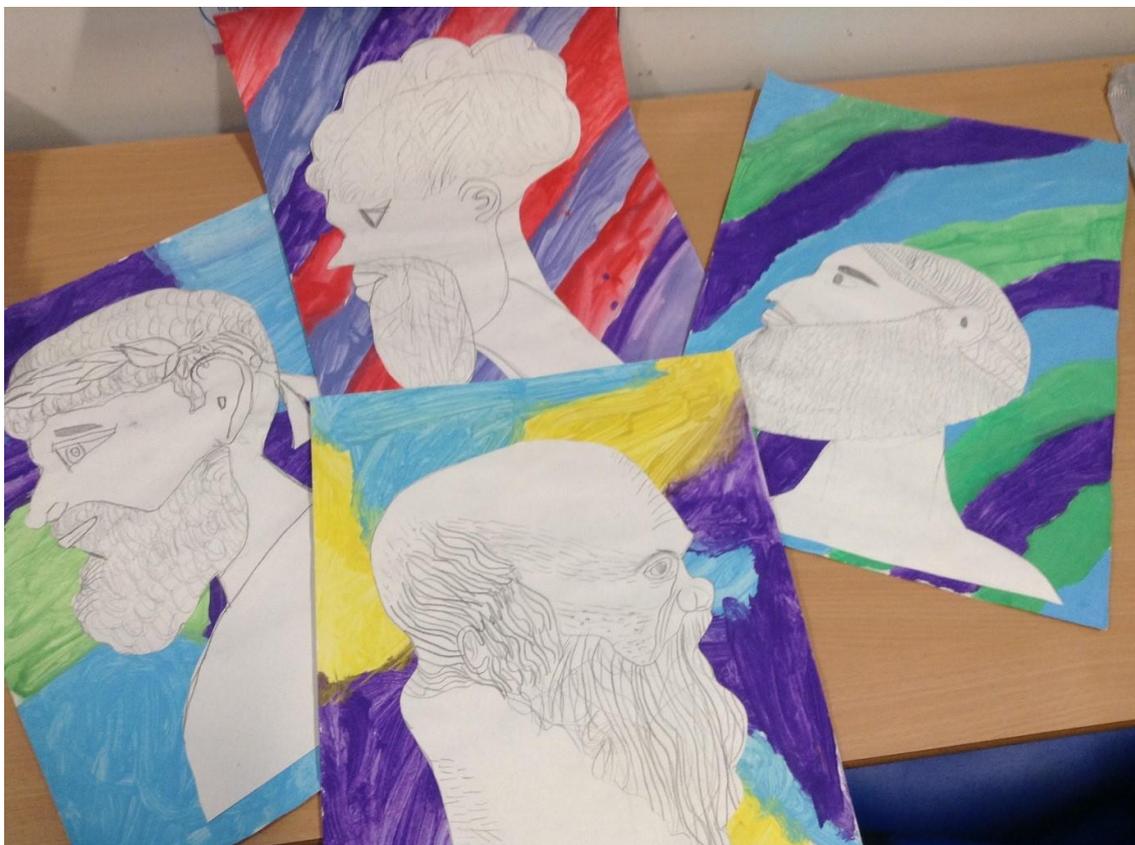
Please note that for both performances on 28th March families are limited to 2 tickets per child.

Year 5's Line of Enquiry is 'How have the Ancient Greeks influenced us?'

Look at these wonderful profile sketches of famous Greek figures.

Year 5's planned event is:

Greek assembly for parents - 2nd April @ 2.30pm



Year 6's Line of Enquiry is 'What was it like to grow up during WW2?'

A key date for Year 6:

SATs information evening for parents - 21st March @ 3.30pm

Of course, we always welcome parent/carer helpers - you may have a skill or interest that could really enhance the children's learning and we would love to hear from you.

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Becky Harris

Role: HLTA in Reception

The best part of the role:

Knowing that every day will be different and seeing so many successes

Hobbies:

Reading crime novels, walking and spending time with my family

Favourite quote:

"Happiness can always be found in the darkest of places, if one only remembers to turn on the light"

Experience:

I started my career straight from college into private day care. Then I was very lucky to secure a job at Nova Primary, where I have worked in several year groups over the last 10 years

OTHER NEWS

Home Learning at Nova

A big congratulation to all the children who achieved a 'Home-Learning Stars' certificate last term to recognise them for completing all of their home-learning missions! Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Morris are always delighted to see the children's creations on a Friday!

Please do support your child with their daily and weekly home learning tasks (spelling, times tables and maths/english practice) as it really helps them consolidate what they're learning at school.

Times Table Rockstars! (TTRS)

We are pleased and excited to inform you that children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be able to access Time Tables Rock Stars from this term. This is a carefully designed on line system for practising times tables facts at speed whilst making learning engaging and fun. It will be a fantastic tool to support all children's recall of times

tables.

Recently it was mentioned in the press by Damian Hinds MP, Secretary of State for Education. He said that his three children use TTRS and he described TTRS as "engaging, competitive" and said "it improved their arithmetic".

Individual logins will be sent home by class teachers over the next 2 weeks.

TTRS can be used on a PC or tablet. Simply go to <https://trockstars.com> and click on the login tab for students. You will be asked to input School name and then your child's username and password.

Have fun and please feedback with any comments. We would love to hear what you and the children think!

Comic Relief

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Children can wear their own clothes for a suggested 50p donation. Classes will also be hosting joke competitions so come prepared to share your favourite joke to make others smile and laugh!



Heroes Day - Dress Up & Cake Sale

‘Making a difference’ is the overarching theme of our curriculum this term.

On **Wednesday 3rd April** we will be hosting ‘Heroes Day’ to raise money and make a difference for Guide Dogs.

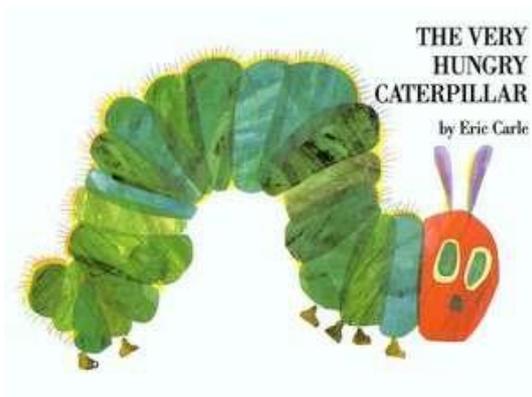
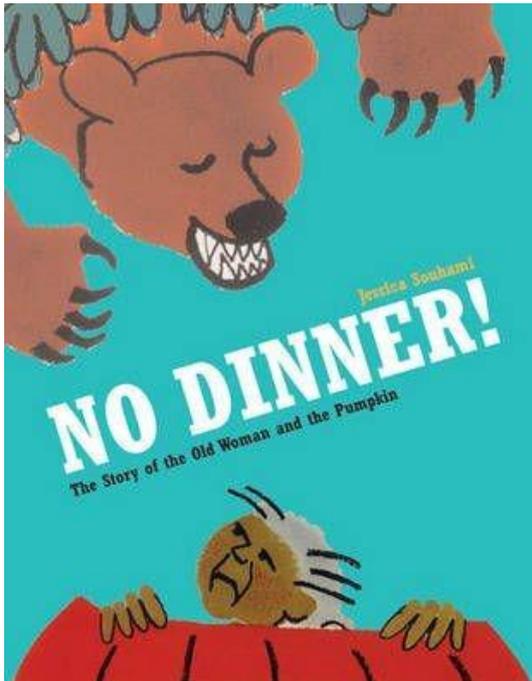
Children are invited to dress up as their favourite hero for a £1 donation. This hero could be a DC/Marvel hero, a sporting legend, an inspirational book character or a made up superhero! The choice is yours! We will also be holding a bake off and cake sale with the theme of ‘heroes and guide dogs’.

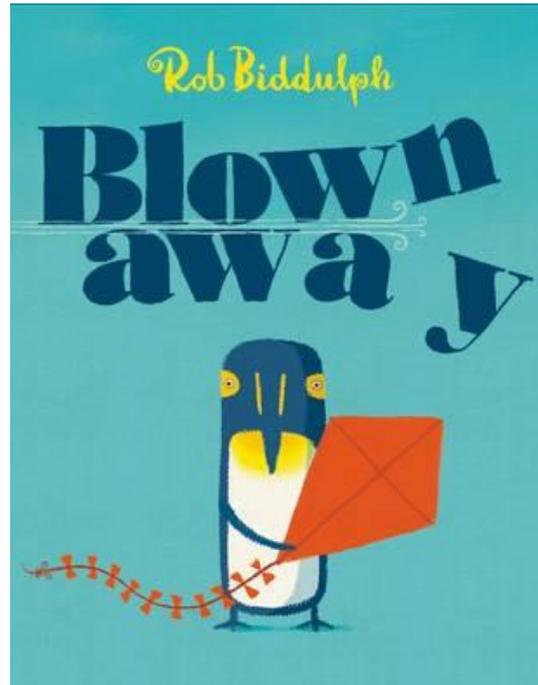
World Book Day

This year Nova Primary will be celebrating ‘World Book Day’ (**Thursday 7th March**) by investigating the world of children’s book illustration. We’re planning a fabulous day of storytelling and art whereby every child will work in the style of a particular book illustrator. How about paper-tearing collage in the style of Jessica Souhami, spindly line drawing like Quentin Blake or the distinctive style of Eric Carle. So, sketchbooks at the ready. What a great way to work like an artist *and* read a good book or two!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2019





Contact details for Shine are:

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info@myshine.co.uk

Shine clubs running in Term 4 are below. You can book online at MyShine.co.uk



CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

25 FEB, 2019 - 4 APR, 2019

MON

Street Dance Club / Year 1 - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

TUE

Dodgeball Club / Reception - Year 6

Shine Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6

WED

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

THU

Mini Football Club / Reception - Year 2

My Time / Reception - Year 6

FRI

Multi Sports Club / Reception - Year 6

£2
per session

SNACK & CHILL RUNS EVERY DAY AT 16:45 - 17:55
EXCEPT FRIDAY

BOOK ONLINE OR
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 01174 033 033

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 12.00 ON THE DAY



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