### WEEK ENDING 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

This week we appear to have already started Autumn early with some torrential downpours making an appearance and strong winds. This hasn't stopped us at school from making the most of our outdoor spaces. We have started our new afterschool clubs with Mr Jenkins and now have at least 1 each day. There are still a few spaces left in some clubs for those that are interested.

#### This week in school

This week Nursery have been reading the book 'Only One You' and learning the school golden rules. Reception have been exploring Africa and making comparisons to the United Kingdom. Year 1 have been making art with nature and learning about the creation story as part of RE. Year 2 have been learning about verbs and in History have been exploring the first flight. Year 3 have been reading about butterflies and had cross country trials. Year 4 have been rounding in maths and have been practicing rhyme. Year 5 have carried out a science investigation into soluble and insoluble materials. Year 6 have had try outs for cross country and welcomed back Mr Armstrong.

## Celebrating the Railway

Children will celebrate 200 years of the Stockton and Darlington Railway on Friday 26th September in school. They are invited to come dressed as passengers, conductors, train drivers or anything linked to the theme but please don't worry or spend extra money on a costume, their uniform is fine too! There will be lots of activities planned within the school day including trips to Preston Park and the new museum and a railway themed lunch! We hope it will be a day of celebration and fun for all.

#### **Feedback**

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the parent surveys that we sent out at the end of last academic year. Many parents wanted more options for afterschool clubs and a greater range of activities to choose from. We have taken this on board and have started a pilot scheme with a local afterschool provider. We have also employed a sports coach who is running a variety of clubs each night. In addition to these there will also be clubs run by teachers after half term when our new building is completed. The survey also showed parents are wanting better communication from school, we have reviewed this and will improve the systems that we have in place.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Sanderson

# **Upcoming Events**

PTA AGM Friday 26th September 3.30pm at School

## PE timetable

**Nursery - Thursday Reception - Thursday** Y1-Friday Y2- Wednesday Y3- Friday Y4- Wednesday Y5- Monday Y6- Tuesday

**Parents Evening** Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th **November** 

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