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# Tankersley St. Peter's Primary School



## Dear Tankersley Community

I am delighted to share the vibrant learning experiences our pupils have been engaging in this week at Tankersley St Peter's Primary School.

Our commitment to mathematical excellence continues to drive our approach to learning. Years 2-6 have been diligently working on their times tables, and I want to be transparent about our current performance. We have noticed a slight movement on our school leaderboards, dropping from 2nd to 5th place. More importantly, we observed that our top ten times tables performers did not include any girls - a challenge we are enthusiastically addressing.

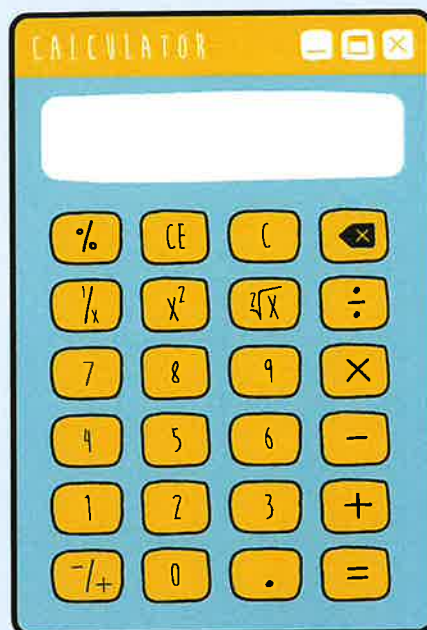
*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Saviour and my hope is in you all day long.*

We are currently collaborating with the maths hub to explore the critical importance of times tables mastery. Our expectations are clear:

- Year 2 pupils should confidently know 2, 5, and 10 times tables
- Year 3 pupils should master 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, and 8 times tables
- Year 4 pupils should be proficient in times tables up to  $12 \times 12$

We cannot overemphasise how fundamental times tables knowledge is - it truly sets our pupils up for lifelong mathematical confidence.

Children are also earning badges for their achievements.



Today, I am proud to support our pupils competing in the dodgeball competition at Hoyland Springwood. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Our younger learners have been exploring creativity and scientific thinking in remarkable ways. The Shining Stars have been developing fine motor skills through sculptural work, creating intricate polar bear models using plasticine. They have been focusing on specific art techniques like pinching and poking, demonstrating remarkable dexterity and artistic expression.

In science, Year 1 pupils demonstrated critical thinking by investigating materials and their properties, specifically considering which material would be most suitable for Pirate Tom's mop. They even used sophisticated scientific vocabulary like "absorb" - a testament to their developing understanding.





## Dates for your diary

3.2.26 - Netball finals at the EIS

4.2.26 Y5 visit

6.2.26 Green day - full uniform

9.2.26 Bikeability Y6

13.2.26 school breaks up for half term

23.2.26 School re-opens

Update

I am also excited to share that on Friday, 6th of February, we will be having a Green Day.

Children will swap classes throughout the day, going to different teachers and learning about global issues. We hope the children will enjoy the opportunity to learn about this important subject and experience other classrooms. This will be a full uniform day.



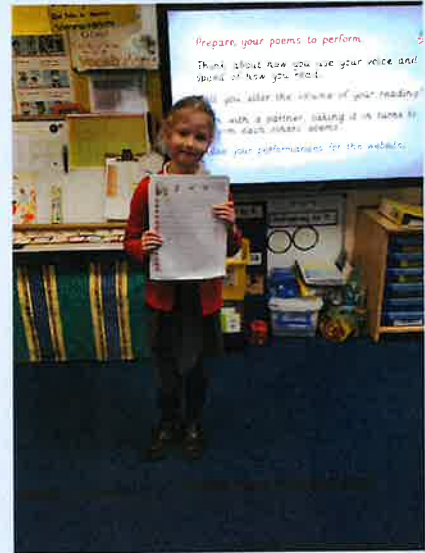
### Rainy/ Snowy Weather

With the current rainy weather, I would like to remind parents to ensure pupils come to school prepared. Please provide your children with a waterproof coat and suitable shoes, as we believe in the importance of fresh air breaks and will continue to enjoy outdoor time, even during light drizzle. This morning lots of children were sent to school in inappropriate footwear and have wet feet.

## More news from the classroom

Year 2 have been inspired by poet Joseph Coelho, preparing poems to read aloud. They thoughtfully considered vocal techniques, exploring voice projection and reading speed to enhance their performance.

Miss Philips has introduced an exciting "proud portal" in her class, where pupils are celebrating their outstanding learning through impressive art and writing.



**Hello all, this weekend I am going to be meeting my sister for lunch, she recently has moved house, and doesn't live in my village anymore. Callie has developed a love of socks and we now have to hide them, as she loves to run around the house with a sock in her mouth, which she then destroys.**

**Mrs H**