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Newsletter 9th January

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Sapphire! Well done to everyone in Team Sapphire! Find out about our GEM procedures here: https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/.

Messages from Mr Robson:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas. As we begin this new term, we are excited to welcome all our pupils and families back to school. Together, we look forward to a term full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences.
Please take extra care during these first few weeks as the winter weather can be challenging. Whether walking, driving, or cycling to school, staying safe is our top priority.
Thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe and well.

STAY AND LEARN

On **Friday 16th January**, each class will invite parents in for the first 15 minutes of the day to experience how we teach Maths and take part alongside the children.
This is a fantastic opportunity to see learning in action and gain insight into our approach. These sessions will run every half term, so please do not worry if you are unable to attend this time - there will be another very soon!
For parents with children in different classes, please note:

- Parents will not be able to move between classes during the event.
- Simply follow your child into their classroom, observe the activity, and then leave via your child's classroom door.
- The session will be short, interactive, and snappy.

We are trialling this approach and do not know attendance numbers, so space may be tight. Visitors will need to stand to observe the activity. Please bear with us as we learn from this first event to improve future visits.

UNIFORM

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring pupils are well prepared for school each day. Your efforts in helping children arrive ready to learn and dressed in the correct uniform make a huge difference in creating a positive and focused learning environment.
Together, we are setting the foundation for success, and we truly appreciate the partnership between home and school.
Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and a sense of pride in our school community.

Have a brilliant weekend everybody!
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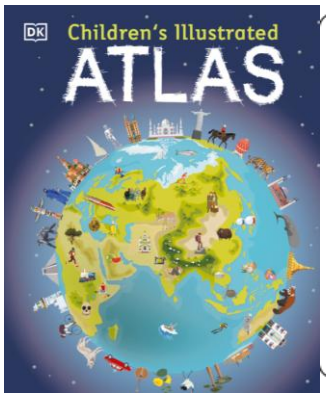
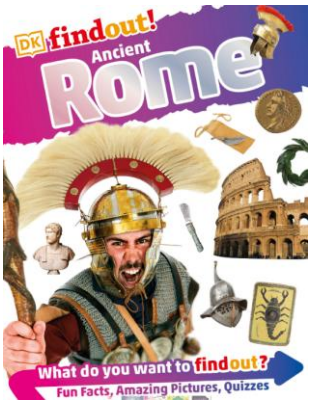
Purple mash Library:

Purple Mash have just added a fantastic range of DK Learning books to their online library. Your children can access these books for free at home by simply logging onto Purple Mash and clicking on the 'Reading' icon. From there, they can access the Purple Mash library.



DK Learning

Dynamic, inspiring and engaging whole books from Dorling Kindersley.



Important Dates for Spring term:

Date	Event
Wednesday 14th January	Year 6 SATs Parents meeting 4pm
Friday 16th January	Parents Stay and Learn
Friday 20th February	School closes for half term
Tuesday 3rd March – Tuesday 10th March	Book Fair (more information to follow)
Wednesday 11th March	1HL – Darlington Library – VR Literacy (more information to follow)
Wednesday 18th March	1G - Darlington Library – VR Literacy (more information to follow)
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for Easter

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Welcome to Darlington

A schools and community event

Are you new to Darlington?
Is English your second language?
Come and find what help is here for you.

28th January 2026
10am - 11:30am
Corporation Road Primary School, DL3 6AR

Support with:

- Education (children and adults)
- Health
- Finance
- Home