



19th January Newsletter

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	Rowan class have had an excellent week; the highlight being computing! They enjoyed a lesson with Mr Williamson from Ryedale School on coding using microbits and programmed them to make a rock, paper, scissors game! Apparently, the second highlight was receiving their CGP homework books which they have brought home this weekend - instructions are in the pack for them to share with you. In other news we have been doing ratio in maths, writing some incredible non-chronological reports in English and discussing the components of a healthy diet in DT.	Next week, our writing focus will be character description using Oliver Twist for stimulus. We will be looking more into ratio and proportion in maths and DT when designing our soup recipes. In Science we are looking at gravitational pull.
Sycamore	This week in Sycamore, we have been reading The Firework Maker's Daughter as a lens through which to view traditions in East Asia in order to promote greater contextual knowledge of our new topic - The Shang Dynasty. We have been focusing on the use of speech in the book and how it can be used to move the plot along and to describe character. This is in build-up to a narrative piece. We have begun to explore the location and chronology of the Shang Dynasty and identifying some features of East China which were relevant to this particular culture. In maths we have concluded multiplication and division by looking at efficient calculation strategies for multiplying by any multiple of 10. In science the children have been learning about forces, the focus this week was Isaac Newton and the discovery of gravity. In PE, the children have been enjoying badminton.	Next week, we will continue to read The Firework Maker's Daughter, whilst drawing parallels that we can focus on for our narrative writing skills. In maths we will be launching into fractions. This will remain a focus, either in the foreground or the background, throughout the year. Miss Sellers has a surprise for the children in science to add an extra dimension to their work on forces. Badminton will continue to be our unit in PE. During our history lessons, we will be delving into the Shang Dynasty to explore what made this culture unique and relevant to us.
Maple	This week, Maple have been focusing on multiplication in maths! We have powered through multiplying 2 and 3 digits by 1 digit, even adding in some exchanges. In English, we have started our new unit on writing a persuasive letter, looking at what a good one looks like and the features we can put into our own work. In PE, we have been enjoying badminton and we are really liking our new class book, Planet Omar.	Next week, we will be starting to build our own persuasive letter in English. In art, we will continue our new unit on collage, looking at work inspired by Paul Klee. We will be continuing our work on the Romans by looking at the reasons behind their invasion.
Silver Birch	This week Silver Birch have begun to work on their own poem. We have amazing titles such as 'If I were in charge of the country, and 'If I were in charge of home'. In Maths we have begun division. In PSHE we have discussed the importance of a good night's sleep. In Art we created our own collage based upon the work of Matisse.	Next week we will write up our poems and begin our next non-fiction writing unit based on Neil Armstrong. In computing we will programme the beebots. In our History topic we will look at how we know so much about the achievements of the 'Wright brothers'.
Beech	This week we have been looking at poetry in our English sessions. We have enjoyed listening to different poems and creating our own verses. In Maths Y1 have been subtracting by using number bonds or counting back and Y2 have been exploring division. In PSHE we looked at different ways to keep healthy and in Art we created collages inspired by the work of the artist Richard Long.	Next week we will continue to find out facts about the Great Fire of London in our topic work. In our Computing work we will learn how to control floor robots. In English we will be continuing with our poetry work and we look forward to listening to the poems and rhymes that we have been learning at home.
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed reading our new focus story 'Little Red Riding Hood. We went into the hall to role-play our favourite parts of the story. We also thought about what schools were like 100 years ago and learnt how to play hopscotch in our topic work. In our maths work this week, we have been exploring the number 6 and have had great fun playing dice games.	Next week, we will be looking at how toys have changed over the years by looking at old and new toys. We will be thinking about what our favourite toy from the past is and comparing it to our favourite toy now. We will also be continuing our learning on the number 6 by exploring doubles and halves and how 6 is an even number. In our story work. We will be thinking about some describing words all about the bad wolf.

This week's super star!



Well done **AVA DOMAN**

A super role model for Beech Class — hard working and attentive. Always makes a contribution.



House Points for this week

Falcons	98
Harriers	93
Hawks	86
Eagles	87

School Lunches

Next week Mr Simpson will be cooking.....

Monday	Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese, Veg & Garlic Bread Jam Doughnut Muffin
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash with Veg, Gravy and Homemade Bread Oatie Apple Crumble & Custard
Wednesday	Mince Beef & Dumplings with Roast Potatoes & Veg Chocolate Orange Mousse Pot & Melting Moment
Thursday	Chicken Korma & Rice with Veg & Naan Bread
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips & Veg with Crusty Bread Iced Berry Bun.

Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
Year 6 at Ampleforth College to see Little shop of Horrors	Thur 1st Feb 24 1-3pm	Parent Consultations	Week Commencing 18th March—TBC
School Closes for Half Term	Fri 9th Feb 24	School Closes for the Easter Break	Fri 22nd March 24
School Opens	Mon 19th Feb 24	Inset Day	Mon 8th April 24
SATs parent workshop for Year 6 parents	Thur 22nd Feb 24 at 5:00pm	School Opens to Pupils	Tue 9th April 24
World Book Day	Thur 7th March		
Red Nose Day	Fri 15th March		

Library Visits

Next weeks library visit is: **Sycamore Class 24th January 2024**



We had so much fun in the snow this week



Rowan Class have been developing their coding skills using Micro:Bits. We had great fun coding a rock, paper, scissors game and playing against the computer.



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

This week during our Newsday Tuesday assembly we discussed...



A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- ◆ Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- ◆ Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- ◆ Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?



We would like as many families of Helmsley Community Primary School to take part in this year's Big Garden Bird watch. This takes place anytime between January 26th-28th 2024. It only takes one hour to take part and its important to take part so that we know which species are thriving and which are endangered. Please click on the link to sign up for Free!

[Big Garden Birdwatch | Register \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk/big-garden-birdwatch/register)

Thank you – Eco Warriors