



26th January Newsletter

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	This week we have been writing a version of Oliver Twist asking for more in the workhouse! We have really got into character. In Maths we have completed ratio and looked at problem solving using recipes. In PSHE we have begun working towards our young leader award by exploring what makes a good leader. We have also enjoyed our golden collage work in the style of Gustav Klimt and designing our soup recipes.	Next week we are beginning our ukulele unit in music. In science, we are continuing to explore forces and their effect on objects. In History we will be learning about why the Romans wanted to expand their empire by invading Britain. In Maths we are embarking onto algebra while in English we are continuing our work on Oliver Twist.
Sycamore	<p>This week we have continued our topic by looking at the chronology of the Shang Dynasty compared to other significant historical epochs. Continuing with the East Asian theme, we have read more of The Firework Maker's Daughter and this is now providing the basis for our narrative re-write of the story. We have looked at various writing skills to contribute to this piece and we are now building up our bank of sophisticated sentence structures and vocabulary. In Maths, we have begun our fractions unit by exploring and calculating equivalent fractions. In science the children have been exploring the effect of air resistance as part of their forces unit.</p> <p>Our art unit this half term is collage and the class have begun exploring the effect of different materials in building up an exploratory piece. Sycamore's PE lessons this week have been on dodgeball and badminton.</p>	Next week, we will be exploring what was distinctive about Shang people's beliefs. Writing will be continuing to build sentences towards our narrative piece. In maths we will continue with comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions. Our reading lessons will be a combination of further examination of The Firework Maker's Daughter and reading skills lessons. The PE and art we will be continuing the work begun this week.
Maple	This week in Maths we have been learning how to use a written method for division. In SPaG we have been developing our knowledge of powerful verbs. In spelling we have been focussing on the prefixes -in and dis-. The children have examples of the words we are learning in their link books. In PSHE we have been discussing the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.	Next week in Maths we will be beginning our new topic 'Fractions'. In Spanish we will be learning the names of different animals and adjectives that could be used to describe them eg. es grande. We are hoping to visit the library on Wednesday so please remember to return library books borrowed from our last visit.
Silver Birch	This week for English, Silver Birch have begun to learn about Neil Armstrong, who was the first man to step onto the moon in 1969. The children enjoyed watching old clips of the launch and space walk. They did some hot seating, posing questions which they would like Neil to answer (I tried my best!). In maths they have learnt about the 3 and 4 times tables, grouping and organising item in arrays. In PE the children have taken part in house dodgeball and enjoyed badminton.	This week for English, Silver Birch have begun to learn about Neil Armstrong, who was the first man to step onto the moon in 1969. The children enjoyed watching old clips of the launch and space walk. They did some hot seating, posing questions which they would like Neil to answer (I tried my best!). In maths they have learnt about the 3 and 4 times tables, grouping and organising item in arrays. In PE the children have taken part in house dodgeball and enjoyed badminton.
Beech	In Maths, Y1 have been looking at place value and focusing on the numbers between 20 and 50, while Y2 have been multiplying by 2. In English we have been looking at the patterns and structures of poems and we have loved listening to the poems that the children have been learning at home. In Science, Y2 investigated micro-habitats and Y1 have been finding and naming materials.	Next week, we are looking forward to visiting Helmsley Fire Station as part of our Great Fire of London topic. In English we will be writing and publishing our own poems. In DT we will continue our work linked to food and nutrition, as we find out why it is important to eat fruit and vegetables
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed exploring our story 'Little Red Riding Hood' by talking about the character of the wolf. The children enjoyed thinking of adjectives to describe the wolf such as 'sneaky' and 'dangerous'. They used their Fred Fingers to sound out and write their describing words on their pictures. In our topic work, we discussed how toys have changed over the years and categorised pictures of toys into old and new. The children noticed how a lot of the old toys were made out of wood and nothing needed electricity	Next week, we will be exploring the number 7 and thinking of the different representations such as rainbows! We will also be continuing to compare old and new toys by thinking about our favourite toy from the present and comparing it with one from the past. In our Literacy work, we will be sequencing the story of Little Red Riding Hood by making a story map.

This week's super star!



Well done **FLICK FRANCE**

Flick is an excellent role model. She is kind, caring and a resilient learner who always gives her best to any activity.



House Points for this week

Falcons	126
Harriers	117
Hawks	118
Eagles	156

School Lunches

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

Monday	Tomato Pasta, Veg & Garlic Bread Cornflake Crispie
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets, Diced Potatoes, Veg & Homemade Bread Marble Berry Sponge & Custard
Wednesday	Roast Pork & Stuffing with Mash, Veg & Crusty Bread Cheese & Crackers
Thursday	Beef Chilli Wrap with Vegetable Rice Fruity Flapjack
Friday	Battered Fish & Chips with Veg & Seed Bread Lemon Drizzle Muffin

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	World Book Day	Thur 7th March
Beech Class visit to the Fire Station	Fri 2nd Feb 24 9:30am	Red Nose Day	Fri 15th March
Comfy or Maths Themed Clothes Day	Fri 9th Feb 24	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

Library Visits

Next weeks library visit is: **Maple Class 31st January 2024**



On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Sara from Skydive GB who brought in her parachute equipment to enhance our science learning about air resistance. We had great fun putting our knowledge into practice.



Raising money for Sheffield Children's Hospital

After a discussion with our School Council it has been agreed to take this opportunity to support the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity, as a pupil at our school benefits from their care.

We are also combining the day with a Maths theme as it is Maths week, so there will be lots of activities, puzzles and challenges for the children to participate in through out the day.

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - We will be having a:

COMFY or MATHS THEMED CLOTHES DAY!

(Bring a donation to come to school in your comfies , tracksuit, pyjamas , slippers what every you feel relaxed in).



House Dodgeball - Thursday 25th January 2024

Children from Beech, Silver Birch, Maple, Sycamore and Rowan have this week participated in our Spring 1 house competition - that being the very popular sport of Dodgeball!

With each house playing each other once, teams were awarded 10 points for a win or 5 points for a draw. Compassion, defined by the children 'as being aware of other children's feelings and being kind towards them', was our theme for the event with children able to earn additional bonus points for acts of compassion on the court.



Although all houses performed with great enthusiasm, it was the Hawks with the standout performance! They got off to a great start, winning 6 of the first 12 matches - before both the Eagles and the Harriers came back to mount a late challenge. However, late wins for the Hawks of Sycamore class secured the victory which makes it successive wins for the yellow house following their strong performance in the Cross-Country event held in Autumn 2. Full results can be seen below and a big well done to everyone involved - you did your house teams proud!

1st: Hawks (Yellow)

2nd: Harriers (Red)

3rd: Eagles (Green)

4th: Falcons (Blue)

Thank you to the BATA.



A big thank you to BATA who donated a 20kg sack of wild bird feed for our Big School Bird watch in February. We have filled the bird feeders around school. Remember- It's the RSPB Big Garden bird watch this weekend! We want as many children and families to take part as possible.

Eco-Warriors Ollie and Harry



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- ◆ Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- ◆ Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

Spanish After School Club!



Ryedale Language Leaders (Years 9 and 10) are hosting a Spanish After School Club for Key Stage 2 pupils:

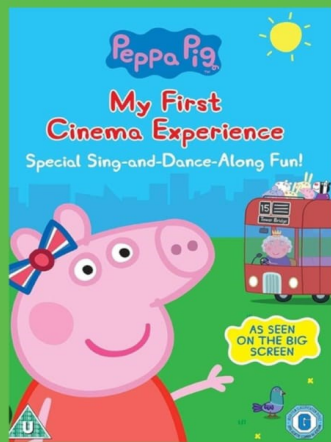
Tuesday 6th February
Tuesday 27th February
Tuesday 12th March

3.15pm – 4.15pm

Come along and learn some Spanish phrases and play some games!
¡Hasta pronto!

If your child would like to attend please email info@helmsley-rlt.co.uk

OSWALDKIRK CINEMA PRESENTS



SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2PM

Tickets £3 per person. Contact Shena on 07766204141 for advance tickets. Remaining tickets available on the door at the Village Hall. Showing will commence at 2.15pm. Complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit included. Additional snacks available to purchase prior to the showing. Bring your beanbags and cushions to slumber on the carpet.

CASH ONLY PLEASE



OSWALDKIRK CINEMA PRESENTS



WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 5PM

Tickets £5 per person. Contact Shena on 07766204141 for advance tickets. Remaining tickets available on the door at the Village Hall. Doors open at 4.30pm. Bar open for drinks and confectionery. Complimentary hot dogs prior to showing. Bring your beanbags and cushions to slumber on the carpet.

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Monday Meet Up @ Helmsley

Join us for a Monday afternoon meet up at Helmsley Sports and Social Club. The group is open to anyone 18+, that wants to meet new people and enjoy some social time in a friendly, welcoming environment. Running on the second Monday of the month from 1pm to 3pm.

Each month there will be someone from our Carers Team who can support with information around the role of the unpaid carer, whether a parent carer, adult carer or veteran.

Dates – 12/02, 11/03, 08/04 & 13/05

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