



2nd February Newsletter

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	Rowan class have conducted themselves exceptionally during this week. We have visited two different schools for art and sport opportunities and welcomed visitors into our own school. In Science we have investigated air resistance and tested our parachute prototypes. In Maths we have entered the world of algebra and experienced success with substitution. During English, we have continued our foray into Oliver Twist with some fabulous writing.	Next week we are looking forward to developing our understanding of the Romans, making seasonal soups and developing our collage work. We will be looking further into our young leader projects and getting prepared for internet safety week.
Sycamore	This week, the children have been learning about beliefs during the Shang Dynasty era. This continues to build up our knowledge of historical China which feeds into our reading book (The Firework Maker's Daughter) and our adventure story writing. In maths we have finished working on equivalent fractions and have been looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers. The class have continued learning about forces in science and have enjoyed dodgeball on Friday afternoon.	Next week we will learn about Shang Dynasty oracles - the process through which they divined the future. In writing, we will finish our sentence chunk work and skills preparation and will write up our adventure stories. We will also be finishing our class book. In maths we will be looking at comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions. The class will be doing further work on collage - identifying a subject, examining and sketching in detail and then recreating in collage. We will be very much looking forward to our number themed day next Friday.
Maple	What a busy week we have had! This week, we have started our new unit on fractions in maths, looking at the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and ordering them based on their denominators. In English, we have been writing persuasive letters to Mrs Lamb to convince her to let us have a Romans workshop on Monday... we can't wait to find out if we have persuaded her! We have continued our collage work in art by recreating the work of Victor Vasarely, and we have enjoyed dodgeball in PE.	Next week, we will hopefully be starting the week with a Romans workshop where we dive deeper into what life was like for around our local area during the Roman period. In maths, we will be exploring equivalent fractions and ordering fractions on number lines. In art, we will be creating our own versions of work inspired by the artist Henri Matisse. We are also looking forward to coming in comfy/maths clothes on Friday to support Sheffield Children's Hospital. Please don't forget your donation!
Silver Birch	We have had great week in Silver Birch. In Maths we multiplied numbers by 10 and recognised multiples of 10. In English we have begun to write a question and answer text about Neil Armstrong and learnt about the spelling rule of doubling the final consonant when adding a suffix to a word with a short vowel sound, eg fun -funny! Oak joined us for an exciting PE session and we looked at the work of optical illusion artist Bridget Riley.	Next week we will multiply 2 digit numbers using apparatus to support us and we will continue with writing our questions and answer text. In Art we will create an optical illusion inspired collage and in computing, programme a route for the beebots.
Beech	This week we have been writing and publishing our poems. In Maths, Y1 have been estimating on number lines to 50 and Y2 have been counting in multiples of 10. In our Art we have been creating collages of our initials, using contrasting textures of paper. We had a wonderful time at the Fire Station, finding out about the service and equipment, and how this has changed over the years.	Next week we are going to be writing thank you letters to the fire service. In Maths, Y1 will be looking at length and height and Y2 are continuing with multiplication. In PE we will be doing badminton and exploring shapes in gymnastics.
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed using lots of art materials to build on our collaging skills. The children created a big wolf picture dressed in Grandma clothes using tissue paper and scrunching up paper. We have also been exploring collage within provision by using magazines to cut our images and stick onto paper, creating our own patterns and designs. We have also explored the number 7 this week by looking at different representations and creating a weekly timetable to understand how there are 7 days in our week.	Next week, we will be finishing off our Little Red Riding Hood story by creating storyboards and retelling the story using images and writing some simple words. We will also be continuing with our comparisons of new and old toys, exploring how they have changed and which toys we would prefer to play with. We will also be continuing with our learning of the number 7 by understanding how amounts can be too many or too little and working out how many we would need to add or take away.

This week's super star!



Well done **GEORGE LECKENBY**

We couldn't ask any more of George in any area of school. His behaviour, learning behaviours, attitude, hard-work and politeness are all amazing examples to his peers.



House Points for this week

Falcons	101
Harriers	105
Hawks	53
Eagles	90

School Lunches

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

Monday	Pizza, Potato Wedges & Salad Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream
Tuesday	Meatballs in Creamy Sauce with Rice, Veg & Crusty Bread Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes with Veg & Gravy Orange Short Cake
Thursday	Spaghetti Bolognese, Veg & Garlic Flat Bread Oat & Fruit Cookie
Friday	Fish Star, Chips & Ketchup with Veg & Homemade Bread Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake

Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
Comfy or Maths Themed Clothes Day	Fri 9th Feb 24	Red Nose Day	Fri 15th March
School Closes for Half Term	Fri 9th Feb 24	Parent Consultations	Week Commencing 18th March—TBC
School Opens	Mon 19th Feb 24	School Closes for the Easter Break	Fri 22nd March 24
SATs parent workshop for Year 6 parents	Thur 22nd Feb 24 at 5:00pm	Inset Day	Mon 8th April 24
World Book Day	Thur 7th March	School Opens to Pupils	Tue 9th April 24

OFSTED VISIT

We have had a very busy week at Helmsley! The week began with our initial phone call and then a two day Ofsted inspection on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Although we cannot reveal the outcome until the final report is published in a few weeks' time, I wanted to thank all our families for their support and for taking the time to complete the Parents survey.

A special mention to all the children, who were fantastic and were highly praised for their behaviour and how they conducted themselves around school.

I also wanted to say thank you to the whole team here in school for their hard work and dedication. This really shone through during the inspection and highlighted how much everyone cares about the children, our school and the education that is delivered here. Once we receive our final report, I will then share this with you all. Once again thank you for your continued support - we certainly have a very strong and supportive school community at all levels.

Library Visits

Next weeks library visit is: **Maple Class 7th February 2024**



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).



York Valkyrie Rugby League Visit

York Valkyrie Rugby League Star, Daisy Sanderson, and York Knights foundation manager, Adam Prentis, concluded their tour of the trust primary schools with a visit to Helmsley. They delivered an inspirational assembly that focused on the success of both the Valkyrie and Daisy as a professional athlete; reflecting on how our own school values – resilience, motivation, collaboration, equity and respect - aligned with their winning culture! Thank you for visiting Daisy and Adam!



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ♦ Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- ♦ What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- ♦ What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?

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

OUT OF THIS WORLD SAFARI
CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP

AGES 6-10 10am-12noon or 1pm-3pm

14TH FEBRUARY

WITH NICOLA HUTCHINSON

Learn how to draw and paint your favourite animals with magical decoration and detail

Helmsley Arts Centre, Old meeting House Court, Helmsley, York. YO62 5DW
Booking essential: Box Office 01439 771700 www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

AFTER SCHOOL ARTS CLUB RUN BY LOCAL ARTIST NICOLA HUTCHINSON

MONDAYS TERM TIME
HELMSLEY ARTS CENTRE

3.45PM-4.45PM (AGES 5-7)
5PM-6PM (AGES 8-11)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
LIMITED SPACES LEFT
WWW.HELMSLEYARTS.CO.UK

JOIN OUR AFTER SCHOOL ARTS CLUB

HA Helmsley Arts Collective

EXPLORE, CREATE, HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS AND BE A PART OF A GROUP OF YOUNG CREATIVES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

Don't be bored during the Half term holidays!

ENJOY CRICKET 2024

TOP COACHING ONLY £5 PER CHILD, PER DAY!

Ryedale School Gymnasium

9:00am – 15:30pm
Wednesday 14th February

Venue Dates & Times

Mr Jackson: ljackson@ryedale-rit.co.uk

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The Yorkshire Cricket Foundation @YCCC_YCF

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Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership

HERITAGE FUND

North York Moors National Park

Under 5s Week

@ Helmsley Library
Fri 9 February 10.30am

Join Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership for an interactive and sensory story about 'Riley and the Musical River' exploring the ways we can look after our local spaces and wildlife.

The story session is about 20mins long, involves audience participation and is suitable for under 5's

No booking required, just drop in!
For more info, please call Helmsley Library on 01609 534553

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