



9th February Newsletter

Happy Half Term

After a short but extremely busy half term we would like to wish you a restful and fun week's holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th February refreshed and ready to learn.

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	Rowan class have had yet another busy week! We have designed, made and evaluated our own seasonal soups which used our skills of peeling and chopping, as well as designing a soup which used a variety of food groups from the Eatwell plate. We have also tested our parachutes which we designed to have the greatest air resistance. In English, we have written up our Oliver narrative and a character description of Fagin. In Maths we have enjoyed number day and have also completed our first set of Sats papers to see what they are like. In Music we have begun practising ukulele chords.	We hope that next week is a relaxing week for you all. When we return, we will be learning more about the Romans and completing our art unit on collage. We will also be enjoying a trip to Ryedale School to see the Snow Queen and getting to grips further with micro-bits.
Sycamore	This week in Sycamore we have been planning our adventure stories in writing, ready to write-up when we return. In maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions with a particular emphasis on finding the lowest common multiple to make the denominators comparable. The children have also worked on forces in science and we have begun our ukelele unit in music. The children have really enjoyed our comfy clothing / number day today, particularly extra time to work on maths on laptops and finding out interesting and unusual maths facts. They have also completed some brilliant still-life art work.	After half-term, we will be moving into biographies in writing, looking at non-fiction texts as our class book and in maths we will be continuing to work on fractions. In art, we will be finishing off our work on collages and looking at self-care and healthy choices in PSHE. Music will continue to be working with ukeleles and we will be continuing to work on our current history topic of the Shang Dynasty. The children have worked so very hard this half-term and I hope they enjoy their well-earned break!
Maple	Maple class thoroughly enjoyed their Roman workshop on Monday. They learnt about everyday life during the Roman period and even tried on some Roman costumes. This week in Maths we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions. In SPaG we have been consolidating our knowledge of conjunctions and how to use them effectively within our everyday writing. In spelling we have been focussing on the suffix -ous. The children have examples of the words we are learning in their linkbooks. In PSHE we discussed the importance of internet safety. Have a super half term!	After half term in Maths, we will be revisiting 'Fractions' and moving onto decimals. In Spanish we will be learning how to pronounce the different colours. In SPaG we will be learning how to use apostrophes for plural possession.
Silver Birch	This week we have finished writing a question and answer text about the Wright brothers. In maths we have been using counters and times tables to multiply and divide two digit numbers. We made posters about being safe on the internet as it was Internet Safety awareness day on the 6 th February. In art we created collages inspired by Bridget Riley.	Next term we will begin units on shape and fractions in maths. We will be story writing in English and we are looking forward to starting our DT unit, investigating fillings and making sandwiches. I do hope you all have a restful half term and continue to read and practise maths on numbats and tt rockstars.
Beech	This week we have enjoyed taking part in the Big School Birdwatch. In English we have been writing sentences for our story based on 'The Last Stop on Market Street.' We have also written thank you letters to the fire service. In Science, Y2 have been investigating habitats and finding out which plants and animals depend on each other. Y1 have been exploring materials and objects. We took part in Safer Internet Day and found out about ways to stay safe online. Have a lovely half term everyone!	After half term we will be writing stories in English. We will continue with our Great Fire of London topic. In DT we will be planning our smoothies and in Art we will be looking at textiles.
Oak	This week, we have been finishing off our story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' by creating sequencing maps as we retell the story. The children thought carefully about the four parts of the story they wanted to include and retold their story to an adult using amazing language! We have also discussed the importance of being safe when on a tablet, compared old and new toys and rounded off our learning on the number 7 by creating our maths posters.	After half term, we will be moving onto a new traditional tale, Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We will also be continuing with our History topic and be learning all about the life of Queen Elizabeth II as she was a significant person within Grandma Ada's life. Within our maths work next term, we will be learning all about the numbers 8 and 9 alongside having a focus week on identifying weight and comparing heavy and light objects.

This week's super star!



Well done **ABIGAIL ADAMSON**

For her fantastic enthusiasm and diligence in all her work. A
Great attitude to learning!

WELL DONE ABBIE.



House Points for this week

Falcons	84
Harriers	91
Hawks	101
Eagles	118

School Lunches

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

Monday	Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese, Veg & Garlic Bread
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 Cheese & Biscuit
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips & Veg with Crusty Bread Iced Berry Bun.

Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
School Closes for Half Term	Fri 9th Feb 24	Parent Consultations	Mon 18th March 3:30—6:30pm
School Opens	Mon 19th Feb 24	Parent Consultations	Wed 20th March 3:30—5:30pm
SATs parent workshop for Year 6 parents	Thur 22nd Feb 24 at 5:00pm	School Closes for the Easter Break	Fri 22nd March 24
Yr6 at Ryedale to see The Snow Queen	Wed 28th Feb	Inset Day	Mon 8th April 24
World Book Day	Thur 7th March	School Opens to Pupils	Tue 9th April 24
Red Nose Day	Fri 15th March		

Library Visits

Next library visit is: Silver Birch **Class 21st February 2024**



CLUBS

Please see below the list of clubs that will be taking place next half term. Each child should only sign up to one of Mr Jackson's sessions so everyone gets to participate. Pupils that are on the waiting list for Mr Jackson's Clubs will get first refusal. Please email info@helmsley-rlt.co.uk if you would like your child to take part in a club, no need to email for yoga, football, Spanish & SAT's Workshop if you are all ready signed up.

CLUBS WILL START WEEK COMMENCING 19TH FEBRUARY.

Monday till 4:30pm	Years 1—6	Football	Nigel Carson
Tuesday till 4:15pm	Years 1 –6 (20 places)	Girls can Play (Multi Sports Girls only)	Mr Jackson
Tuesday till 4:15pm (27th Feb & 12th March.	Years 4-6	Spanish Club	Mrs Redman from Ryedale School & her GCSE Spanish Students.
Thursday till 4:00pm	Year 6	SATs Workshop	Mrs Dunn
Thursday till 4:15pm	Years 1—5 (20 places)	Multi-Sports	Mr Jackson
Friday Before school - 7:45—8:45	Years 1-6	YOGA	Anandini Yoga

REMINDERS:

- ParentPay accounts with outstanding balances to be settled.
- Year 6 slips to be returned for the SATs workshops
- Year 6 slips and payments for The Snow Queen production at Ryedale School to be returned—payment via Parentpay.

On Monday, Maple Class took part in a Romans workshop held by Malton Museum. We enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers, making mosaics and examining artefacts for clues about what life was like during the Roman period.



"Beech Class had a fantastic time at Helmsley Fire Station last Friday. We learnt about the Great Fire of London and how the Fire Brigade keep us safe. Thank you to all the Fire Fighters who worked with us!"



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

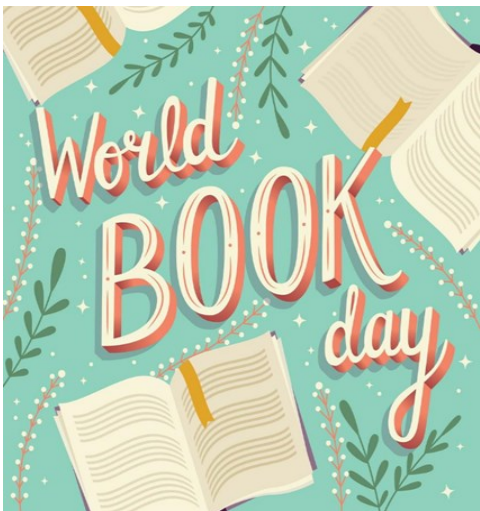
This week during our Newsday Tuesday assembly we discussed...



45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Make a list of people you find inspirational. What about them inspires you?
- ◆ Think about some of the places you find leaders (e.g., schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen? Share how important you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences.



World Book Day is just around the corner and our Reading Champions have been getting plans in place for March 7th.

They are going with a character theme this year, so children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character - even better if they can bring the book to read on the day! There is also a character competition for all pupils to enter. They would like everyone to design and decorate either a spoon or plate into a book character. See below for ideas. So, get your creative juices flowing this half term!

