



23rd February Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and are ready for the busy run up to Easter with lots of exciting challenges and opportunities for learning.

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	This week, Rowan class have been busy learning about the Roman army. We have written double page spreads about legionaries and learned about formations and battle tactics. In maths we have been finding percentages of amounts and recognising the equivalent decimals and percentages. In Science we have been looking at levers and had a go at making catapults.	Next week we are looking forward to our visit to see the Snow Queen at Ryedale. We are going to be completing our writing for no more marking assessments and learning a few more chords on the ukulele.
Sycamore	This week in Sycamore, the children have been doing lots of amazing writing - they have been doing page after page on their re-write if the firework maker's daughter. In maths, we have been doing a mix of fractions and brushing up on our arithmetic and reasoning skills. The children are really improving across both of these test areas. In science, the children had a great time putting their knowledge on forces and air resistance to the test by making their own parachutes. The children began their tag rugby unit in PE on Tuesday and on Friday have been lucky enough to begin a four week cricket program with a North Yorkshire cricket coach. The children have also looked at the importance of oracle stones during the Shang Dynasty.	Next week in writing, we will be moving on to look at biographies of famous figures from Chinese history. We will soon be finished with our class book so we will be choosing and beginning a new book to compliment our learning as well as sessions on reading skills from excerpts of text. Maths will be focusing on multiplying fractions. In science, the children will continue to work on forces. PE will be a repeat of this week with tag rugby on Tuesday and cricket on Friday. In history, we will be exploring what can be learned about daily life during the Shang Dynasty from recovered artifacts.
Maple	We have settled into a new half term by starting a new unit in English, looking at Valerie Bloom's poem 'The River'. In maths, we are continuing our fractions work and have specifically been looking at adding and subtracting fractions. We started our new unit in tennis in PE and have been looking at the downfall of the Roman Empire in topic. We have also had our first session of cricket with Owen from Chance to Shine.	Next week, we will be looking at mixed numbers in fractions and counting fractions beyond one. We will be continuing our music with Mrs Durrant by looking at the Australian kookaburra song. We will be starting our new unit of textiles in art and will be continuing to look at features of poetry in English.
Silver Birch	This week Silver Birch have written an imaginative piece of writing, which included an unusual monster visiting a school for show and tell. In maths we started learning about fractions, recognising halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. In computing we practised logging on to numbots and ttraskstars. We also began our unit on data handling and pictograms.	Next week we will be visiting the library on Wednesday. In Art we will dip dye some fabric pieces and in DT we will look at the 'healthy food plate', focussing on food groups and the proportions of each food groups that is recommended in our diets. In English we will start a new unit about non-chronological reports.
Beech	This week we have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops when we write our sentences. In Maths, Y1 have been measuring and comparing mass and volume and Y2 have been exploring shape. In PSHE we have been thinking about ways to keep safe and learning about different hazards.	Next week we will plan, write and publish our own stories based on The Last Stop on Market Street. In Art we will be starting our work on textiles as we look at different ways to decorate fabrics. In DT we will be planning our own fruit smoothies.
Oak	This week, we have begun our new story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and created a story map together with actions to help us retell this story. We also discussed whether Goldilocks was a good character or not and created wanted posters. We have begun to learn all about Queen Elizabeth II this week and made crowns to celebrate how long she was Queen of our country. We have also moved onto learning about the number 8 this week and have enjoyed using spiders legs to learn about the composition of 8.	Next week, we will be continuing with our learning on the number 8 and looking at how to make half of an even number. We will also be continuing our learning on Goldilocks by writing class instructions on how to make porridge (and making it too!) We will be learning about Queen Elizabeth II and her family and learning about who the members of the Royal Family are.

This week's super star!



Well done **MAGGIE SHARP.**

Maggie Comes to school with a huge smile on her face. She shows Exceptional manners and has a fantastic attitude to her learning often asking for extra work.



House Points for this week

Falcons	107
Harriers	95
Hawks	72
Eagles	135

School Lunches

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

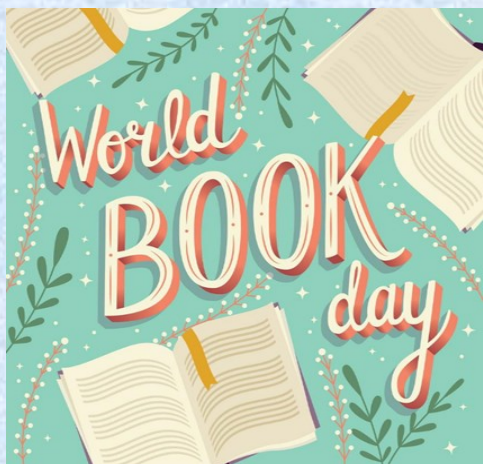
Monday	Tomato Pasta, Veg & Garlic Bread Cornflake Crispie
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets, Diced Potatoes, Veg & Homemade Bread Marble Berry Sponge & Custard
Wednesday	Roast Pork & Stuffing with Mash, Veg & Crusty Bread Cheese & Crackers
Thursday	Beef Chilli Wrap with Vegetable Rice Fruity Flapjack
Friday	Battered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

Diary Dates

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

Library Visits

Next library visit is: Silver Birch **Class 28th February 2024**



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!



School book amnesty plea!

While sorting your books out for the book swap, please can you keep an eye out for the following:

School reading books, library books and phonics books.

We are missing many copies!

REMINDERS:

- **ParentPay accounts with outstanding balances to be settled.**
- **Payments for The Snow Queen production at Ryedale School are now overdue—payment is via**

Eco Warriors

Eco warriors would like to join in with World Book day on March 7th by organising a BIG BOOK SWAP!

We would ask each child to bring in at least one book (good condition only please) that is no longer needed. Books can be handed into class teachers and then the Eco warriors, with the reading ambassadors help, will sort the books into categories such as age or topic. It would be great if every child could take home at least one pre-loved book on the day.

Books are difficult to recycle due to the glue and binding so there is no better way to help the environment than to give the gift of a pre-loved book!

Thank you for your support - The Helmsley Eco Warriors

World Book Day is just around the corner (Thursday 7th March). This year we are inviting pupils to dress up as a favourite character from a book that they love. The main purpose of this is to recommend books they enjoy to others and to explore new characters, hopefully finding a new book to try along the way. We hope that these tips and ideas help you to prepare a simple and cheap costume together using things you already have at home.



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....

....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

....do like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



This week we welcomed Owen from Chance to Shine Cricket to help us with our cricket skills.

#welovecricket

#chancetoshine



EASTER TENNIS

25th March - 2nd April

With Adam Scaife - LTA Accredited+ Coach

MONDAY

@ Alne

25th March

TOTS
9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10yrs
10.30am-12.30 Red Ball

8-14yrs
13.30pm-16.30 Green Ball

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAY

@ THIRSK TENNIS CLUB

26th & 27th

TOTS
9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10yrs
10.30am-12.30 Red Ball

8-14yrs
13.30pm-16.30 Green Ball

27th March

TOTS
9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10yrs
10.30am-12.30 Red Ball

12+yrs Full ball
13.30pm-16.30

Book your place

Message/Call Adam
07876458168

Email
Adam_scaife91@hotmail.com

Social Media
@LTAMiniTennisThirsk

Book one OR multiple sessions

Costs

Tots (90 minutes) - £10

Red Ball (2 hrs) - £14

Orange/Green/Full Ball (3 hrs) - £19

THURSDAY & EASTER MONDAY

@ KNAYTON

28th & 1st

TOTS
9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10yrs
10.30am-12.30 Red Ball

8-14yrs
13.30pm-16.30 Green Ball

FRIDAY

@ COXWOLD

29th March

TOTS
9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10yrs
10.30am-12.30 Red Ball

8-14yrs
13.30pm-16.30 Green Ball

Locations

Alne Tennis Club - Back Lane - YO61 1TJ

Thirsk Tennis Club - Newsham Rd - YO7 1QP

Leake Tennis Club - HRAP Knayton - YO7 4AX

Coxwold Tennis Club - Coxwold - YO61 4AD

NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



Coca-Cola has announced it will temporarily be removing labels from some of its bottles to trial 'label-less' packaging. The trial will see labels removed from the 500ml Sprite and Sprite Zero bottles and replaced with an embossed logo on the front of the pack. The product and nutritional information will be laser-engraved onto the back. The label-less bottles will be trialled in some shops in London, Bristol, Manchester and Brighton and Hove.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Find five different food items at home that have packaging and labels. Have a look at the labels and talk to others at home about what they include. What do you think is the most important information? Do you believe that all the packaging the items have is necessary?
- ◆ In general, do you feel people should do more to reduce the amount of packaging they consume? If so, how?