



1st March Newsletter

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	<p>This week, Rowan class have visited Ryedale School to watch the Snow Queen which was fantastic. It was lovely to see the older pupils performing so confidently. In English we have been completing our no more marking assessments. I have been so proud of the mature way that they have approached this writing and the dedication that they have shown.</p> <p>In Maths we have been working on conversions of units of measure. Try testing us on this so that we can practise retrieving this information- use it or lose it! In science we have perfected our catapults and in art we have completed collages in the style of Picasso's cubist work.</p>	<p>Next week we are having a practice SATs week so that we know what to expect. We are also looking forward to World Book Day and sharing our characters and stories. We will be finishing off our learning on the Romans and forces.</p>
Sycamore	<p>This week in Sycamore, the children have published their final narrative work ahead of moving to a new unit next week. In maths we have been getting to the end of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, we just need to finish this off with adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with different denominators. In reading we have been working on our fluency with daily tasks and peer to peer coaching. In science, the children have been looking at water resistance and testing model boats to explore this force. We have continued with our unit on ukeleles in music and PE has been tag rugby and cricket.</p>	<p>Next week is our assessment week so much of our work will be around re-visiting previous knowledge and preparation. We will be continuing with our current units in music, PE and science. Thursday is World Book Day so I will be looking forward to seeing the children's creative costumes and to have a day focused on reading.</p>
Maple	<p>This week in Maths we have been finding unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects. In SPaG we have been consolidating our knowledge of verbs and adverbs and how to use them effectively within our everyday writing. In spelling we have been focussing on the words ending in -ture. The children have examples of the words we are learning in their linkbooks. In Computing we have been learning how to use spreadsheets effectively.</p>	<p>Next week the children will be completing some end of term assessments. In addition to this they will be continuing with DT 'Make a healthy sandwich' unit of work. In Spanish they will be consolidating their understanding of colours in Spanish. In SPaG we will be learning how to use inverted commas and other forms of punctuation to indicate direct speech within their independent writing. Have a great weekend!</p>
Silver Birch	<p>This week we finally managed to get our trip to the library. We all enjoyed choosing a book and some children managed to find a 'Tom Fletcher' book, who is our Author of the term. In maths we learnt about unit and non unit fractions. In art we dip dyed material ready for printing on next week</p>	<p>Next week in PSHE, we will learn about keeping ourselves safe in our local environment. In DT we will design our own sandwich or wrap and we all are looking forward to seeing who each person has chosen to be for World book day on Thursday. Please remember to bring in an old book for the book swap. It would be great if all children could join in.</p>
Beech	<p>This week we have enjoyed writing and publishing our own stories based on the story 'Last Stop on Market Street'. In Science, Y2 have started their topic about the uses of everyday materials and Y1 have been learning about opaque and transparent materials. We have started weaving as part of our art topic about textiles and in DT we have been finding out about where fruits and vegetables come from.</p>	<p>Next week we will be planning our fruit smoothies in DT and the children are excited about inventing a name for their recipe! In Art we will be decorating fabrics and in PSHE we will continue our work on keeping safe.</p>
Oak	<p>This week, we have enjoyed making instructions on how to make porridge, inspired from our story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We then followed our instructions and made some yummy porridge for our snack! We have also continued our learning on Queen Elizabeth II by learning about her reign of 70 years! We discussed some important events that the children remembered such as her platinum jubilee.</p>	<p>Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating special events in our calendar such as World Book Day and Mother's Day and getting up to some crafty activities with these in mind. We will also be having a week on Shape, Space and Measure within our maths work and be looking at how we measure capacity.</p>

This week's super star!



Well done **EMILY OUTHWAITE**

Emily had grown with confidence and maturity in Y6. She is an excellent role model and buddy for our younger pupils and is taking responsibility for her learning which is a credit to see.



House Points for this week

Falcons	139
Harriers	119
Hawks	102
Eagles	112

School Lunches

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
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
Parent Consultations	Wed 20th March 3:30—5:30pm	Chocolate Bingo	Thur 11th April time TBC
Non-Uniform for Chocolate Bingo	Fri 22nd March 24		

Library Visits

Next library visit is: **Beech Class 6th March 2024**



Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation Meeting are for parents with children in year groups **Nursesey —Year 5**. There will be two dates available indicated below and each meeting will be 10 minutes:

- ♦ Monday 18th March —3:30—6:30pm
- ♦ Wednesday 20th March - 3:30—5:30pm

Year 6 Parent Consultation Meetings will take place on the dates below and will be 15 minutes. **Year 6 pupils should also attend the consultation meeting with their parents.**

- ♦ Monday 18th March —3:30—5:45pm
- ♦ Wednesday 20th March - 3:30—6:00pm

Bookings for Parent Consultations can be made on My Child At School - booking opens from Monday 4th March @ 4:00pm.

How to access MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

Please use the following link and the details provided to register or login to the MCAS Portal.

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

- Many of you will have already used MCAS so will already have logins
- For new parents please keep an eye out for your welcome email containing your invitation code to get started.
- The school ID is 11393
- We will also send an email containing full instructions—this will also tell you what to do if you have forgotten your login information.

Once you have signed in:

- Click on the Parents Evening tab on the left hand side of the screen
- Select the Parents Meeting date you prefer from the drop down menu
- Click on the box in the centre of the page, containing the class name and teacher
- Select the required time and click book
- All bookings need to be made 9:30pm on Friday 15th March

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.

....doesn't 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.



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!

Eco Warriors.

This week we had our extraordinary meeting which had a slightly different focus than planned. Sadly our special visitor from energy heroes had to cancel last minute but undeterred, we managed to catch up on some gardening and tidying jobs around school.



Wanted

If anyone has one or two spare planters or pots, Eco warriors would love to use them to brighten up our school entrance. Could you contact Mrs Bullock via the school office if you can help.

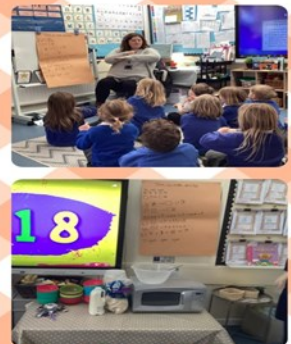
The eco warriors would also like to start planting up the raised beds with veg seedlings. If any one has too many or can spare suitable plants, they would most gratefully be received.



World Book Day Eco Swap REMINDER

Please could all children bring in a book that they would be happy to swap for a different one. The eco warriors with help of the reading ambassadors would like to arrange a Big book Swap

This week Oak class have been writing instructions on how to make porridge inspired by their story, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Acorn came to join them as they followed their instructions to make some porridge and added a topping of raisins, banana or golden syrup.



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- ◆ What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?



Bounce into Bank Holiday Monday

Duncombe Park FC, Duncombe Park Ladies FC and Duncombe Park Cricket Club
welcome you to join the fun on

Monday 1st April

Helmsley Sports Club

12pm—3pm

Various inflatables and an Easter treat for all children

Suitable for children aged 11 and under

£5 per child

Tickets available to buy from Tuesday 5th March at Ryeburn of Helmsley

