



15th March Newsletter

Global Fortnight

This term our Global Curriculum focus is Sustainable Development and Collaboration . Each class will use some key texts to explore the positive and negative impact of people's actions (including own personal choices) on others and the environment. We will also take the opportunity to revisit our school value of collaboration and how we can work together to make our world a better place.

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	It is Global fortnight and Rowan class are looking at the idea of sustainable food production and working collaboratively. We welcomed Rhona Sutherland, a local beekeeper into school on Monday. She told us lots of information about how honey is made. We have created posters about why bees are important and how we can help to save them. Today, we have dissected a flower and looked at different types of pollination.	Next week we will be exploring more about sustainability and how we can grow crops to feed our future planet. We are looking forward to getting together at parents evening to see our progress so far! In Maths we will be exploring statistics and representing data in different forms.
Sycamore	It has been a very busy week in Sycamore! We started off the week by completing a trail around school to find facts about Africa in order to complete our factfile. On Wednesday, we made our Sudanese bread in the morning and made sandwiches with it in the afternoon. We had very mixed opinions on the taste of it! In English, we have been interviewing characters from our global book in a hot seating activity to help us write our newspaper reports. In art, we have painted African landscapes and used black card to create silhouettes on top.	Next week, we will be finishing our newspaper articles for our global writing. In maths, we will be starting our new multiplication and division unit. We will be looking at the Hindu celebration of Holi on Wednesday by making rainbow fudge. On Thursday, we will be celebrating Easter. In science, we will be looking at development through childhood.
Maple	This week we started our global curriculum work. The theme is 'sustainability'. We have been learning about endangered animals and what we can do to prevent their extinction. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our text 'Will we miss them?' based on animal conservation and how we can protect our environment. The children have produced some fabulous pencil sketches of the creatures featured in the text. In Maths we have been comparing and ordering mixed number fractions.	Next week we will be continuing our global curriculum work. On Wednesday we will be learning about the Hindu festival 'Holi'. The children will be writing some acrostic poetry using their new knowledge of Holi. In Maths we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of improper and mixed number fractions. In DT the children are looking forward to making and tasting our healthy sandwiches. The children have designed some interesting sandwich combinations!
Silver Birch	This week we have completed our non-chronological reports on sharks. They had so many interesting facts in them. In maths we have begun a new unit on 2D and 3D shapes. In art we printed using Indian style relief blocks and made our own printing blocks using lolly sticks and elastic bands. We read our Global book, Dear Earth and started our global activities.	Next week on Tuesday, we will go on our trip to Helmsley walled garden. Please return your slip and ice-cream money as soon as possible and remember to bring waterproofs on Tuesday too! We will also take part in an Easter festival day on Friday.
Beech	This week has been the start of our global curriculum work on sustainable development. Our focus is on recycling and we have enjoyed finding out about what recycling is and why it is important. We've had fun reading our focus text 'Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary' and looking at the wonderful illustrations. We also took part in Yorkshire Water's Water Safety Live event and learnt lots about keeping safe near rivers, reservoirs and seas.	Next week we will continue with our global curriculum work as we find out more about recycling. We will be looking at the symbols and logos linked to rubbish and recycling as we find out what they mean. We will be creating some ocean themed art work and we will be talking about what we recycle and reuse at home.
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed taking part in a Spring hunt with Mr Smith around our school grounds. We have been looking for budding plants, signs of new life, green leaves and flowers. We enjoyed visiting the daffodils at the front of the school and creating some still life pictures. We have also been enjoying reading our Global story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We have been making lists of all the fruit and vegetables that can be grown to go on our Star Writing wall. We have also been learning about what it means to buy fairtrade food.	Next week, we will be looking at foods that are fairtrade and marking on a world map where some of these foods are from. We will also be learning how growing our own food can make us sustainable and how it helps our planet. We are looking forward to celebrating Holi next week and learning all about this colourful, Hindu celebration. We will also be learning about Easter and creating a piece of art work to show the Easter Story.

This week's super star!



Well done **EMBER BOOTH**

For always having impeccable manners, putting determination and resilience into everything and being a Star Standard pupil.



House Points for this week

Falcons	154
Harriers	158
Hawks	116
Eagles	148

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
Parent Consultations	Mon 18th March 3:30—6:30pm	School Closes for the Easter Break	Fri 22nd March 24
Silver Birch visit to the Walled Garden	Tue 19th March	Inset Day	Mon 8th April 24
Parent Consultations	Wed 20th March 3:30—5:30pm	School Opens to Pupils	Tue 9th April 24
Non-Uniform for Chocolate Bingo	Fri 22nd March 24	Chocolate Bingo	Thur 11th April time TBC

Library Visits

Next library visit is: **Rowan Class 20th March 2024**



Preloved Uniform—Message from FOHS

Thank you to everyone for your generosity which means that we have a supply of good second hand uniform, please let us know if you require any uniform and we will check our stocks, donations in payment to school is appreciated but not essential.

We will be at Parent Consultation Evenings on the 18th and 20th March with the uniform if you would like to have a look through what is available.

REMINDERS:

- ♦ **We have a number of outstanding balances on ParentPay, please settle these immediately. Thank you.**

Kirkbymoorside Out of School Club

Kirkbymoorside out of school club is open for the Easter Holidays every day except Good Friday and Easter Monday From 8am -5pm.

Various sessions available.

To book a place please or for more information please contact us on 01751 430997 or 522501@nyey.co.uk.

Easter Egg

A fabulous chocolate Easter egg has been donated to school by the Ryedale Lions. The school council will be selling raffle tickets £1 for 5 tickets from Monday during break time. Don't miss out on the chance of winning this amazing Easter confectionary, you've got to be in it to win it.



CHOCOLATE BINGO—Non Uniform

Friends of Helmsley School are holding a Chocolate Bingo event on Thursday 11th April more details to follow).

To hold Chocolate Bingo you need chocolate and lots of it!

We are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 22nd March and in return they bring a donation of chocolate for the bingo.



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ◆ Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- ◆ Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

A CREATIVE ART ADVENTURE
TWO DAY WORKSHOP

25TH & 26TH MARCH 10-3PM

helmsley artscentre
AGES 8-11

WITH NICOLA HUTCHINSON

Explore, develop, and experiment with drawing, painting, and collage skills this Easter holiday.

Booking Essential: Box Office 01439 771700 www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

