



## 12th April 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back.

We hope you had a restful break and didn't eat too much chocolate. We are looking forward to a busy term and hoping for some sunshine so we can participate in some outside learning.

### Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	It has been lovely to welcome the children back after a relaxing Easter; they are already gearing up for a busy half term. We are revisiting area, perimeter and volume in maths. In reading, we are practising skills around finding words and their meaning and this has supported our work with prefixes and suffixes in spelling and grammar. In Science, we have begun to learn about the circulatory system, while in topic we have been looking at the human and physical features of our region.	Next week, we will be exploring our continent and the countries within before we particularly focus on Italy. In art, we will begin with printmaking and layering. We will also be beginning a new writing unit on the escape from Pompeii. We will also continue to work on our fluency in reading and arithmetic.
Sycamore	This week in Sycamore we have been working on fractions of amounts in maths. In English, we have been investigating what makes for good poetry in preparation for writing our own poems ahead of Earth Day later in April. The class have had lessons in science on puberty and in PSHE on peer pressure. The children enjoyed cricket in PE and spreadsheets in computing on Tuesday afternoon. We have introduced our new topic which will be driven by geography objectives. We will be comparing geographical aspects of York and Rome. Our grammar focus for the week has been on the use of apostrophes.	Next week, we will be locating York and Rome on a European map and draw initial thoughts on similarities and differences from virtual tours of the two cities. In maths we will be moving on to decimals. We will move towards writing our own poems in English as well as practising some tricky question types in reading skills. The children will be continuing with spreadsheets and cricket and we will be beginning our new PSHE mini-unit on looking after the environment.
Maple	This week, Maple have started their new unit in English looking at play scripts. We have identified the features of a script and have had a go at acting some out ourselves! In maths, we have dived into decimals, looking at dividing digits by 10 and 100. In geography, we have started our new unit on Modern Europe, using atlases to identify different European countries. We have been testing our flag knowledge too!	Next week, we will continue to look at decimals in maths. In English, we will be using the first chapter of James and the Giant Peach and learning how to turn this into our own script, using hot seating and freeze frames to identify characters' emotions. In RE, we are starting our new unit by looking at the rules we have in our life and why they're important, and comparing them to rules created by different religions. In geography, we are looking at European mountains and rivers.
Silver Birch	Welcome back. We started this week with an amazing workshop about reducing food waste and recycling. This was delivered by North Yorkshire Rotters! We each made a mini wormery, learnt facts about worms and made a class plan to create a school compost bin. I hope the worms have had a nice holiday at your house and that you have spotted some changes inside the wormeries this week.	Next week we look forward to welcoming back the worms and will add them to our school compost bin. In Maths we will continue learning about shapes and their features, including recognising right angles. In English we will start a story unit and begin our new Geography topic named, Hills and Mountains. After school on Wednesday we are going to sell our seed balls that we made during global week. We hope to raise enough money to buy a tree or plants for our school grounds.
Beech	Our topic for this half term is 'weather experts' which focuses on our geographical knowledge and skills. During this topic we will be learning about the seasons and investigating how the weather changes. In our writing we have had lots of fun finding rhyming words and creating rhyming phrases. In Maths Y1 have started their work on fractions and have been finding and recognising halves. Y2 have focused on shapes.	Next week, we will be creating and publishing our own rhyming poems. In PSHE we will be thinking about the communities that we belong to. Our Art will be based on printing and we will be making patterns with primary colours. In DT we will start our mechanisms topic where we will be looking at wheels and axles
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed exploring our new topic all about Africa! The children had great fun with the blow up globe, looking at the different countries within Africa. We discussed how it is a hot place, looked at some of the animals that live there alongside some of the habitats. We can't wait to explore this further! We also moved onto the number 10 this week and have been exploring how to make number bonds up to 10 by using Numicon.	We are very excited about our upcoming trip to Flamingo Land on Tuesday. We are excited to take part in an animal workshop and have a tour of the zoo to see some African animals live in person! We will also be starting our new Literacy focus book next week which is Handa's surprise. We will be looking at the order of events in the book and seeing if we can link the correct animal to the fruit it takes.

## This week's super star!



Well done **ELLA HODGINS**

Ella is an amazing role model in Silver Birch. She puts 100% effort into all she does and is a polite and kind friend. We done Ella, keep it up.



### House Points for this week

**WE WILL BE DOING TWO  
WEEKS WORTH OF HOUSE  
POINTS NEXT WEEK**

### School Lunches

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

Monday	Beef Burger in a Bun, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw & Salad  Summer Berry Flapjack
Tuesday	Creamy Mac & Cheese, veg & Garlic Bread
Wednes- day	Roast Gammon, Gravy, Potatoes, Veg & Homebaked Bread  Apple Crumble & Custard
Thursday	Chicken Korma, Rice, Veg & Naan Bread  Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Muffin
Friday	Battered Fish, Chips, Ketchup, Veg & Bread  Custard Cookie with Orange Wedge

### Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
Oak Class Flamingo Land Trip	Tue 16th April	Year 6 Literacy Day at Ryedale School	Thur 23rd May
Beech Visit to the Walled Garden	Mon 22nd April	School closes for Half Term	Fri 24th May
Early Years Sponsored Walk	Fri 3rd May	School Opens for Summer 2	Mon 3rd June
May Day Bank Holiday School Closed	Mon 6th May		
Active Photo—Class Photos	Fri 10th May		

## Library Visits

Next library visit is: **Silver Birch Class 17th April 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](mailto:info@helmsley-rlt.co.uk) if you would like your child to take part in a club, no need to email for yoga, football, & SAT's Workshop if you are all ready signed up.

**CLUBS WILL START WEEK COMMENCING 15TH APRIL.**

<b>Monday till 4:30pm</b>	Years 1—6	Football	Nigel Carson
<b>Tuesday till 4:15pm</b>	Years 1 –6 (20 places)	Girls can Play (Multi Sports Girls only)	Mr Jackson
<b>Wednesday till 4:15pm</b>	Years 2-6 (15 places)	Woodlands Activity Club - it'll be different activities each week, mainly based in the woodlands. Activities could vary from nature crafts, den building, outdoor team games etc.	Miss Sellers
<b>Thursday till 4:00pm</b>	Year 6	SATs Workshop	Mrs Dunn
<b>Thursday till 4:15pm</b>	<b>Years 1—5</b> (20 places)	Multi-Sports	Mr Jackson
<b>Friday  Before school - 7:45— 8:45</b>	Years 1-6	YOGA	Anandini Yo- ga

## REMINDERS:

- ♦ **We have a number of outstanding balances on ParentPay, please settle these immediately. Thank you.**
- ♦ **Oak Class to return slips and payment for the Flamingo Land trip on the 16th April**





## Silver Birch Wild Flower Seed Ball Sale!

Next week on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, at break and after school, Silver Birch will be selling seed balls of wild flowers. They are 50p per bag. The children made them during global week and hope to raise enough money to buy some plants or even a tree for the school grounds. Please support his event if you can.





on Tuesday 'The North Yorkshire Rotters' came to do a Recycling workshop . They showed the children how to create their own wormery and how this can create compost for plants. They also brought their smoothie bike. The children learned about food waste and found out that healthy smoothies could be a way to use up older fruit. They even used pedal power to make the smoothie.

