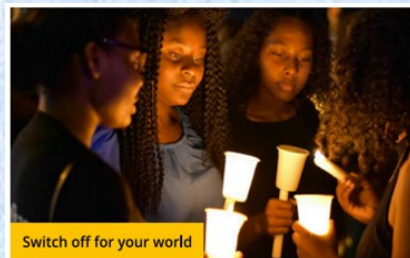




## 12th April 2024 Newsletter

### Eco Warriors

We would encourage everyone at home this weekend to join in with World Earth day 2024. We are taking part as a school on Monday by having an off grid hour where classes will switch off their lights and devices and find other ways to do their learning. It would be a great time to read a book, play a family game or go on a Spring nature walk. We really hope you join in this weekend.



### Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	Another busy week in Year 6! We have been investigating the countries and capital cities of Europe and have researched a country of our choice. In maths, we have had an arithmetic focus on multiplication and division and in science we have continued our investigations on the circulatory system. For our writing work this week we have been looking at what makes a good villain and gathering vocabulary to combine together for some poetry.	Next week in English, we will be continuing with our villainy writing and revising word classes and grammatical functions. Maths will be looking at equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages along with measure conversions. In science we are planning investigations which test aspects of our fitness and in art we will be creating our first linocut print.
Sycamore	During English this week in Sycamore, the children have been looking at figurative language in poetry and enjoying finishing off our class book, 'The Long Walk to Water'. In maths, we have been doing mini-assessments to check the children's speed and fluency on foundational number facts. The class has once again enjoyed spreadsheets in computing and cricket in PE. We have begun our new PSHE unit on communities, specifically looking after the environment. In geography, we took an in-depth look at the main notable features of York, both human and physical.	Next week, we will be exploring decimals in maths, writing up our poems and in reading we will begin a new class book as well as doing some reading skills lessons. We will be continuing with cricket in PE and plastic pollution in PSHE. In geography, we will be looking at the historical and current functions of the River Tiber as well as the Foss and Ouse.
Maple	This week in Maths, Maple Class we have been learning about tenths and hundredths, recognising their decimal equivalents and understanding the value of each of the digits when working with decimal numbers. In SPaG we have been consolidating our understanding of paragraphs and how they should be used within our everyday writing. In Spanish we have been learning the vocabulary associated with our appearance for example eye colour and hair colour. In PSHE we discussed the importance of communities and the differing communities the children belong to.	Next week on Wednesday we will be going to the library to exchange our reading for pleasure books. In Maths we will be continuing to learn about decimals including ordering and problem solving. In English we will be consolidating our understanding of the features of playscripts and will complete an independent piece of writing for our writing wall in the classroom. During Art we will be beginning our new unit 'Printing'.
Silver Birch	This week Silver Birch have been learning to recognise different types of angles and have identified lines of symmetry. In Geography we used atlases to locate the mountain ranges in the UK and began learning about tectonic plates. Thank you to everyone for returning the mini wormeries, we started the school compost bin and added the worms to their new homes. We also enjoyed visiting the library and raised over £30 selling seed Bombs! Thank you to all of the student helpers and to those who supported the stall.	Next week we will take part in World Earth Day and work off grid for 1 hour during the school day. This is to highlight the importance of Global warming and to discuss the impact of humans on the planet. We will research types of apple trees that would be suitable to grow in the school grounds. In art we will tear and cut stencils to use in printing. In PSHE we will discuss the qualities of a good friend and in RE, talk about how Jesus taught friendship through the story of the Good Samaritan. In Maths we will learn about the qualities of 3D shape.
Beech	This week we have enjoyed writing and publishing our own rhyming poems. In Maths, Y1 have been exploring quarters of shapes and quantities, while Y2 have been looking at lines of symmetry. In Computing we started our work on coding and learnt how to write commands.	Next week we are looking forward to our trip on Monday and we will be following up with an instructional writing project in school. In Art we will be printing with primary colours and in DT we will be finding out about wheels and axles.
Oak	We have had a wonderful week in Oak class! We visited Flamingo Land to see some African animals and take part in a touch and learn workshop where we were able to hold Stick Insects and Cockroaches alongside being able to feel animal horns and tusks. We enjoyed watching the tigers being fed and watching the hippos sleeping in the water. This week, we have also been building on our number bond knowledge which the children have been working incredibly hard at. We also enjoyed reading Handa's Surprise and enjoyed playing games, matching the animals with the fruit they took.	Next week, we will be drawing and writing about our trip to Flamingo Land and discussing our favourite part of the day. We will also be doing some research into African animals and learning about their habitats and what they like to eat. We will also be continuing with our learning of the number 10, learning about doubling facts and rounding up our learning ready for our number posters.

## This week's super star!



Well done **LULA NICHOLSON**

For her resilience and determination in her work. Lula is a kind and caring girl and her attitude to everything is always wonderful to see.



### House Points for this week

<b>Falcons</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Harriers</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Hawks</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Eagles</b>	<b>125</b>

### School Lunches

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

Monday	Baked Tortilla Chips topped with Roasted Veg and cheese with Vegetable Rice Chocolate Crispie
Tuesday	All Day Breakfast with Homemade Bread Oat Cookie & Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Gravy, Mash & Veg Lemon Shortcake
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese with Veg & Garlic Bread Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard
Friday	Crispy Fish Bites, Chips, Ketchup, Salad & Seeded Bread Jelly Mousse Pot

### Diary Dates

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



## Library Visits

Next library visit is:

Maple Class 24th April 2024



Oak class had a fantastic time on Tuesday as they went to Flamingo Land to learn about African animals! They had a great time watching the lions being fed, learning some interesting facts and being able to touch and feel some live animals and objects.





## NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



A new artwork, from the mysterious street artist Banksy, appeared in North London overnight in March. The artwork shows green paint sprayed on a wall behind a cut-back tree to look like greenery, with a stencil of a person holding a spray can next to it. In the days following its creation, it was covered with plastic and surrounded by wooden boards to protect it. The local council, Islington, has added a frame around the site, which has plastic panels to allow people to view the artwork, whilst ensuring its protection.

### **Things to talk about at home ...**

- ◆ Share your experience of graffiti. Is there any in your local area?
- ◆ What is your definition of art?
- ◆ Do you like creating art? If so, what type?