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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

It has been such a positive half term. I hope that you have taken joy in seeing all of the wonderful experiences that the children have already had in the last 8 weeks. Every opportunity is taken to make learning engaging and memorable for the children and this has included some fabulous visits (e.g. Harlow Carr, the Merchant Adventurer's Hall), visitors to school (e.g. dance workshops, poetry writing workshops, musicians), engaging in learning linked to national and world days/months (e.g. world mental health day, black history month) and ensuring the children continue to learn how to keep safe (e.g. online safety, NSPCC 'speak out, stay safe programme'). Across the school, children have also enjoyed music and PE lessons taught by specialist teachers. Parents/carers have been able to enjoy phase events too, such as the lower junior football tournament and autumn sessions in Reception; we look forward to providing more of these events for you next half term.

As this first half term of the year draws to a close however, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents/carers for your support. In engaging so positively with the school, be that to share news for celebration, to discuss concerns, to ask questions, to request support, to meet teachers at parent/carer evenings, in working together we can achieve so much more for our children. Our goal is always to provide the best possible support for children and their families; encouraging daily interaction and sustaining an open and transparent culture is one way in which we achieve this.

Save the date!

We are delighted to announce that this year, we are bringing back our 'Grandparents' Christmas Craft Morning'. On the morning of **Monday 18th December**, all children across school will enjoy creating Christmas crafts and grandparents are invited to drop in and spend some time crafting with their grandchild/ren. Further details as to how this will work will be shared nearer the time, but for now, please do share the news with your parents and ask them to save the date!

I hope that you can enjoy some quality family time together over the half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 6th November.

Liz Clark



School Dinner Menu

The school menu will be changing after half term; we have some new dishes for children to try, along with some familiar favourites!

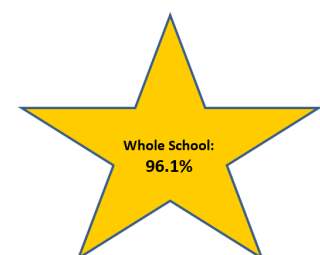
We are looking forward to a special 'Bonfire' themed menu on Monday 6th November.

Details of both have been emailed to you today.

Please note that allergen specific menus will be shared, with those requiring them, on Monday 6th November.



This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

Please help us spread the word about our upcoming Open Event!



Ralph Butterfield Primary School

For children starting school in September 2024,
we warmly invite families to come and visit us on

Wednesday 15th November 2023

4:15pm - 6:00pm



OPEN EVENT

*"Releasing the magic in our children,
staff and school community"*

Accepting applications from both inside and
outside of our catchment area

Come and tour our welcoming school, whilst
also taking the opportunity to meet staff and
current pupils

Headteacher welcome talks are being held at
both **4:30pm & 5:45pm**

(come to whichever suits you best)

Please email us for more information and to
register your attendance

RalphButterfield.school@york.gov.uk



We hope you have enjoyed browsing the latest Scholastic leaflet that your child/ren brought home last week. As well as this month's leaflet, there are hundreds of fantastic, discounted children's books to choose from online. They have a huge selection of classic stories, new books and activity packs to pick from online. Here is a selection of this month's best sellers.



If you would like to order, please place your order online by Friday 3rd November (<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club>)

For every £1 you spend, it will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards that we can use to buy a wide range of wonderful books for the children to access in school. Many thanks for your continued support of our Scholastic Book Club.

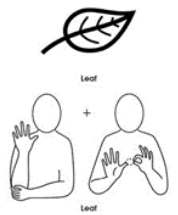
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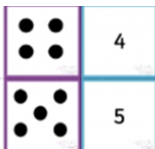
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



This week has been autumn week in Reception. The children have completed a range of autumn themed activities; making a playdough hedgehog; autumn leaf printing; going on an autumn walk around our school environment; threading beads to make an autumn tree and retelling autumn stories with characters. This has led to the use of many autumn words (leaf, seasons, change) and the children have also begun to learn some Makaton signs for these.



Our visit to **Harlow Carr** on Tuesday was fantastic. The children thoroughly enjoyed everything from the coach journey to the brilliant workshop led by the RHS staff. We looked for signs of autumn by investigating leaves, seeds and colours in the gardens. The children also had great fun pretending to be different shaped leaves! There was also an opportunity to look at the amazing gardens and spot signs of autumn as we walked around. We're sure, for many children, the highlight of the day was a visit to the adventure playground before our journey back to school. We all had a fantastic day and the adults who supported us commented that the children had been an absolute credit to the school. We are very proud of them all.



In maths this week, we have continued to explore numbers. The focus this week was numbers 4 and 5. We identified sets of 4 and 5, learning how to recognise these without counting them, for example, the formation of 4 and 5 dots on a dice.

We look forward to hearing all about your activities during half-term. It would be lovely for the children to explain an activity from their break when they return to school. Using Tapestry as a prompt is a great way to remind children what they did. Please do post any activities that your child would like to share with us. This can be done through uploading a photo and a brief description.



Well done to the children for a fabulous first half-term at school. We hope you all enjoy a restful half-term break.

WELL DONE!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception staff team

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

We made it! It feels like a very long time since we started back in school after the summer but we have reached the end of a long and busy half term.



What an exciting final week it was too! It was so wonderful to welcome our friends and family into school on Wednesday for our phase event. Thank you so much to everybody who took time out of their day to come and share this wonderful occasion with the children and help them with their artwork. There was such a buzz and it was enjoyed by children, families and staff alike.



There has been a buzz in our classrooms too, with lots of exciting learning happening. In maths this week, we have been learning about 'fact families': how the same numbers can be rearranged to create related addition and subtraction facts. We learned to represent these as calculations and bar models and then played some games of bingo.

We also learned about time, using the practice clocks to give us practical experiences of making, reading and drawing times on an analogue clock.

As part of Black History Month, we have enjoyed the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. This autobiographical story tells us of her experience moving to London from the Caribbean island of Trinidad around 70 years ago. We thought carefully about what it must have been like for a 10-year-old to travel for two weeks without her parents to a new country for a new life, leaving behind everything she knew. We then wrote setting descriptions and diary entries.



What a long and busy half term we have all had. It is amazing to see the progress that all of our wonderful Key Stage 1 children have made in such a short space of time and we are excited to see where our learning journeys will take us next. Enjoy a wonderful, well-earned week off and we look forward to seeing you all back in November.

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Reeves

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a fantastic half term! Well done Year 3 and 4, we are all incredibly proud of the hard work and enthusiasm you have shown towards your learning over the last eight weeks.

There have been many highlights to this half term! However, the variety of practical activities and the amazing facts that we have discovered during our 'All Wrapped Up', Ancient Egyptian's topic has definitely stood out as the topic we will all remember for a long time.



This week, the children were given the challenge of constructing their own pyramids from sugar cubes. When they started the challenge, they were given no instructions on how to create a pyramid. After some trial and error, great teamwork, perseverance and applying their knowledge of pyramids, the children formed some amazing pyramids.

We are all really looking forward to continuing our 'All wrapped up' topic next half term and we have lots more exciting hands on, cross curricular activities planned for the children.

Save the date: We would also like to give you advance warning that we will be holding an open classroom event on **Monday 27th November** from **2.30pm** so that the children can share some of the fabulous Ancient Egyptian work they have done with their parents/carers. You will receive further information about this after the holidays.



We hope that you have a fabulous half term!

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham

Lower Key Stage 2 Inter - House Football



After an exciting half-term of football coaching with our P.E. specialists, Mr Stephenson and Mr Walton, Monday afternoon saw all the children in Year 3 and Year 4 being given the opportunity to showcase their skills in our inter-house football tournament. Each of the four houses (Minster, Clifford, Jorvik and Ebor) were split into two teams with each one being made up of children from classes 6, 7 and 8. All eight teams played a total of five, ten minute, matches before the four teams with the highest points total, contested a 3rd/4th place playoff and an eagerly anticipated grand final.



In a nail-biting and thrilling finale, there was nothing to separate the two teams of Clifford A and Minster A and, as the final whistle blew, they were both delighted to share the winner's cup after a 1-1 draw. Congratulations to both our well-deserved winners! Throughout the entire tournament, all the children really impressed us all with their fantastic team work skills and the sportsmanship they displayed towards each other. It was really heart-warming to see our finalists being supported and cheered on by their peers. All the staff were incredibly proud of every single one of you – well done!



The Lower Key Stage 2 staff and children would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the coaches from Haxby Town JFC who gave up their valuable time to referee our matches and offer words of support and encouragement to all our children. As well as this, they also provided all the equipment (goals, respect barriers, corner flags etc.) and even arrived early to set up the whole event for us. It is very much appreciated and we really could not have done it without you!



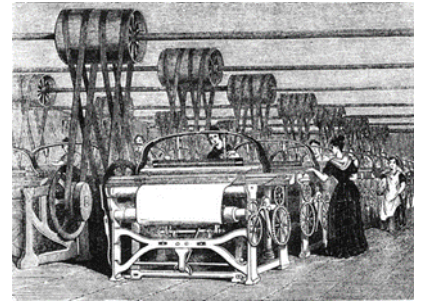
We would also like to extend our thanks to all the parents and carers who were able to attend this sporting spectacular and very much hope you enjoyed it as much as the children and staff did.



Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

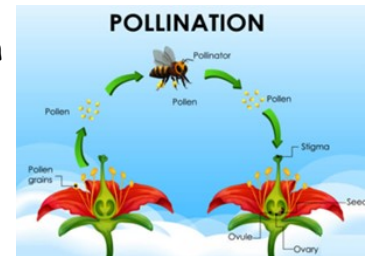
READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Following on from our work on newspapers last week in English, where we identified the features required and researched the necessary information about children working in factories, we have started to write our own newspaper articles. As reporters during the Industrial Revolution, we investigated the jobs undertaken by children, punishments administered by the overseers, workplace conditions, the length of the working day and the salaries paid - if children were paid at all! We were able to interview and use quotes given by a variety of sources.



In French this term, we have learnt the necessary vocabulary related to what we eat for lunch and healthy diets. We have started to have a conversation with our peers about our own lunch, whether this was healthy or not and our preferences.

In science, using the vocabulary that we learnt last week, we have learnt about the pollination process and the different stages involved. Pollination is an essential part of plant reproduction. Pollen from a flower's anthers (the male part of the plant) rubs or drops onto a pollinator. The pollinator then take this pollen to another flower, where the pollen sticks to the stigma (the female part); this then travels down the style into the ovary where it combines with the ovule. The fertilised cell later yields fruit and seeds.



Year 6 - Robinwood

A letter was sent out to all Parent/Carers yesterday (Thursday 26th October) with reminders about what can and cannot be brought on the trip. If your child is ill over the weekend prior to Robinwood, please complete either the online absence form or email the school directly. These will be monitored over the weekend.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any news to share, questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod



31 Oct 2023
Secondary school application deadline



Was your child born between

01 September 2012

and

31 August 2013?

Apply online at:

york.gov.uk/Admissions

Before 31 October





School Disco

Thank you for everyone who attended the school disco last week, we raised **£508** for the school.

Supporting School

We have recently supported the school trip to RHS Harlow Carr for the reception children and also the Diwali workshops for lower key stage 2 year groups.



Bags2School



A Bags2School collection will take place on **Thursday 30th November** – when we ask you to bring in unwanted clean and usable old clothes, sheets, towels, bags and paired shoes. These are collected and raise money for school.

If you are having a sort out – please do keep it for us!

School Crossing Patrollers needed in your area now!

Together we can make our streets safer

Crossing patrol vacancies are at an all time high. Are you free for an hour a day? If so, you can support road safety in your community, whilst earning around £10.90 per hour up to 8 hours per week.

Visit the council's website to find out how you can play a part in your community.
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols
Or, for a chat about the role, call Neil on 07852883906

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IN YORK FOR FAMILIES**

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national sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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