



26th April 2024 Newsletter

Outdoor Learning

We have enjoyed being outside this week, despite the weather, taking our opportunities to take part in some outdoor learning. Beech class went on a Literacy Day to the walled Garden and Helmsley Castle and brought back lots of ideas for creative writing.

Finger crossed the weather picks up and we can enjoy plenty more activities in the fresh air.

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	We have had an exciting week in Rowan! We have written passages about our villains and are now creating poems based on the Dreadful Menace. In art we have been drawing and creating patterns for our printing blocks from fruit and vegetables while in maths we have been revising fractions, decimals and percentages. We are also getting much better at identifying word classes in our grammar work.	Next week we will be investigating Italy and its physical and human landmarks. This will lead into some mapping skills. In English we will be looking at some skills to assist us with comprehension and we will be identifying how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of words. In Maths we are moving on to revise all things geometry with 2D and 3D shapes.
Sycamore	This week in Sycamore, the class have worked on fraction-decimal equivalence in maths and the human life cycle in science. The children have continued to work on their poetry in English and are poised to write their final pieces based on protecting the Earth using all of the figurative techniques that we have been practising. We have begun our new class novel, The Girl Who Lost a Leopard, which the children are very much enjoying. PE has been cricket and rounders this week. In our geography topic we focused on exploring the key features of Rome through Virtual tours and travel information.	Next week, we will be continuing with our decimals unit in maths. This week has been all about exploring decimals with two decimal places and what this looks like as a fraction, next week we will be exploring thousandths. We will write and publish our final poetry pieces in writing and we will continue to work on our fluency and comprehension skills in reading. PE will be orienteering and rounders while science will continue the animals including humans topic. In topic we will begin comparing the key features of York and Rome and begin to discern some of the reasons for their similarities and differences.
Maple	This week, Maple have been creating their own play scripts based on the live action version of Cinderella. We have now published these for our star writing wall. In maths, we have finished our decimal unit and have started to link decimals to money, which is our next unit. In topic, we have looked at mountain ranges and rivers in Europe. In PE, we have been looking at our cricket skills with Mr Jackson. In science, Y4 have checked on their teeth experiment and Y3 dissected a tulip to identify the parts of a flower.	Next week, we will be starting our new unit in English, writing holiday brochures about Sicily to support us with our topic on Europe. In maths, we will be comparing money and solving problems with pounds and pence. In topic, we will be looking at national specialities of different countries in Europe. In RE, we are going to be looking at how to live a good life according to different religions.
Silver Birch	This week the children have been amazing! I have had no voice so they have helped to read out lessons, do extra explaining of their ideas and even read out the register! We have now finished shape and are moving onto measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres. In RE we thought about how we could help others in our community and in Geography learned about how different types of mountain are formed.	Next week we will plant a fruit tree that we have bought with the proceeds of our seed bomb money. We hope to receive our World Wildlife fund pack for our class adopted animal- a turtle! In computing we will learn what a binary tree is and in PE next week it is the house cricket competition.
Beech	We had a wonderful day on our trip on Monday, even though the weather was cold and wet! The children enjoyed planting magic beans, doing medieval writing and attending 'Knight School'. We have been busy with our follow-up work all about instructions. In Maths, Y1 have started their work on position and direction and Y2 have been exploring 3D shapes. In DT we have been researching campervans as we begin our unit of work on vehicles.	Next week we will be writing a set of instructions in English. In our topic work we will be continuing with our weather diaries. In Computing we will be designing a scene for a program. In PSHE we will be thinking about how we care for people and animals.
Oak	This week, we have enjoyed writing about our trip to Flamingo Land, drawing pictures of our favourite part and writing a sentence to describe our pictures. We have also been finishing of our number 10 work by recalling our doubling facts to 10, using comparative language such as 'greater than' and 'less than' and creating our number posters. We have also enjoyed creating African sunset pictures out of paint, learning how to merge together 3 different colours.	Next week, we will be looking at some of the pieces of fruit in Handa's Surprise and thinking of the vocabulary that is used with each piece of fruit. We will also be adding on silhouettes of African animals onto our pictures. We will also be moving onto learning about the number 11. Next week, we will also be completing our sponsored bike/scooter ride to help raise money for resources. We can't wait!

This week's super star!



Well done **GEORGE OTTERBURN**

For trying super hard with all his work, George is always polite and helpful and is becoming a great role model to others.

Keep it up George.



House Points for this week

Falcons	144
Harriers	156
Hawks	124
Eagles	165

School Lunches

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

Monday	Pizza, Potato Wedges, Veg & Homemade Bread Waffle, Fruit & Ice-cream
Tuesday	Chicken Pitta Pocket, Rice & Veg Fruit Muffin
Wednesday	Minced Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Mash, Veg & Crusty Bread Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Sausage & Tomato Pasta, Veg and Garlic Flat Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans and Peas with Wholemeal Bread Summer Drizzle Cake

Diary Dates

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

Library Visits

Next library visit is:

Beech Class 1st May 2024



Reminders:

- For those children going swimming starting on **Wednesday 1st May** please return consent forms and make payments via ParentPay prior to attendance. Thank you.
- Please settle outstanding balances on ParentPay.

Den Building

The Woodlands Activities Club had a great time building dens, look at those happy faces.



NEWSDAY TUESDAY

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



Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60- hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ♦ Can you imagine how Jasmin might have felt when she finished the event? Make a list of the different feelings you believe she may have had.
- ♦ Can you think of a time when you found something really difficult? Were you able to complete the challenge or task? Talk about the experience and what you learned from it.

Beech Class had a wonderful time at the Immersive Literacy Day at Helmsley Walled Garden and Helmsley Castle. The focus of our day was instructions which included, planting beans, playing games, attending knight school, medieval writing and building a tree.

