



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Massey

Hello, I am Miss Massey the new acting Head Teacher for the summer term. I have been a Head Teacher in Hackney, London for eight years and moved back to Yorkshire a few years ago. For the past two years I have been working as a School Improvement Lead for Pathfinder. I have been working alongside Miss Boardman since January this year.

It has been a great first week in the new role, I have enjoyed getting to know many parents at the start of the day and the children throughout the day and I look forward to meeting more of you. If you see me on the playground, please do come and say hello.



Reminder

Please can I remind you that we are a healthy school therefore we ask that children only bring water to school in their bottles. Fruit juice and cordial is not allowed. Thank you

Eligibility for free school meals

If your employment situation has changed due to the COVID-19 lockdown measures you may now be eligible for free school meals. Primary school parents can find more information and apply for educational benefits on the City of York Council website: www.york.gov.uk/SchoolMeals.

Parents' Evenings

These will be held remotely via 10 minute video call appointments as in the Autumn Term on:

Monday 26th April 3:30-6pm

Thursday 29th April 4-7pm

If you are unable to take part in a video call, please contact the class teacher to arrange a phone call. It is especially important at this time that you and the teacher have a chance to discuss how your child is doing in school, given the disruption earlier in the year.

Class Photos

The photographer will be in school on Monday morning to take class photos. Please can I remind parents to ensure children are wearing the appropriate school uniform. Which is :

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (either plain or embroidered with the school logo)

White or pale blue polo shirt (with or without logo)

Plain grey, black, navy blue school-type trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore (not including leggings, jeans, chinos)

Plain tights in school colours

Blue/white check summer dress

Black shoes. Trainer style shoes are acceptable as long as they are plain black.....

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that make up and jewellery are not allowed in school.

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Nyong'o Class



This week in Nyong'o class we have fun with our 'Through the Keyhole' picture in Literacy. We could only see a little part of the picture at a time and had to guess what kind of setting it was. The children had some fantastic ideas and reasoning as to why it might be different places! We then drew or made our own scenes and labelled/wrote about them. In Maths we have been learning about one more and everyone worked really hard in their chosen area to find one more than different objects. The children loved Mrs Dessi's jumping on number tiles game to find out one more too!

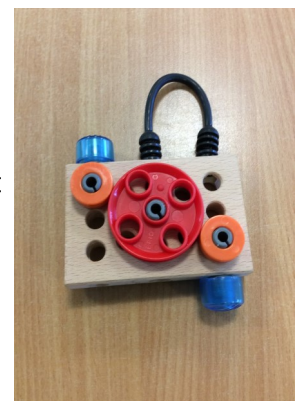
In RE this week we looked at different churches and then drew or made our own church. The children were really creative with this and produced lots of wonderfully different churches! Wild Wednesday this week was an art lesson! We all chose a spot in the Wildlife Area and spent our time sitting in the sun and doing observational drawings of what we could see. This afternoon we have got some giant trees to make and paint for our new reading area and we will send you a photo of it next week to see what you think! Finally in gymnastics we got out some of the higher apparatus and again were so proud of how sensible every single child was climbing and jumping off it. Very well done Nyong'o Class!

Attenborough Class

We have had a super week this week! In maths we have learned how to subtract numbers using objects and number lines. We have also been practicing our number bonds to 10 and 20! In English we have been learning about what nouns and adjectives are and spotting these in books and our writing. Some of the amazing adjectives we have spotted are fierce, ramshackle and speckled! In our topic sessions we have been learning all about what seaside holidays were like in the past! We have looked at old photographs to find clues as to what people wore, ate and did at the seaside. We have also seen some amazing photographs of parents and grandparents at the seaside!



We have been very lucky this week that some new construction resources arrived so we have spent a lot of our week being engineers! We have designed, made and evaluated our products. Here are some of our amazing creations!



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Johnson Class

We've had an exciting second week in Johnson, with bug hunts and dodgeball and map-making alongside so many different activities! We have developed our knowledge of beaches in our topic of Around the World even further. In English, we have been writing a beach description, thinking about what we can see, hear, and smell at the beach after our immersion last week. The children have focused hard on their capital letters, full stops, and interesting openers for their writing. They should be very proud! In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction crossing 10; Johnson class are fantastic at exchanging one 10 into ten 1s and back!



We have also started designing minibeasts to build up to making a clay model; the children could either design their minibeast using junk modelling or by drawing it. Look at the masterpieces they made!



We have also continued looking at maps in Geography, using our knowledge of the classroom to plan a route around it, and in PE we have developed our dodging and throwing skills in dodgeball tig.

Farah Class



This week, Farah class has been learning about sources of light - which are artificial and which are natural? Then we considered whether things reflect light or give off light.

Our topic, Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age continued where we used our archaeology skills to explore a bag of rubbish to work out what clues it gave us about the person who threw them away. We then went on to discuss the fact that 300,000 years ago, there would be no banana skins, socks, plastic bottles and aluminium cans as all would have decomposed. We will next be looking at how we know about Stone Age people by what they left behind.



Mr Scaling taught us how to overarm bowl in PE so we are now able to use our new fabulous and correct technique to hit the stumps!

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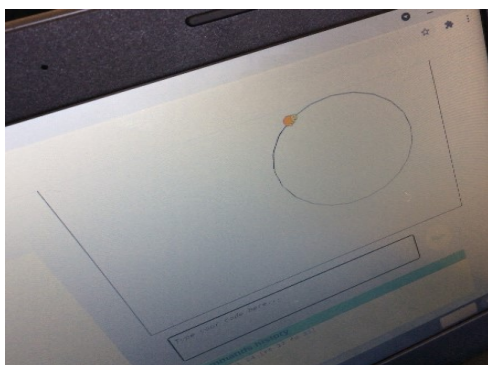
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Kahlo Class

This week has been a fun-filled and exciting week, with lots of learning opportunities and some great discoveries made. Whether it was mastering formal short division (which we now know not to call it the bus stop method!), writing a folk tale as a class or diving headfirst into facts about Stonehenge in reading, we have all worked our socks off.



Highlights of the week include: investigating how we can see by trying to read post-it notes in the pitch black, playing cricket with Mr Scaling, moving turtle by using coding and programming and even fact hunting in history. Overall, another great week for Kahlo, who continue to blow Ms Stacey, Mrs Morrison and Mr Levick away!



Sentamu Class



This week in maths, Sentamu Class has been finding out by folding paper that the area of a triangle is always half the area of a rectangle and using equations to calculate volumes. The children have also been writing formal letters of argument based upon A Midsummer Night's Dream to convince the Duke of Athens that Hermia should be allowed to marry who she wishes. These were fantastic and showed how strongly the children felt about the issue. The class has continued to rehearse the play, using the outdoor classroom as Quince's house. Well done to those children who have already learned their lines perfectly - quite an achievement! In science, we have been discovering how well light travels through different types of materials and in Design Technology we spent time in the glorious sunshine preparing the vegetable beds to start planting our seasonal fruits and vegetables.



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**EVERY MIND
MATTERS**

The NHS has updated their Every Mind Matters website with information and advice specific to coronavirus and wellbeing, including:

- Tips to help if you're worried about coronavirus
- Looking after children and young people
- Simple ideas to tackle working from home
- Mental wellbeing while staying at home

Visit the Every Mind Matters website:

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

The website also features a mind plan quiz. By answering five quick questions you get a free plan with tips to help you deal with stress and anxiety,

Dates for your diary

Term dates for 2021-22 were sent out earlier this week via Parent Mail.

Date	Event
26th April	Class Photos
26th April	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
29th April	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
28th May	Non-uniform day Break up for half term
9-11th June	Y5/6 Potential Residential Visit
23rd June	Non-uniform day
Fri 23rd July	1:30pm Break up for Summer
Tues 7th Sept	Return to school

World Book Night



Friday 23rd April is World Book Night and we are delighted to have received 80 copies of 'Stories to make you Smile' to be given to parents. We are going to wait until we can hold an event where we can share the books together but in the meantime you can order free audio books and join in with online events. We would love to hear about any activities you take part in.

<https://worldbooknight.org/news/spend-your-world-book-night-with-us>



IMPORTANT REMINDER

A gentle reminder, please ensure that a face mask is worn when entering the school premises, this is to ensure the safety of children, staff, and the wider community. Thank you.