



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in school! It has been a pleasure to spend a lot of time in classrooms seeing lots of super learning – I particularly enjoyed reading some science work from Year 5/6 who had been investigating the life of Professor Sarah Gilbert as part of their ‘Inspired by Science..’ topic.

I have also spent lots of time popping into reading lessons this week. During our training day in January, Mr. Cope launched an exciting new way of teaching reading and it is great to see it coming to life and the children immersing themselves in language and literature. The Reading Ambassadors opened the landing library for the first time this week which was incredibly popular – a big thank you to them. Next week, Mrs Webster and I will begin offering Recorder Club (Y5/6) and Handbell Club (Y3/4) on a lunchtime to further enable our children to ‘be creators’.

There have also been lots of wonderful changes in Robin Class where the team have been working very hard to revamp some of the learning areas – a big thank you to Mr. Shanley and Mr. Cromey-Hawke for their help!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Donaldson

The Big Read

We are pleased to be able to go ahead with welcoming parents and grandparents to our ‘Big Read’ on Monday from 9.00am – 9.20am. Please wait outside the main gates until the children are registered. You will then be able to come into school to share books or a story with your children. This will also be an opportunity to discuss our approaches to reading with school staff.

Online Safety

Do you know what your child is doing online?

Do they only access age appropriate apps and games?

Please use the links below to access more information and brush-up your knowledge about Internet safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Let’s Celebrate!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Rose G	Evie	Pip	Jackson
Writer of the Week	Livy	Charlie	Matilda	Nina
Mathematician of the Week	Theo	Isabelle	Anna	Sam
Tidy Classroom	Robins			
Team Point Winners	Bolton			
The Golden Spoon	Beatrice			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 24 th January	Big Read (Parents Welcome) 9.00am	All	See overleaf
Wednesday 2 nd February	Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting – 4.00pm via Zoom	Y3/4	Parents informed
Friday 18 th February	Half-Term Holiday	All	N/A
Monday 28 th February	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 1 st March	Return after Half-Term	All	N/A
7 th – 9 th March	Y5/6 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
9 th -10 th March	Y3/4 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y3/4	Parents informed

P.E & Forest School

P.E

- Robin Class – Tuesday
- Kingfisher Class – Wednesday / Thursday
- Partridge Class – Tuesday / Thursday
- Woodpecker Class – Monday / Wednesday

We hope to continue Forest School next week 😊

Lunchtime Clubs

- Tuesday – Recorder Club (Woodpeckers)
- Wednesday – Landing Library (Robins & Partridges)
- Thursday – Landing Library (Kingfishers & Woodpeckers)
- Thursday – Handbell Club (Partridges)

We hope to offer more of Mr. Layfield's sports clubs after February half term.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: We have been scientists this week. We did an investigation to see what melted ice the fastest. We tested salt, sugar and sand and found that salt melts ice the quickest! We have completed fabulous phonics, marvellous maths and had a go at writing a story. Some children have received their first sticker from our whole school aims 'I am a lifelong reader', 'I am creative', 'I am happy and healthy', 'I am inquisitive', 'I am a change-maker' and 'I am a risk-taker'. Great week Robins!

Kingfisher Class: It has been lovely to get back into the swing of things in Kingfisher Class this week. We have concluded our English work on our class text 'The Proudest Blue' by writing diaries as though we were Asaiya and had some fantastic discussions. In our maths lessons we have continued to investigate money by finding totals and comparing different coins. The children really enjoyed working with Mrs Dozēy last Friday to start finding out more about Florence Nightingale too.

Partridge Class: Wow, another fantastic week in Partridge Class! In maths we have been exploring what happens to a number when we multiply and divide by 10 or 100- we are becoming experts at this and have challenged ourselves with lots of reasoning problems! In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report all about the RMS Queen Mary. In science we conducted an experiment, testing Martian soil to see if there may be life on Mars! Unfortunately, we concluded that we did not have enough evidence to confirm a yes or no answer, but we had a great time investigating!

Woodpecker Class: Another busy week in Woodpecker class! In maths, we have moved onto numbers with decimals, learning how to round, order and compare numbers with different amounts of decimal places. In English, we have been investigating the features used in a persuasive booklet which we will then use to produce our own next week based on our class text. We have been reading an extract from a 'classic' text: The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood written in 1883. The children have enjoyed exploring some of the traditional vocabulary used in the text and this has linked nicely with our history topic of Crime and Punishment as we will investigate how opinions of Robin Hood may have differed. The children, as ever, have worked incredibly hard and always impress me with their inquisitive nature which makes teaching them so enjoyable!

Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website

www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding