



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Big Read' on Tuesday morning. I know the children certainly enjoyed sharing their love of lifelong reading with you, and I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see some of the beautiful books which we have curated and invested in over the last few years. We are very proud of our reading culture at Hunton & Arrathorne and it was great to share a little snippet of this with you.

Key Stage 2 have continued to enjoy their Tri-Golf sessions with a coach from Bedale Golf Club on Monday – it's great to have this enrichment to our PE curriculum.

Next week we see a few groups of children go out of school – firstly our Year 6 children to Crucial Crew, which is always a popular event which helps children understand how to 'be safe' as they prepare to leave primary school. Secondly, the five children who qualified for the Cross Country Finals will represent H&A at Giggleswick School on Thursday – we wish them lots of luck!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Lateness Reminder

It's taken us all a while to get used to the clocks going back, but please remember to check the finishing time of after-school clubs. Children who are not collected at the appropriate time will go into Wraparound Club and will be charged for the session. Similarly, if your children are booked in for a 4.15pm finish at Wraparound Club, late collection of them will result in a charge for the whole session. Finally, please remember Wraparound Club ends at 5pm each day and 4.30pm on a Friday. If you are unsure what time a club finishes, please check the original letter or give us a call!

Children in Need

We've had a super week celebrating 'Friendship Week' in school. On Monday we launched the week by wearing our odd socks; we've also enjoyed an Anti-Bullying Assembly and activities within our classes and PSHE work. Finally, we've ended the week with our Children in Need fundraising through our 'Crazy Hair Day'. Thank you!

Remembrance

A special thank you to our Key Stage 2 Hunton Heroes who joined staff in a Remembrance Service at Ripon Cathedral last Friday. Their behaviour and attitudes, were once again, fantastic. Kingfisher Class also placed a wreath at the War Memorial in Hunton. Lest we forget.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Sophie L	Rafe	Tai	Emily B
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Evie	Bea	Leo	Faye
Aims Award	Jude	Harry	Margot	Arthur
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	Robins, Reception			
Golden Spoon	Rosa			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
1 st December +	'Nativity Trail' at Parish Churches	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception / Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm and 6pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Monday 11 th December	Festive Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 8 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of Spring Term	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 10 th January	Science Visit – Life Centre	All	Information to follow
Monday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Residential Parents Information Session	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information to follow
19 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): We started the week with 'Friendship Week' by wearing our odd socks- thinking of how we can be kind and ensure everyone is included and welcome. This week in drawing club we have been focusing on the 'Tiger who came to tea'. Our drawings have been developing in detail - and our magical letter and number codes have been taking shape in many different forms - including turning tigers into jelly and cafe tables growing roller skates! The children's imagination and enthusiasm is fantastic! We have started to practice our songs for our Nativity – 'The Angel Express' - which is proving very exciting. Watch this space for roles coming out next week! The children have been highly engaged in provision this week having our very own Robin Class wedding, 'the best wedding yet' - where we made lots of things to support our learning including hats, confetti and invitations!

Robin Class (Year 1): What a busy start to the week. 'Friendship Week' began with wearing our odd socks and we attended an opening assembly. We loved having as many of you in as possible for our termly 'Big Read' event, all the children loved sharing the stories whether they were with family, friends, or teachers. In maths this week, the children have been deepening their addition knowledge. In English, we have written instructions to make a winter vegetable soup. Our science lesson this week was an exciting experiment finding out, 'Do the tallest people have the biggest bones?'. To end the week, we have engaged in lots of activities and discussions based around Children in Need and loved seeing the children sharing their crazy hairstyles. As always, I have been proud of how they always care, aspire and excel in school.

Kingfisher Class: Towards the beginning of the week, the children thoroughly enjoyed welcoming some of our adults into school for our first 'Big Read' of the year which provided the opportunity to enjoy reading some of the new (and old) texts we have in school. In English, we have been writing recounts from the point of view of Omar, based on our book 'Planet Omar'. Not only have the children produced some excellent writing based on the story, it has also sparked some very interesting debates about some of the themes. In maths, we have moved onto using related number facts to help us calculate with greater numbers as well as finding number bonds to 100. The children have had a brilliant - albeit very wet - week and very much deserve a restful weekend.

Partridge Class: What another exciting week we have had in Partridge class. We have had a fun week celebrating friendship week and enjoyed having parents in for our Big Read. In English, we have been writing a character description about a lava monster. The children have used really exciting and ambitious vocabulary, and this has made their writing come alive. In maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction topic. The children are becoming experts at column addition. In science, we have looked at the different types of teeth and their functions. We are also really enjoying our new PE topic, 'Ultimate Frisbee.' We have had fun learning how to throw backhand and forehand.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers loved the 'Big Read' on Tuesday and it was so lovely having so many parents into class to read with the children. They have also explored poetry this week and written a narrative poem inspired by the events of World War Two. In History, the children learned about the events that led up to The Battle of Britain and placed them in chronological order. We have continued to investigate calculation strategies in maths and enjoyed our PE sessions where we explore more of the game 'Ultimate Frisbee'.

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.