



Dear Parents,

What a week! We have literally not stopped! It has been great to hear such positive feedback from our exhibition at The Station in Richmond. The art work will be on display on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, so there's plenty of chance to visit if you haven't already had a chance.

The whole school have marked 'Art Week' this week and the focus has been on developing skills through a variety of artistic media – there has been sculptures, sketches, paint work and plenty of appraisal work connected to our favourite artists.

There have been many visits this week – Reception and Key Stage 1 had a wonderful day in Newcastle on Tuesday as part of their 'Inspired by Science' topic, and Year 3/4 had a fantastic (but tiring!) day in London on Wednesday visiting The National Gallery, The Houses of Parliament and Number 10 Downing Street. I am sure they were experiences the children will never forget. Straight after half-term, it is Year 5 and 6's turn for an adventure as they set off for their two night residential at Newby Wiske Hall. I know how excited the children (and staff) are and we can't wait to hear about their adventures when they return.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, may we wish you a fun-filled half term. We will see you when school re-opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr. Donaldson

### Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors have been thinking of ways to encourage and promote reading within our school. They are running two reading competitions over the half term break - pupils can enter a photo of themselves reading in an unusual or adventurous spot and/or design a poster celebrating their favourite book and all that they enjoy about it. All children are invited to enter one or both of these competitions, there will be reading themed prizes for the winners in each class! Any photos should be sent to [admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk) by Wednesday 21st February.

Posters can be brought to Mrs Kawai-Calderhead in school.

### Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week – we will have a 'double whammy' after half-term



### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School	All	See newsletter
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Autism Parent Workshop	All	Information sent
W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> March	'Book Week'	All	Information to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Visit to Bewerley Park	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Read	All	Information to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Bikeability	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Concert	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 History Visit - York	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Egg Decorating Competition / End of Term	All	Information to follow

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** Wow! What a final week of half term and our 'Zoom to the Moon' topic! This week our story of the week has been 'The Dinosaur That Pooped A Planet!' The children enjoyed a surprise visitor, Mr Cope, to introduce and read our story on Monday, what a treat! On Tuesday we had the most amazing day at the Life Centre- exploring and understanding science and the world around us! We were especially excited to find a whole area dedicated to Space and got chance to conduct science experiments in a laboratory in our workshop! We were very proud of how beautifully all the children behaved throughout! We hope you have a restful break, before returning for our new topic 'Terrific Toys'.

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We have been getting creative in our whole school Art Week - exploring pattern, shape, texture, and the artist Kandinsky. We have had so much fun being creators! We loved becoming 'scientists' during our visit to the Life Centre, we certainly were 'Inspired by Science.' Geography has ended this term and we have explored Captain Robert Scott and his trek to Antarctica which was over 100 years ago! We have enjoyed many stories for pleasure this week - we even shared our own short narratives based on our class read 'Look Up!' I am so proud of each one of the children for working so hard this half term in their own unique learning journeys- they have been eager to learn, engaged and driven!

**Kingfisher Class:** What a busy week to finish the half-term! We started off the week working on our non-chronological reports about dragons as well as finishing our Geography topic about where our food comes from. Then on Tuesday, we had an incredibly exciting visit to the Life Centre to enhance our 'We are Scientists' unit of work and the children were absolutely brilliant. As well as having time to explore, we visited the planetarium for a show and had a Science Workshop which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Towards the end of the week, our focus has shifted to our 'Art Week' where we have been studying L.S. Lowry and developing some of our art skills. The children have had a fantastic week to finish off and deserve a well-earned break. Well done to all.

**Partridge Class:** What an incredible week Partridge class have had! On Wednesday, we had a trip of a lifetime where we spent an exciting day in London. The children had a fantastic time exploring the National Gallery, finding some very famous pieces of artwork, such as 'Sunflowers' by Vincent Van Gogh. Then we headed down Whitehall to the Houses of Parliament where we had a guided tour and were able to sit and watch the MPs debate in the House of Commons. Afterwards, we took a quick stroll to 10 Downing Street where we even caught a glimpse of Larry the Cat. The children were impeccably behaved, we couldn't be prouder of them! Back in school, we have been very creative as it has been art week. The children have created optical illusions, willow pattern plates and sculpted sea animals from soap. In English, we wrote a set of instructions about 'How to catch the Big Bad Wolf.' The children have thought really carefully and included lots of the features needed for instruction writing.

**Woodpecker Class:** This week Woodpecker Class have had a visit from weightlifting athlete, Sian Peters. Sian is the 2023 World W35 silver medallist for 59KG and gold medallist in Europe. We were so impressed with the way the children threw themselves into the CrossFit workout and tried the power lifting moves. It was a fantastic afternoon by all! The children have also been enjoying immersing themselves in art week. We have explored artist Ben Mosely, completed some Zentangles art pieces and designed and made our own hats.

### 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.