



Dear Parents,

Unbelievably, there are only two weeks left of this half-term and they are set to be jam-packed! During the final week of term, we celebrate our first 'Art Week' where Art & Design becomes the focus of our curriculum, whilst we also prepare our Harvest celebrations for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 24th October.

We kicked off this week by wearing odd socks to launch our Friendship Week; we discussed this year's theme of respect, making links to British Values and No Outsiders, and discussed how we can ensure we are being respectful to one another. The children, as always, were mightily impressive and it is thanks to them that we have such a respectful and inclusive atmosphere in school.

Also this week, we enjoyed welcoming Chris (our Artist) back into school as he worked with each class to create a large-scale collaborative map of Hunton which ties in perfectly with our Geography work this half-term. Our curriculum aim of 'We Are Creators' was certainly met and Chris is always impressed with the children when he visits. I know the teachers also enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's learning with you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday. If you weren't able to make your appointment, please discuss an alternative time with your child's class teacher who would be happy to help.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Breaktime Equipment

We're always grateful for any donations to help keep our breaktimes as active as possible!

If you have any old sheets, tarpaulins, milk / shopping crates, drainpipes or old pots or pans we'd love to take them off your hands for us in our 'Curriculum Aims Sheds'.

Thank you in advance!

Open Morning

Just a last-minute reminder that we will hold our 'Open Morning' for Reception 2025 starters tomorrow from 10-11.30am. If you know someone who would like to know more about our school, but is unable to make it tomorrow, please ask them to give us a call so we can arrange a time for a visit.

CPD Day / Term Dates

A reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 4th November** for a CPD (Continued Professional Development) Day for staff. A full list of term dates is available on our school website:

[:https://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/](https://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/)

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Sebastian S	William R	Amelia	James	Noah	Thomas	Bertie
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Hettie	Austin	Margot D		Thomas		Barnaby
Aims Award	Daniel	Edward	Cora		Grace E		Sophie
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy Classroom	Robin Year 1						
Golden Spoon	Ronnie						
Monarch	Sophie						

Harvest Festival

Hopefully everyone received information about our Harvest Festival which we will celebrate on the school yard at 2.30pm on Thursday 24th October. The children are working hard on preparing the service, and each class will perform their own item to give thanks. We hope you will join us for this special service.

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 21 st October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information sent
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Friday 25 th October	School Closes for Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 th November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information sent
Wednesday 13 th November	Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 th November	'Big Read' with Parents – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Thursday 12 th December	H&A Museum	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we have explored Autumn further and woodland animals, learning vocabulary such as hibernate and nocturnal. In Drawing Club, we have been on an adventure with 'Christopher Pumpkin' drawing witches' castles and gruesome characters! The children have loved our small world farm set up, acting out scenarios on the farm and harvesting the crops! In Maths, we have been looking at composition of numbers including '1 and 1 makes 2' & '1 and 1 and 1 makes 3' using 'Simon Sock' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' texts to support our learning! The most exciting part of our week has been the addition of our new woodwork area. The children have been risk-takers using saws to cut the doweling in half and then using these to help create things such as puppets! We have been 'Safe' learning the rules when we are using the woodwork bench area.

Robin Class (Year 1): What another fantastic week, I am so impressed with the children's writing in phonics and I have noticed such a difference already! We have been reading longer words and we know to 'chunk it up' if we need to. The children have homed in with the word 'respect' from assembly this week and loved showing off their odd socks and linking to our No Outsiders motto. We became Geographers during our fieldtrip around Hunton Village being 'inquisitive'. Science seen us sorting different types of animals including mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds. We have been very active in Music through songs and clapping rhythms.

Kingfisher Class: What a lovely week! We have continued to enjoy our 'Dear Earth' book in our English lessons where we have been creating our own noun phrases. We used some fantastic vocabulary. Here are some of our phrases, 'thundering, ear-piercing hooves', 'deep, gigantic ocean' and 'swirling, colourful fish.' Amazing work, Kingfishers! In maths, we have been learning how to add 10 and 100 to a number. We were observing over time and being inquisitive in Science when we carried out an experiment to see which habitat woodlice preferred. We used dry/wet black and white paper to recreate a habitat. We made predictions about where the woodlice would go. On Thursday, we had a fabulous time with Chris Layfield creating a brilliant collaborative piece of artwork.

Partridge Class: This week, Partridges have worked extremely hard collating their research to create a biography about Harriet Tubman. They have all done brilliantly and I have loved reading them. In Maths, we have started our new topic of Addition and Subtraction, which has included lots of column addition practice! The children moved out of their comfort zones and definitely impressed in Dance as we began learning the Samba. In French, we practiced our speaking skills as we used our menus to role play ordering an ice cream in a French café.

Woodpecker Class: This half-term is really flying by and we've had another hard-working week. In our Maths lessons, we have begun to investigate multiplicative reasoning by developing our skills in short and long multiplication. In English, we have written biographies and look forward to publishing them next week! We've also investigated physical and human features of Whitby in Geography, and continued to develop our Tag Rugby and Dance skills in PE. We're also becoming more confident when ordering items in our French tearoom!

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.