



**GOATHLAND
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
*Believe you can
Together we will*



Diary Dates

Swimming every Tuesday
through the Spring term

6th Feb – Base 1 trip

10th Feb – Half Term

20th Feb – Return to School

27th Feb – Base 1's Egg Delivery

17th March – Base 2 Cross
Country Comp

31st March – End of the Spring
Term

18th April – Return to School



20th January 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been another good two weeks and I have had an especially enjoyable morning in Base 1 this week. It is a lovely environment and the children impressed me with their knowledge of what they have been reading about – I learned a lot about killer whales! It was great to see children challenging themselves in maths and trying to “beat the teacher” with their number sequence problems. Well done all.

Thank you to all the staff who have looked after Base 1 so well in Mrs Rigg's absence. I am very pleased to tell you that Mrs Rigg will be back in school on Monday and we look forward to seeing her very much.

Have a lovely weekend everyone
Mrs Armstrong.

Safeguarding

You may have noticed that we have an extra lock on our door going through into the classroom area. This is an additional layer of security and means that any visitors coming into school can't get to the areas where the children are without supervision.

If you are in the main Reception area and the front door is closed, it is tempting to let people in at the door, especially if it is someone you know. Please could we ask you not to do that, but to ask a member of staff to open? This just ensures that no-one comes into the building without staff knowledge and supervision, and keeps us all extra safe. Thank you everyone for your support with safeguarding – it's the most important thing we do.

Attendance

Good attendance is absolutely essential and I am really pleased that our



attendance figure is 96% for Y1-Y6, which is exactly in line with our school target. I am also really pleased to see no unauthorised absence, which is brilliant and means that everyone is attending school well unless there is a serious and genuine reason for not being here. Thank you so much families – it really does make an enormous difference to your child's success at school.

Base 1

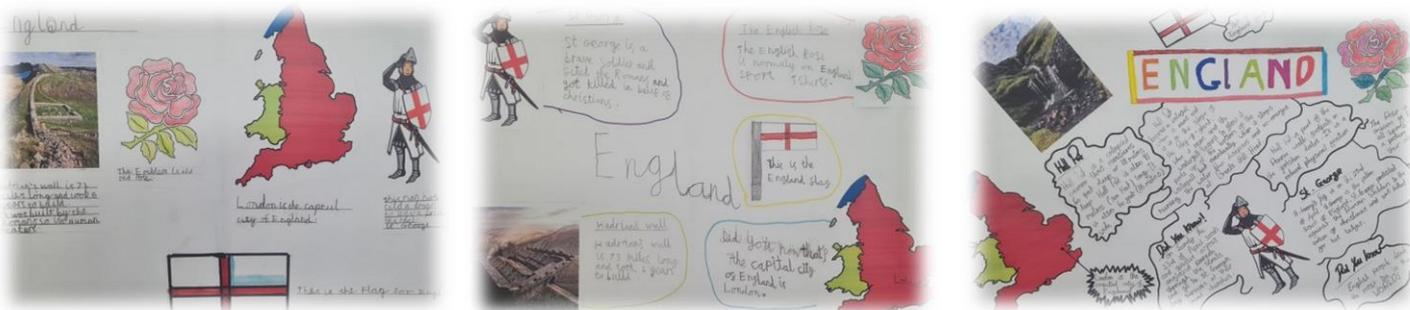
Mrs Collinson, our super supply teacher writes - I have had a wonderful time working in Base 1 this week. We have been learning all about whales and read a lovely book called The Storm Whale. The children have worked hard to retell the story using pictures and the Year 1 children wrote amazing versions of it. We have done lots of art work, using different mediums to create beautiful pictures of whales and the landscapes they live in. They have also conducted a very interesting science investigation to rescue some toy animals that were suspended inside a block of ice. The children have impressed me with their phonics and maths skills and showed off their awesome gymnastic skills on our trip to Eskdale School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Goathland and thank everyone for making me feel so welcome.



Base 2

In Literacy the children spent the first two weeks of term working hard on their grammar skills and learnt about the four types of nouns, comparative adjectives and complex prepositions. This week they have been exploring the structure and content of Newspaper reports and then applied what they have learnt about this and their knowledge of detailed descriptive writing to write imaginary Newspaper articles of their own.

The children have been concentrating on England in their geographical tour of the United Kingdom. They used maps to identify the eight different geographical regions and some of the major counties and cities, then explored some of the larger natural physical features and human features which can be found in England. Alongside this they learnt about the capital city, the flag, the emblem and St. George, the Patron Saint, then made their own non-chronological fact sheets about England.



In RE this term we are focusing on Christianity. The children been learning how Christianity began, what Christians believe about Jesus, God and the Trinity and about some symbols of Christianity. We have also been exploring what makes an object or text sacred and reading some Old Testament Bible stories.

Last week in PSHE the children explored how we sometimes judge people based on appearances and why this can be unkind. The Yr5 children extended their work on this by exploring diversity and thinking about what it might feel like to 'not fit in'. This week we have been discussing differences of opinion and why, especially within friendships, it is important to listen to and consider things from another person's point of view, even when we disagree with it. The older children have also been thinking about bullying, exploring the similarities and differences between real life and online bullying and learning how to block and report unkind messages.

In Computing the older children's work is linked to their PSHE so they have looked at how to stay safe online when chatting to friends, what it is or isn't safe to share and why and further explored how to block and report any unwanted content they may receive.

The Yr3/4 children have continued using the 'Think U Know' online safety toolkit to explore what is and is not safe to share online and the importance of getting permission before sharing any photos. They also discussed how it might feel if they received unkind messages and the importance of telling an adult if this happens

P.E.

The children have certainly enjoyed their first two swimming sessions. The Base 2 children are currently working on improving their different swimming strokes in the big pool, while the younger children are gaining water confidence in the smaller pool.

Goathland Primary School Staff

