



**GOATHLAND  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

*Believe you can  
Together we will*



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Base 1**

Over the last two weeks the children have enjoyed reading 'Owl Babies'. Year 1 children have been thinking carefully of adjectives to go in their sentences to make them more interesting as well as thinking carefully about capital letters and full stops. Our younger children have been trying hard to retell parts of the story and write initial sounds for the characters. In continuous provision we invited the children to make their own owls from 'loose parts', lots of these were very imaginative!

In Science we are learning about the change in seasons and weather observations, we took it in turns this week to present the weather to the rest of the class.



'The Message Centre' was created this week and the children are enjoying this area, with the purpose to mark make and send messages to each other. In this area the children can also explore colour mixing with powder paints. The children really enjoyed being able to explore colour mixing and we have made some

## Diary Dates

28<sup>th</sup> November – Nativity Practice in Church. Collection from Church

28<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Craft Club after school in Base 1

1<sup>st</sup> December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal in Church. Collection from Church

1<sup>st</sup> December – Kirkleatham Owl Visit in School

2<sup>nd</sup> December - Dodgeball - Base 2

5<sup>th</sup> December – Village Light Switch on at 6pm

6<sup>th</sup> December – Collect children from the Village Hall

6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at 6 pm in St Mary's Church

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft Club 3.15 – 4 pm

8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Party

15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Ice-skating Trip to York

16<sup>th</sup> December – 2 pm Crib Service at St Mary's and Break-Up for Christmas





beautiful autumnal leaves complete with a bit of sparkle!

In Maths we introduced a number line with our older children and we are beginning to 'add more' to numbers, children are becoming more confident in problem solving with addition, whilst next week we will be exploring subtraction. Our younger children in Base 1 have been busy exploring Numicon and recognising numbers, as well as playing some simple subitising games with the help of our older children.

In History / DT our castles are almost complete! We look forward to showing you our work very soon.

## **Base 2**

This week has been assessment week so the children have been busy doing their Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Spelling and Maths tests. As always, they all tried very hard so well done to everyone.

Alongside the assessments, we have continued reading *The Borrowers* and last week the children imagined seeing a borrower in their own homes. They had fun deciding what a 'modern' borrower might find useful and then each wrote a letter to a friend describing what they had seen.

We have now completed our Stone Age to Iron Age History topic. Building the Iron Age roundhouses was a project in itself but the children have all enjoyed learning about this prehistoric period of time.

In Science, the children have been predicting and investigating if different materials are electrical conductors or insulators and recording their results. We also thought about how both materials were needed within electrical equipment so the electricity could flow safely.

The children have been focusing on understanding the specific vocabulary of coding in Computing and are steadily working on improving their coding skills using programs at appropriate levels.

We have continued thinking about Caring and Responsibility in PSHE. This week we explored the roles and responsibilities people have within families, and how sharing roles and responsibilities helps everyone in a family to feel cared for, supported and respected. The Yr5's also considered how they can begin to take more responsibility for looking after themselves as their independence grows.

In addition to this, the children took part in a 'live' online lesson about World Toilet Day and learnt about the different levels of sanitation across the world. They all agreed they would not like to have used many of the toilets shown during the lesson and understood how a lack of hygiene can spread nasty diseases.



The Art Gallery in the Shared Space is now open for viewing so do please come and have a look. The display shows how far the children's skills and techniques have progressed from their first Van Gogh self-portraits to the final Da Vinci style portraits of their parents. Thank you to Miss Taylor for her excellent work with the children and to Mrs Watson who became our Gallery curator.



### Whole School.

Our Christmas Nativity looms ever closer so the children have begun to practice in earnest. Because we are a small and quite young group this year, Mrs Bordoli decided it was better to have two weeks of concentrated rehearsals so both this week and next will be busy. Thank you to all the parents who have helped their children learn their lines. The children know all the songs now and sing with gusto, if not always in tune!

★ Thank you to everyone for coming in Spots 'n' Stripes last week for Children in Need. **We raised £15 which has now been sent to help those in need.**

★ **Nativity costumes** have been sent home today. Please feel free to 'fine tune' them if needed and send them back into school before Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December for our dress rehearsal in church.

★ **Christmas Craft Club** will be run by Mrs Rigg in Base 1 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15 – 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and the children will get to take home their Christmassy crafts.

★ **On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** the children will need to be collected from Church first. As soon as everyone is back in school, Craft Club will begin.

★ **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December pm session – Base 2 Dodgeball at CCW.** Please make sure your child has PE shorts/trousers, trainers and a bottle of water. Team hoodies and t-shirts will be handed out prior to the event.

★ **5<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm - The Village Christmas Tree light switch on.** The organisers have invited our school to participate in the Christmas Tree light switch on. Base 1 will be making lanterns for the occasion.

There will also be food, drink and singing at the Village Hall after the light switch on which everyone is invited to attend. Although this isn't a school organised event, it is hoped that as many families as possible attend this village annual event.

### P.E.

In gymnastics the children have all achieved their next BAGA awards which is brilliant. Well done everybody

Have a great weekend.

*Goathland Primary School Staff*

## GOATHLAND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON



## CELEBRATE THE START OF CHRISTMAS

WITH A **FREE** FEEL-GOOD VILLAGE EVENT

at 6pm on Monday December 5th

...then follow the lantern parade down to the warm Village Hall which will be decorated for Christmas where there will be Christmassy music and singing with **free** scrummy mince pies and Christmas cake and mulled wine

...and **free** goody bags for the children