



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can.  
Together we will.*



13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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Dear Parents,

**Children in Need 2020** – Thank you for sending your children to school wearing spots or stripes. At 9am we joined schools across the UK and live streamed 'Active with Joe Wicks'. Cake and biscuits were much appreciated at break time and gave us a little boost after our morning's exertions. Thank you to Base 1 for making and decorating such lovely treats. All money raised will be going directly to Child in Need 2020.

**Goodbye** - This week we have said a fond farewell to one of our Base 2 children. We wish her the very best in her new school and hope she will keep in touch to tell us what she's up to! We will certainly miss her. Good luck!



**Base 1** – The weeks are whizzing by! We have been continuing our work on non-fiction texts, focusing on Polar Bears. We have learnt all sorts of interesting facts and done some amazing writing. Please help us to practice counting to 100, saying even numbers and whispering odd numbers. Please also keep practicing spellings, red words and reading at home. Little and often is perfect.

If you haven't had chance yet, please try and log into Teams via your child's login. When we are all up and running, it will be a great way to communicate. Thank you, Mrs Knight.



## Diary Dates

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Return to School





**Base 2** – Enjoyed their video conference with Mr Robert Goodwill, MP for Scarborough and Whitby. The children shared their concerns about the environment and the catastrophic effects of plastic pollution. The issue of littering in our local community led to a very lively discussion. It seems Goathland School may well produce one or two future MPs! Thank you to Mr Goodwill for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to us, it was very much appreciated.

The children in Base 2 have also been learning some French this term and exploring French culture. Yesterday they completed their geometric simplification landscapes in the style of Paul Cezanne. These paintings will be coming home to adorn your walls after they have been displayed at school.



**Forest School** This week at Forest School we were joined by Heather and Mary from the NYM National Parks for our second attempt at willow weaving. Fortunately, the willow they brought with them was thinner and much more pliable than on the previous occasion. Heather and Mary showed the children how to bend the willow to make dream catchers, dragon flies and bird feeders. After some initial hesitation, the children were soon fully engaged and by the end of the afternoon every child had made at least one willow sculpture. Our thanks go to both Rangers for their time and effort.

It was a chilly afternoon so a few games of fox and rabbit were also played to warm us all up!

Next week we will be having another campfire and making some rather tasty treats.

In case you missed it, we were in the Whitby Gazette!

# Village pupils explore the world around them

Children encouraged to reflect on the beauty of surroundings

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Just like many other children, the pupils at Goathland had lots of questions when they returned to school after such a long, unusual break.

A whole school project, based on the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, gave them the perfect opportunity to explore and record their feelings about the world we live in.

The book encouraged the children to reflect on the beauty of the environment around them – and it led to some wonderful creative writing.

The children composed poems to express their love of nature, made posters to remind visitors of the importance of looking after the countryside, and wrote letters to MP Robert Goodwill, asking questions



Goathland School pupils cook up treats in the fire pit.

about how the government intends to protect the planet.

Executive headteacher Helen Isaac said: "At Goathland we are incredibly lucky to have the natural world right on our doorstep. We are fortunate enough to have a giant Forest School site with a specially

built stone fire circle and brick fire pit just two minutes' walk from our school.

"The area is a rich tapestry of wildlife and vegetation, whose seasonal changes captivate and inspire us in equal measure.

"Forest School lessons are

an integral part of our Goathland curriculum and so important to our wellbeing.

"This term, the environmental focus in class carried through into the children's Forest School activities where, alongside gaining scientific knowledge, children learn many practical life skills.

"Activities so far this term have included using tools to collect fire wood; safely building, lighting and extinguishing fires; cooking on our fire pit; den building and wood craft where the children use natural materials to make different objects.

"The children love their Tuesday afternoon Forest School sessions where they are able to explore new ideas and challenge themselves.

"The world we live in is a very special place and Goathland children are determined to enjoy it and take great care of it."



Children love their Tuesday afternoon Forest School sessions.



Children make posters as part of the natural environment project.



Goathland pupils do some trimming.

