



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Believe you can
Together we will




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10th December 2021


Dear Parents,

 **Monday 13th December** – Christmas Party.
Please bring in party clothes/ Christmas jumpers to change into after lunch.

 **Tuesday 14th December** – Christmas Lunch.
Christmas jumpers can be worn. PE at the village Hall as normal.

 **Wednesday 15th December** - Christmas Craft Club 3.15 – 4.15 pm

 **Thursday 16th December** – Ice Skating at Winter Wonderland, York. The mini bus is leaving at 9 am prompt. School jumpers/ fleeces to be worn with warm trousers. Please remember hats, GLOVES and a warm coat. Parents/ family members to meet us there. Everyone is welcome to join us on the ice.

 **Friday 17th December** – 2 pm Crib Service at St Mary's. Break up for Christmas after the service.

Diary Dates

- 10th Dec – School Nativity, St Mary's Church at 6.00 pm
- 13th Dec – School Christmas Party pm
- 14th Dec – School Christmas Lunch
- 15th Dec – Christmas Craft Club 3.15 – 4.15 pm
- 16th Dec – School Trip – Ice Skating
- 17th Dec – Crib Service, 2.00 pm at St Mary's Church
- 17th Dec – Break-up for Christmas
- 5th January – Return to School
- 11th January – School Swimming Starts
- 14th Jan – Yr3/4 Multi skills at CCW
- 20th Jan – Mini Medics – Base 2
- 10th Feb – North Yorkshire Police Visit – Online Safety
- 18th Feb – Break-up for Half Term
- 28th Feb – Return to School
- 1st or 2nd March – Eskdale Festival



Base 1



In Literacy, we have been researching information about unusual pets and are making our own page for a non-fiction book.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Hugo, Rachel and Bear from Beck Vets. We asked lots of questions and even listened to Bear's heartbeat through a stethoscope.

The younger children have been writing in sentences and are doing so well at hearing the sounds needed to spell words, they have definitely got the hang of 'Fred Fingers'!

In RE, we have moved on from learning about the festival of Eid and are now looking at The Christmas story and how Christians celebrate Christmas.

In PSHE, we have continued our work on caring and responsibility. In our last session, we explored different scenarios and thought about who should help – emergency services, a trusted grown-up, myself or a friend. We talked about how important it is to know our own address and how to ring the emergency services if we needed to.

In our play, we have taken on a very Christmassy theme. Our elves are very busy in Santa's workshop, we have been writing Christmas cards and even made a fairy world with very magic dust! (Ask the children what it can do!)



We had a fabulous trip to The Danby Moors Centre. Although it was a little slippery outside, we managed to find all of Percy's friends and find the Yurt where our hot chocolate was waiting. We enjoyed learning about different animals and comparing similarities and differences. We reinforced our knowledge of predators and prey, omnivores and herbivores and enjoyed matching animals and their habitats on a special advent calendar.

Base 2

In Literacy the children have used their previous writing to produce a collaborative text to tell the story of the young girl's adventures in the picture book, Journey by Aaron Becker. They are now creating artwork to go with their narrative writing, which will eventually be displayed for all to enjoy.

Vertical and horizontal water resistance and friction have now been explored in our Science topic on forces. The children carried out experiments to investigate the effect of shape on streamlining by moulding playdough into different shapes and timing how long each one took to reach the bottom of a bucket of

water, they then designed and built their own streamlined boats and competed against each other in a race to see whose boat had the least horizontal water resistance.

To explore friction and understand that it has both positive and negative effects, they measured, recorded and discussed the force needed to drag shoes and other objects across different surfaces. This may be useful knowledge for our up-coming ice skating trip!

In ICT the Yr6 children have been designing their own online stores, the Yr4s have continued to create web pages and learn how to 'debug' their programmes and the Yr3s have been developing their expertise in the use of Word documents.

All the children have now completed this term's PSHE topic: Caring and Responsibility. The older children spent their final session thinking about and discussing the positive benefits of volunteering while the Yr3/4 children finished their activities on showing empathy for others.

The children's textile art is almost complete as I write this and will be finished by Christmas! Sewing the felt pieces together has been a challenge for some but the final masterpieces are coming together and look stunning.

Alongside their classwork all the children have been learning their lines and rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity. It will be wonderful to be able to share this with parents and the village community this evening. Thank you to all the parents who have helped both by practising lines at home and adjusting costumes as necessary. We look forward to seeing everyone later.

