



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can
Together we will*



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25th June 2021



Dear Parents,

Next week – On Monday and Tuesday Years 5 and 6 will be rock climbing and canoeing with East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre and Sleights School. Year 3 will join Mrs Knight in Base 1. On Thursday the whole school will enjoy a Forest School Survival Day led by a company called Wilderness Outdoor Education. The children will learn how to purify water and cook fish on a camp fire as well as learning many other survival skills throughout the day. On Friday afternoon the whole school will hopefully be taking part in our first Sword Dancing practice in preparation for the Village Show.

Village Show – A Village Celebration As most of you will be aware the Village Show will be very different this year. The committee have decided to run a Village Celebration instead of a Fruit and Veg Show. It is hoped that our pupils will join the Plough Stots at The Village Show on Saturday 21st August to perform a short dance. We also invite pupils to submit art work to Mrs Watson with the theme 'Simply Goathland'. The art work will form part of the Children's Art Competition which will be judged by Elsie Smith. Children can submit as many entries as they wish so the Village Hall can be decorated with the children's interpretations of Goathland. There will also be a 'design a t-shirt' competition. The t-shirts will be designed and decorated in school and displayed in the Village Hall on show day and judged by Elsie Smith. Prizes will be awarded to both Key Stage 1 and 2 groups.

Diary Dates

28th and 29th June – Yr 5/6
Outdoor Education days

1st July - Forest School Survival
Day

16th July Sports Day

20th July Parents Evening

20th – 21st July Yr 6 Transition
Days

22nd July Leavers Assembly (PM)

23rd July - Break up for Summer
Holidays



School will also have 4 outside stalls at the show. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school, especially as our Spring Fair has been cancelled, again, due to Covid restrictions. We hope to run Hook a Duck, Guess the Weight, Guess the Name and the Buzzer Game with the help of parent's and children. Please complete the attached form if you can help on show day. Thank you.

Forest School



Last week the children went on a mini-beast hunt, some with more enthusiasm than others! We explored different microhabitats within the field and discussed how we could perhaps promote more wildlife. One group found a frog hiding in a crevice so we really would like a pond!

This week the children practiced their fire building and cooking skills and made stir-fries. It was the first time we had cooked using pans and was a very successful enterprise. With it being so dry the children were very aware of the danger of small sparks igniting the surrounding grass and ensured the

fire was completely out and the whole area well doused with water when we had finished. As ever they also spent some time climbing and 'hanging around' in the trees!

Base 1

We are thoroughly enjoying our topic on The Great Fire of London, we have compared London now and in 1666 and looked at how fire fighters and their equipment has changed. We tried to put the fire out - but it was so difficult with wooden buckets! We went with Magic Grandad back in time and watched events unfold and couldn't believe that Samuel Pepys buried his wine and cheese in the garden!! In Geography, we are learning about our local area - we enjoyed exploring using Street View. In PSHE, we have thought about who special people are in our lives and why they are important to us. We have looked at our own families and talked about the many different types of families there can be. We have thought about ways that people show that they care.

In Maths, we have been learning about money, our toy shop has really helped us practise selecting the correct coins to pay.

Our caterpillars are getting very big! They are eating all the time, we are enjoying watching them weave silk around their temporary home and learning about their life cycle. We have been busy this week with our 'special jobs' - the children have worked so hard and despite a year of disruption due to Covid have made great progress. Well done Base 1, you should be very proud of your achievements.

Base 2

In literacy last week all the children tackled the writing task set by Eskdale School to describe a local place that was special to them. They produced some really detailed, creative descriptions about Dalby Forest, the moors, the tarn and 'the track' which would make great adverts for our area, but the children want to keep these special places for themselves if at all possible!

Our exploration of plant reproduction has continued in Science where the children have been investigating seed dispersal. They first looked at how animals distribute seeds in different ways, then made their own 'seed-copters' to test wind dispersal. They experimented with a variety of sizes, shapes and materials to find out which 'seed' design would travel the furthest and analysed why.

In Geography we have now reached the vast continent of Africa and have just begun to explore some of the natural physical features and historic man-made structures that can be found across its many countries.

Understanding and writing computer code continues to be the focus in ICT with more and more complex instructions and commands being used. The children all really enjoy this topic.

This half-term, PSHE is all about 'Families and Committed Relationships'. As a whole class we are discussing the characteristics of healthy, positive, committed relationships and how these develop as people grow older. The Yr5/6 children are also continuing to learn about human reproduction.

Alongside all this the children have been completing their literacy and maths assessments and should be very proud of how well they have done after such a disrupted year. Again, I want to thank all the parents for supporting their children's education during repeated lockdowns!

Goathland School

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Goathland Village Show 21st August 2021 1-5pm

I would like to help run a school stall.....

I can commit to the following times

I can help all afternoon



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