



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together we will*



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Dear Parents,

Whole School Activities The children spent Tuesday afternoon beginning to build their scarecrows for the Goathland Scarecrow Festival. Making the two papier maché heads was particularly tricky as the balloons kept bursting covering us all in Vaseline and shreds of paper! After school we started constructing the bodies, but time ran away from us, so the 3 scarecrows are still very much a work in progress. Thank you to all the parents who donated clothes, wood, straw and other materials for this project.



Base 1 - In Numeracy, we have been working hard to learn new concepts. We have been looking at multiplication and division, using arrays. In addition, we have been practising adding multiples of 10 to two digit numbers and the Year 2 children have been adding pairs of two-digit numbers, using partitioning. Our Literacy work has been focusing on non-fiction texts about mini beasts, we have particularly enjoyed finding out facts about earthworms!



We made drip paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock, if you haven't seen it already - have a look at the video on Teams - we had great fun. In PSHE, we have been talking about the importance of keeping



Diary Dates

14th April – School Swimming – Wednesday afternoons during this half term.

28th May - Half Term Break

8th June - Return to School

1st July - Forest School Survival Day

23rd July - Break up for Summer Holidays





our bodies clean. Our Science topic of living things has continued, this week taking us to Africa to explore the habitats there. In our daily PE sessions, the children have worked hard to learn a dance to one of The Greatest Showman songs, they have done so well.

Coming to a book bag near you soon - I am starting a class library, the children are very excited about this and have enjoyed choosing favourite books to go home. These books are different to the reading books that come home, they are not for your child to 'read' independently but for you to enjoy together. They will be changed weekly, so please make sure they are in book bags on a Thursday. Thank you



Base 2 As we come to the end of our current Literacy topic the children have explored writing in a more formal tone by writing letters from the adult character, the Night Gardener, to the young boy William. Their imaginary letters have been shared on Pobble and they are now busy writing individual sequels to the story, which we hope to publish by half-term. In Geography the children have begun their virtual exploration of the physical and human features within the continents of North and South America. I have to admit I was unaware that areas of the Niagra Falls have been known to freeze in winter.



The children enjoyed cooking (and eating) their vegetable stir-fries in Science last week - I don't think there was much to bring home to share! The salad dressing was not such a hit, but they all had fun and learnt about the use of honey in savoury food dishes in the process.

PSHE has continued separately for upper and lower Key Stage 2, but both groups of children are showing maturity as they discuss their different topics about change and emotional health.

Writing computer code has continued in ICT. This is becoming more challenging as the children learn a new coding instruction each week to use alongside those from the previous weeks. Discovering that, "it's not working!" is because your code has not been constructed correctly can be a bit frustrating.



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