



**GOATHLAND
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

*Believe you can
Together we will*



Thomason 45 End of Term - 251

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18th February 2022

Dear Parents,

Base 1

In Literacy we have continued our work on Fables. We unpicked the fables we had read, then the Year 2 children developed a plan for writing their own fable and went on to write it. They did a fantastic job thinking of their own characters, setting and using correctly punctuated speech.

In Art, we have been developing our weaving skills and made heart shaped bags. We have also designed and made our own Batik coasters. Drawing on the fabric with wax was tricky but using the dye was exciting!

In Science we are continuing our topic about humans and animals. Following on from our work on life cycles, this week we learnt about the basic needs of animals and we researched information to help us create a budgerigar fact file.

In RE, we are learning about Islam and in PSHE, we have almost completed our unit on 'similarities and differences'. Last week we talked to our friends about our own and their strengths and weaknesses and why we liked having each other as friends.

Mrs Knight has just completed the half termly phonics assessments and all the children have made excellent progress. Well done Base 1.

Diary Dates

18th Feb – Break-up for Half Term

28th Feb – Return to School

2nd March – Eskdale Festival

3rd March – World Book Day

4th March – Base 2 Hockey
Coaching

18th March – Red Nose Day

18th March – Yr6 Beach School

21st March – Easter Egg
Competition Launch

25th March – Base 2 Cross
Country

28th March – Base 1 Hatching
Experience delivered

31st March – School Survival Day

1st April – Base 2 Netball

7th April – Base 2 School Trip

8th April – End of Spring Term

25th April – Return to School

2nd May – Bank Holiday

3rd May – Return to School

4th May - Year 3/4 Quad Kids

25th May – Base 2 Tennis

6th -8th June – Yr6 Residential



Base 2

Poetry and the use of figurative language has been our literacy focus for the last 3 weeks. The children have written a variety of poems, some of which were included in the last newsletter. They have also been working hard on their reading comprehension skills and all the children have made excellent progress.

Please can I remind the Yr3/4 parents of the importance of hearing their children read at home, daily reading makes a huge impact on all their literacy skills. Thank you to the parents who already do this.

The children have also continued to practice their choral poetry for the Eskdale festival. The timing and intonation need a little refining, but they are working together as a team to perfect this. Their half-term challenge is to learn the poems off by heart. The performance at the Spa is on Wednesday March 2nd, between 11.30am and 1pm. This is the first Wednesday of next half-term, so the pressure is on! Please do come and support the children if you can.

We have now come to the end of our Geography topic on land use, settlement and trade. During the last two weeks the children have been learning about what trade is and investigating what we import and export to and from other countries. The Yr3/4 children focused on trade within Europe while the Yr6 children have considered global trade.

In PSHE all the children have been thinking about how to stay safe online and had a visit from a PCSO to support this. The Yr6 children had an additional lesson with Mrs Bordoli called Alright Charlie and showed a very mature understanding of one particular type of exploitation. Online safety will be the focus in our Computing lessons next half-term to further develop the children's understanding of both the positive and negative elements of the internet and social media.

Our D.T. textile project is still on-going. The children have begun sewing their patchwork pieces onto individual backing panels, but this is quite a lengthy process so will not quite be finished by half-term. They have chosen some bright colours for their designs so the final 'quilt' will be something to behold. The completed 'quilt' will be displayed in its' entirety on a wall at school before being deconstructed so the children can bring their individual panels home. I'll let you know when it is ready for viewing!

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March Please come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book (remember to bring the book too) **OR** write your own story (which you will read out) and dress up as a character from it.

Hockey Coaching Friday 4th March for Base 2 (afternoon session) Hopefully we can look forward to a sporting event next half term! Please make sure Base 2 children bring their sports trousers, **SHIN GUARDS, HATS , GLOVES** and suitable trainers and a bottle of water. School hoodies and t-shirts will be provided.

News from the Village Hall Trust As part of Village Hall Jubilee celebrations on the **4th June** it has been decided that there will be a fancy dress competition. This will be during the day's festivities. This is not only for children, anyone can enter. There will be further details advertised but this is an early warning to give parents a heads up.

The staff would like to wish all the children and their families a super week's holiday after what has been a busy half term.

Lunch Money for next half term - £85.50

Milk Money for next half term - £5.40

MOVING HOUSE.

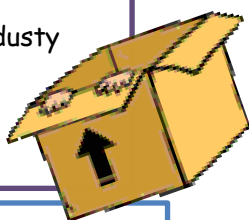
Moving house looks like heaps of black bags.

Moving house sounds like wind blowing through the trees.

Moving house feels like an exciting journey to the moon.

Moving house smells like an old dusty barn.

By Bertie



Siblings

Having younger siblings feels like a really annoying dog that steals everything in its path.

Having younger siblings feels like anger bubbling up inside me because half my toys are gone.

Having younger siblings smells like one hundred smelly nappies have been chucked in the house.

Having younger siblings smells as if the house has been dumped in the smelliest skip.

Having younger siblings sometimes tastes as lovely as pizza but mostly as yucky as pasta.

By Rohan



Year 3 and 4 simile poems

Horse Riding

Starting riding lessons looks like tall, brown horses and miniature ponies.

Starting riding lessons sounds like strong hooves kicking doors.

Starting riding lessons feels as scary as being in the dark.

By Niamh



Rugby

Moving rugby clubs feels like traveling to the moon

Moving rugby clubs looks like another country

Moving rugby clubs sounds like a big crowd

Moving rugby clubs smells like mud from a different world

Moving rugby clubs tastes as nice as fish and chips.

By Lewis

