



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together we will*



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Dear Parents,

Base 1

Base One have had another busy fortnight! As part of our 'Beneath our feet' topic we have made our own fossils by using salt dough and have painted them carefully.

In History we have been learning lots about Mary Anning, great interest from all the children!

Fossils and Dinosaurs seem to have taken over Base One at the moment. It has been great to see the children being so enthusiastic about their learning!



Diary Dates

1st July – Base 2 Trip

4th July – Base 2 Bikeability

6th July – Base 2 Rounders

8th July – Sports Day 2pm -3.15 pm

11th July – Year 6 Transition Week

19th July at 2pm End of Year Assembly

20th July – Base 1 Trip

21st July – Break up for summer





In Science and Forest school we have been learning about minibeasts and their habitats. We have explored micro habitats and we are hoping to collect some natural materials to make our own bug hotels.

We will also be entering a National Competition and our writing challenge this week was for the children to invent their own Riddle! We hope that this will be published in

a book for you to order through the 'Young Writer's Competition'.

We have also warmly welcomed our new class member and we are grateful for your kindness, generosity and support.

Base 2

With all the children now back in school we returned to our science topic on Rocks, Soils & Fossils. Last week the children completed their investigations into different types of soil by creating their own soil profiles then exploring and comparing the drainage speed and absorption capacity of two soil samples. This week the children learnt about different kinds of fossils – chemical fossils, body fossils and trace fossils and how fossils are formed.

In literacy the children have been concentrating on elements of sentence structure and grammar including the use of distinct categories of pronouns, relative clauses, determiners and question tags. We have also finished reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Clarinet lessons are continuing on Wednesday afternoons. The children are working with Mr Butterfield to (hopefully) prepare a short concert for the final assembly on Tuesday July 19th. Please do encourage your child/children to practice a bit!

Coding has continued to be the focus for computing with the younger children practicing writing simple code instructions and the older children exploring more complex variables.

In PSHE the Yr3/4 children have been thinking about different groups they belong to such as their family, school and various clubs and how it feels to be a part of these groups. They also explored rules and expectations that their families or other groups might have and why these rules are needed to keep everyone safe.

The Yr6 girls watched and discussed a BBC Teach Video to conclude the RSE part of their PSHE.

Whole School

Forest School

Rachel, from the Outdoor Adventure Company, led a Survival Day at Forest School last Thursday.

The children spent the first half of the morning learning different fire lighting techniques and discovered that using a bow was quite hard work. After that they attempted to purify water using grass and other natural materials they collected. Although the water did look somewhat cleaner having been filtered it was not really fit for human consumption, but on a desert island it may mean the difference between life and death. Fortunately, the children had brought their own water bottles which were very much needed on such a warm day.



In the afternoon the children worked in 3 teams to build temporary shelters out of tarpaulin, string and bamboo poles. They made some excellent shelters, added long grass for extra insulation and even began to add a few home comforts such as comfortable sitting areas.

The final survival activity was 'bug' tasting. Even Mrs Bordoli was a little anxious but bravely went first. Everyone discovered that fried meal worms and crickets don't taste too bad at all – some children quite liked them and even had seconds!



This week as part of their study of minibeasts the children used natural materials collected from around the site to create their own 'bug' artwork. There were some very imaginative designs!

The younger children also gathered fire wood for our camp fire and cooking session next week whilst the older girls did some more grounds maintenance removing the protective plastic from some of the more well-established hedgerow plants.

P.E.

Last week at the Hub the children practiced their 50 metre sprints and long jumps, this week was the 400 metre run and throwing. The children are all really encouraging one another to improve their personal bests to achieve the highest-level certificates they can. During both sessions the children also practiced their rounders skills in preparation for the upcoming tournament at Caedmon.

Office

Important 4 forms have been sent home this week. Please return these as soon as possible

- Collection Form (Years R-4 only)
- Bikeability Consent and Check List (Base 2)
- Base 1 Trip
- Base 2 Trip

Enjoy your sunny weekend,

From the Goathland staff.

