



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can
Together we will*



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Diary Dates

17th November – Kirkleatham Owl Visit

18th November – Children in Need

2nd December - Dodgeball - Base 2

6th December – Nativity at 6 pm in St Mary's Church

8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Party

15th December – Whole School Ice-skating Trip to York



11th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Base 1

Literacy

In Literacy we have enjoyed reading the Little Red Hen. We extended our learning by exploring the area

around us and visited a local farm. This was a fantastic opportunity and we would like to thank Mr Thompson at Darnholm Farm for allowing us to visit him and his animals. After our visit we wrote recounts about what we had seen, then baked some delicious bread and had a go at writing instructions! We were also very lucky to have a visitor in class, a little red hen who had been hatched in our classroom 4 years ago. Henny was very comfortable in the home corner and settled down for cuddles at every opportunity!

Maths

In Maths we have learnt about Part Whole Models and



writing basic number sentences. Our focus in Year 1 is ensuring that the children have a deep understanding of systematic number bonds and part whole models before moving forward. Next week we will be looking at bar models and how to use them in a practical way.

Our younger children are becoming more secure at how 5 can be made in various ways and we have been teaching this through our continuous provision.

All children are working hard on their phonics and even our younger children are making good progress by recognising the sound that matches the picture.

Design Technology

Plans have been drawn and we are looking forward to creating our own castles during the next couple of weeks. To help us with our ideas we have some beautiful new wooden blocks and knights to enhance our learning.

PSHE

We have been thinking about who is special to us and why. We have had some lovely discussions and look forward to displaying our work soon.

A couple of reminders:

- **Please no jewellery in school, apart from being a safety hazard we also don't want things to go missing.**
- **Please refrain from bringing in any toys; it becomes very distracting if they are taken into the classroom.**
- **The weather is turning colder; please remember hats and gloves as we are very exposed on our playground**

Base 2

In Literacy we have begun reading 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton, which will be our main text this half-term. The children have been watching short video clips and using these to write detailed setting and character descriptions in preparation for some longer writing next week.

We are now nearing the end of our Stone Age to Iron Age History topic and have been focussing on life in the Iron Age. The children have also been busy building model roundhouses and reflecting on all they have learnt about this period of prehistory.



Our main topic this half-term is Electricity, so we began by thinking about how much we rely on this energy source in our everyday lives and all the electrical appliances we use at home. During the second session the children learnt how to use cells, wires and bulbs to build complete series circuits and how to draw simple labelled diagrams of these circuits.

Caring and responsibility is our theme for PSHE for the next few weeks. All the children began by thinking about who cares for them, what their rights are and how these help everyone to be cared for and respected. The older children also explored ways they can take care of themselves and then began to look at the importance of making responsible choices about money and the benefits of saving.

The children are once again working on improving their coding skills in Computing. Year 3 are working on combining start and input events to create programs using precise instructions. Year 4 are learning how to make things happen in a sequence and creating simple animations and Year 5 are finding out how computers use variables to count things so they will be able to create their own simple games which use a score variable.

In Art the children looked at images of paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, including the famous Mona Lisa and learnt about realism, the process of blending lots tones of the same colours to make a painting look as real as possible. They are now trying to use Leonardo's techniques to create portraits of their parents. These will soon be displayed alongside the children's self-portraits in the Shared Space.

Whole School.

The children are busy learning the songs for the Nativity which is now only a month away! We will begin script rehearsals next week.

P.E.

In gymnastics the children have been perfecting the balance and strength skills they need to achieve their individual BAGA awards. They have all made great progress since September.

Have a great weekend,

Goathland Primary School Staff



