



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can  
Together we will*

24th February 2023

Dear Parents,

What a busy first week back: well done everyone for coming in so full of enthusiasm and working hard right from the start. I have enjoyed children's reading and acting in assemblies this week and it is so good to see their confidence in standing up and performing for others. I have always been impressed with how confident and articulate Goathland School children are and it is good to see how teachers foster this and how it develops throughout the year. Well done everyone.

Mrs Armstrong

### **Safeguarding at Goathland School**

Thank you for continuing to bring children to the school door every morning and collect them from there at home time – this is very helpful and helps keep our children safe.

Attendance letters have gone out this week and I would like to say thank you again for supporting great attendance at school. We have had no unauthorised absence at all this year which is amazing and really makes a difference to your child's education. If you can continue to make medical appointments outside school time (wherever possible) and not book term-time holidays, this will help keep up our excellent attendance figures. Thank you again.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you are ever worried about the safety or welfare of a child, even if it is not your own or you are not completely sure, please talk to our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Bordoli in complete confidence.

This is in line with our child protection policy, but if you do not feel able to talk to the school, or are unable to contact staff for any reason, then you can telephone the Children's Social Care Contact Centre on 01609 536993 and they will help you.

### **Base 1**

Yesterday Base 1 took delivery of an amazing Paint Station by Early Excellence. This was paid for by our 200 Club supporters. It is such a great addition to our classroom and will be used for many years to come. As well as our 200 Club supporters, we would also like to thank Mrs Worley for running the 200 Club and helping to raise significant amounts of money for extra ordinary things!

Base 1 will be reading a variety of texts this half term, including some traditional tales, which I am sure they will enjoy!



## Diary Dates

Swimming every Tuesday during the Spring term

27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Base 1's Egg Delivery

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

17<sup>th</sup> March – Base 2 Cross Country Comp

31<sup>st</sup> March – End of the Spring Term

18<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School

19<sup>th</sup> April – Birds on the Edge Project pm

16<sup>th</sup> June – School Trip



In Maths Year 1 we will be focusing on place value to 50, length and height and mass and volume.

EYFS will be securing their knowledge of key number concepts such as subitising, knowing the value of numicon pieces and beginning to make number calculations and record more formally.

In Geography we will be exploring the Esk Valley and the surrounding area, our younger children will also be talking about where they live and the areas around them that they like to go to. In Science we will be looking for signs of Spring in on our local area.

This week we have started our DT project and made some very interesting boats!

## **Base 2**

Base 2 will be focussing on traditional poetry in Literacy this half-term. In their first week the children explored the poem 'Sounds in the Evening' by Eleanor Farjeon then planned and wrote their own, rather more modern, poems about the sounds they hear around them at home. A lot of time this week was dedicated to understanding the process of writing poetry, choosing the 'best' vocabulary, restructuring sentences for impact and counting syllables to create a rhythm. Over the next few weeks the children will honing these skills and writing a selection of poems based on both those we read and their own creative ideas.

Base 2's Geography and R.E. topics rolled over into the first week of this half-term as we didn't quite get them finished before the break. In Geography the children have now completed their non-chronological fact sheets about Northern Ireland, revisited some of the major landmarks across the whole of the United Kingdom and learnt how the union flag was created. Next week they will start their new Geography project on 'Maps and Compasses'. Mrs Giddins will be leading this on alternate Thursdays while Mrs Bordoli is given some PPA time.

Having looked at the Bible and Christian beliefs during last half-term, the children's final R.E. session focused on comparing important Christian values with Humanist values, after which they created their own personal values trees.

In PSHE the younger KS2 children have been exploring the ideas of identity and prejudice and looking carefully at what peer pressure means and how it can be both good and bad. They have also been discussing stress and how, like peer pressure, this can have both positive and negative impacts. The older KS2 children have been learning about puberty in both boys and girls. They approached this very maturely but there might be some questions at home!

On Friday afternoons the children are continuing their Food Technology topic with Miss Taylor. Recently, they have been learning about the differences between reared and caught food and have begun designing their own healthy seasonal meals which they will be cooking a little later this half-term.

P.E.

The children had different swimming teachers at the pool the week before half-term which meant the Base 1 children had a lesson altogether which they really enjoyed. The youngest children were all encouraged to jump in the 'deep' end of the small pool. Mrs Bordoli was on hand to 'catch' them and was dunked on several occasions! This week it was back to normal but the children are all gaining confidence and making progress. The older children are continuing to improve their strokes and can now swim longer distances in the big pool.

Don't forget World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We want to see costumes AND books!

*Goathland Staff.*