

# GOATHLAND SCHOOL

Believe you can Together we will

**New Dates** 

# Base 1

KS1 children have been learning about continents in Geography this week. Please check Tapestry for a short video.

In PSHCE we learnt what a 'kind' friend is and how we need to be kind to each other in class. The older children learnt how to stay safe and recognise warning body signs if they were to feel unsafe.

In art we made some lovely Aztec art clay tiles, all children took care to make some beautiful patterns and designs. We also had a little taste of some Hershey chocolate.

In Maths all children have been looking at place value, Year 1 children have been using the vocabulary, greater than and less than.

In our creative area the children made beautiful owls to go with our



'Mr Hoot' story. I enjoyed reading their wonderful work. Even our youngest children had a go at mark making.

EYFS children

have been busy size ordering and practising 1:1 counting.

Year 2 children have been working hard to learn their 2,3 and 5 times tables. Hit the Button is a great app/website to practise. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Thank you for reading at home! This is really helping.

Please help us make our home corner look more homely by bringing in a new photograph.

Keep bringing in small junk modelling items please: yoghurt pots, small boxes and kitchen rolls are much appreciated.

Added

# **Diary Dates**

12th October - Base 2 Science and Engineering Day.

26th October - KS1 and KS2 Trip

27<sup>th</sup> October – Base 1 Spooky Day

27<sup>th</sup> October – Cross Country Base 2

27th October - Break up for Half Term

6th November - Return to School

10<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 5&6 Bikeability

17th November - Children In Need

20th November - Last Maths Attack Club

24<sup>th</sup> November – Basketball Base 2

27th November – Parents Evening

14<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity Performance

20th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party.

21st December - Crib Service at 2 pm and break up for Christmas.

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# **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to parents, family members and friends of the school for their support at St Mary's church for the Harvest Festival Service. Although there were a couple of minor hiccups the children did really well presenting their poem and song and Mrs Bordoli was proud of them all. A particular congratulations go to the three staring vegetables who participated with great enthusiasm.

#### Base 2

Literacy: Last week the children used an alphabetised extract from Mary Kingsley's book, Travels in West



Africa, to explore and analyse how choosing precise vocabulary creates vivid mental images. This week they have been applying this to their own work and writing detailed descriptions about wild animals they might possibly encounter in the Amazon Rainforest.

Maths: Yr3 to Yr5 have been working on their mental addition, subtraction and multiplication skills. Thank you to those parents who have helped their children learn and practice their times tables at home. We are continuing with the times tables 'Three Minute Challenge' twice a week so any help is greatly appreciated.

Alongside this the children have been extending their abilities to use written column addition and subtraction to calculate with ever larger numbers.

Yr6 have spent the last couple of weeks getting to grips with algebra; learning how to solve and write (simple!) equations and find pairs of numbers that satisfy number sentences with two unknowns. They worked really hard on their equations so have had a slight reprieve this week and begun exploring the geometry of circles.

Topic: In Geography the children have been finding out all about the Grand Canyon in North America. Initially they explored the climate and how the Canyon was formed; learnt about historic Native American's land use, trade and settlements and the modernisation that has taken place, including the importance of tourism.

In the next session we focussed on the topography of the Canyon with the children learning how to interpret contour lines on topographical maps, then using this knowledge (and tracing paper!) to create artistic representations of the topography of different areas of the Grand Canyon.

Art: This term we are using the jungle paintings of Henri Rousseau as inspiration for our own Rainforest art work. In the first session the children learnt a little about Henri Rousseau himself then worked on sketching exotic plants. The second session focused on developing the children's understanding of key vocabulary such as line, shape, form and structure and how to draw different Rainforest animals in preparation for their later compositions.

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PSHE: As a class the children thought about what it means to have mental resilience and why this is important. Using some prepared scenarios, we had lots of interesting discussions about how people react when things go wrong in different situations, what they could do to develop their resilience and how to apply this 'try again' approach to ourselves. Yr5/6 also had a session about the benefits and risks of using the internet and revisited how keep themselves safe online and what to do if they were concerned or upset by something on-screen.

R.E: In their second session on Judaism the children learnt the story of Moses, including how he freed the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and was given the Ten Commandments. This enabled them to understand the importance of the Jewish Passover festival and the significance of the different foods on the sedar plate.

Mrs Giddins says the children are showing a real interest in learning about different lifestyles and cultures.

# **Cross Country**

Base 2 took part in the first race of the local school Primary Cross Country at Whitby Sixth form on Monday 25th September. There were some excellent individual positions and all the children ran their best and so should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to those parents and extended family members who came and supported the children, it really makes a big difference to them.

## P.E.

The children have continued to enjoy their P.E. sessions in the village hall, playing games and practicing the gymnastic body management skills they need to master to achieve their Key Step Gymnastic awards.

## **Forest School**

Last week's activity at Forest School was all about making picture frames. The older children hunted for and cut straight-ish sticks from the bushes, cut four to similar lengths then bound the corners together to make natural rustic frames. Base 1 were given four striped sticks to wrap wool around as the first step to learning about binding — it can be quite a fiddly process! This week we are cooking melted cheese wraps in the firepit, but the children will be returning to and extending their picture frame activities next week.

12<sup>th</sup> October – Base 2 will be travelling by minibus to Scarborough Spa for the Science and Engineering morning.

Please drop your Base 2 child off at 8.20 am. The coach leaves at 8.30 am prompt. Full uniform and coats please. The children will return to school in time for lunch.

Please return permission slips for our Key Stage 1 and 2 trip to York's Chocolate Story on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Base 2 Only - Lunch money is due for the first half of the Autumn term. £111.15 or £14.25 per week.

Children 5 and over need to pay for milk. This is 18p per day / 90p per week

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After-School Club and Breakfast Club are to be booked with Mrs Watson and payment sent through BACS. £3 per session.

The Post Office (nationwide) is no longer allowing schools to pay in cash without a bank card. Due to NYCC policies, debit cards/ bank cards are not issued. We are therefore moving towards a cashless school. Our nearest banks, due to the recent closures, are in Guisborough and Scarborough. Please help us by paying with BACS. Don't forget to send your remittance email too.

**BACS** details

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Have a great weekend.

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