



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can
Together we will*

21st April 2023

Dear Parents,

The children have been delighted to welcome two new friends who have joined us from Whitby and London. Both have settled in very well and we all look forward to getting to know them better over the next few weeks.

Birds on the Edge Project.



On Wednesday afternoon we had a visit from Jonathon to talk to the children about the North York Moors National Park bird conservation project. The project's aim is to improve the habitat for four birds which have suffered significant population declines during the last 30 years. Two are migratory birds, the turtle dove and redstart and two are residents, the song thrush and yellowhammer.



A key element of the project is to monitor current bird populations. Base 1 are going to take the lead on this for our school and spend 15 minutes

identifying, recording and counting the birds that visit a feeding station every morning for 4 weeks.

Later this term

Base 2 are going to be involved in the Geocache Challenge which involves following the migratory route of a (geocache) turtle dove and monitoring its progress through Europe and down to Africa using the Geocaching website.

Only eight schools are involved in this local conservation project so we are very proud to be one of them.



Diary Dates

19th April – Birds on the Edge Project PM

28th April– Police Visit – Online Safety

8th May BH – Coronation Weekend

11th May – Bags to School

18th May – Parent Briefing on Online Safety by NYP at 3.30 pm

24th May – Liz Million Visit

16th June – School Trip



Base 1

We are excited for our new topics this half term which include Amazing Animals (EYFS) and our EVA topic which is 'Turn back time' for Year 1 children.

The children had a wonderful week of poetry this week, which was based on Springtime. These poems have been typed out and can be found at the end of this newsletter.

In Maths Year 1 children have worked really hard this week on seeing multiplication in different ways. In EYFS children are extending their number knowledge to 20. Younger children are working on recognising numbers and counting accurately to 5.

In PSHE the children have been learning how to stay and keep healthy which is always an important topic.

In Science we will be learning about Animals including Humans, this week we started to look at different ways we could group animals.

In Art children will be linking their History work of the Great Fire of London to produce more wonderful art work over the summer term.

Base 2



The book Frostheart is our main Literacy text this half-term and the children are certainly enjoying the story. This week, alongside reading Frostheart, they have been developing their understanding of main clauses and how to use co-ordinating conjunctions to create compound sentences. The older children have also been exploring how to use colons and semi-colons between clauses which is quite a tricky area of punctuation.

In Science the children have been learning about the differences between a suspension and a solution and investigating how to use different processes to separate various mixtures and combinations of materials. They had great fun practically exploring magnetic attraction, sieving, filtration and evaporation, then all drew labelled diagrams showing the methods they used. The UKS2 children also wrote explanations about how and why each of the processes they had used worked.



Our PSHE topic for this half-term is Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. This week we have all been discussing how our choices can be influenced by people and things around us and how to recognise some pressures which might encourage unhealthy or less sensible choices. The older children have also been thinking about self-confidence and self-respect and how these can also influence the decisions we make.



Base 2's Art project this term is to use different techniques and media to create pieces of art based on the natural and man-made features in our local environment. As before these Friday afternoon art sessions will be led by Miss Taylor. This week the children began by using sugar paper to create collages of the façade of our school building. This involved looking carefully at the size, shape and colour of the structure and features of the building then cutting or tearing paper and layering these to construct the main part of their collages. Finally, they sketched on some of the smaller additional features to add depth to their work.

Next Week

- PE every Tuesday afternoon at The Hub. Collection at 3.15 pm from the Hub.
- **Please continue to send your children to school with warm, waterproof coats and suitable footwear for the weather conditions**

I can see Spring flowers
I can hear blackbirds singing
I can feel green clean apples
I can smell juicy plums

By SB

I can see Spring flowers springing
up at all sorts of hours
Leaping lambs, some being
stroked by gentle hands
I can hear the soft hum of bees
and the whistling of the breeze
I can feel brushing grass as
butterflies flutter past

By HF

I can see lambs leaping
I can hear lambs bleating
I can feel the soft sand
I can smell the bees honey
I can taste sweet chocolate

By IW

I can see fluffy lambs being born
I can hear lambs bleating
I can feel the warm sun on my
face

I can smell bluebells
I can taste caramel chocolate

By HG