



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can  
Together we will*

Dear Parents,

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Base 1

Base 1 had an amazing trip the Sealife Centre, Scarborough this week. The children enjoyed looking for seals, learning about different sea creatures as well as spotting sharks!



## Diary Dates

10<sup>th</sup> July – Parents Evening

18<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (PM)

20<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Assembly (PM)

21<sup>st</sup> July – Break up for Summer

5<sup>th</sup> September – Return to School

In Maths Year 1 children have been learning to tell the time, please continue to practise over the summer. There are some good time games on <https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

This week, Base 1 welcomed our Reception 2023 starters. It has been lovely for all the children to get to know each other ready for September.

Lots of exciting things are happening behind the scenes in Base 1. We are waiting for some more resources to enhance our lovely classroom and we have a new shed/ summerhouse being delivered over the summer.

At forest school Base 1 enjoyed making creatures from pine cones such as field mice and as a special treat they were lucky to create some amazing 'seaside' art work with Miss Taylor.

## Base 2

In Literacy we have been reading and analysing Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories. So far, the children have 'discovered' How the Whale got his throat, How the Camel got his hump and How the Rhinoceros got his skin. Although these are classic fiction texts and can be quite tricky to read, the stories are great fun. The children have 'rewritten' How the camel got his hump from the camel's point of view – it seems he had some interesting reasons not to work alongside the other animals!

The children also completed their end of term Literacy and Numeracy assessments. These are always quite a challenge but the children all did their best and Mrs Bordoli is very proud of their hard work.



The children revised their knowledge of the fossilisation process in Science last week, then examined pictures of fossils and their living relatives to explore how fossils can be used to illustrate the theory of evolution. This week they explored how some evolutionary adaptations create both advantages and disadvantages, then looked how selective breeding can be used to develop certain characteristics and discussed their thoughts about this type of human intervention.



In R.E. the children explored why some Muslim women wear hijabs and watched a video about a young Muslim girl explaining what this particular piece of clothing meant to her. They also revised what they had previously learnt about Muslim beliefs and then used geometric patterns to create their own individual pieces of Islamic style art.

The children had a great time learning about mummification in their Ancient Egypt topic last week. This Thursday they visited the Bagshaw Museum near Leeds for an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The children explored Osiris's tomb, used hieroglyphs to write their names on papyrus, used their archaeological skills to uncover and identify hidden replica artefacts and revisited the process of embalming and mummification.

Alongside this they were also given the opportunity to handle some genuine Ancient Egyptian artefacts including the lid of a jackal canopic jar which many, many years ago would have held someone's stomach!



Forest School on Friday afternoons has, as always, been a highpoint of the week for the children. Last week they practiced their flint and steel fire lighting skills then made "s'mores" – a gooey mixture of chocolate and melted marshmallows held between wafers. After that, once the fire pit had been safely and efficiently cleaned out and everything else tidied away, they spent some time playing in their dens.

This week Base 1 used pine cones and a selection of other materials to craft delightful little mice and a variety of other miniature woodland creatures. After revising how to use knives safely, the older

children spent this session whittling. They began by making simple wood mice, then expanded and extended this to design and carve out their own individual and quite unique little wooden animals.

## P.E.

Last week in P.E. the children had an energetic session improving their 50 metres sprint times and practicing their rounders skills. This week, while Base 1 were at the Sea Life Centre, Base 2 focused on rounders to prepare for the Yr5/6 competition the following day. The children played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship at the actual event and should be proud of how well they held their own against the older teams from other schools.

Alongside this the children have continued to rehearse their sword dancing in preparation for the village show. We hope as many children as possible will attend on the day so they get the opportunity to share their sword dance with the whole community.



## Sports Day 18<sup>th</sup> July

Please remember to send your children to school with their PE kits.

Sports Day will be held at The Hub from 1.45 pm. Please meet us down there. There will be cold refreshments, seating and toilets available. At 3.15 pm you are welcome to take your children home from The Hub. However, there will be a Mallyan V's Thomason family rounders game which always proves very competitive and the highlight of the year for many! Parents, grandparents, friends and family are all encouraged to take part!

