



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together we will*



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Dear Parents,

It's been another hard-working week and I have enjoyed speaking to children in both classes and hearing about their interests. We have talked about sheep and spinning wool this week and it was very interesting to think about how this connects Goathland to the wider world and also to our Base 2 history topic. I have also enjoyed speaking to Mrs Rigg about all the work she is doing in Base 1 and we both hope that you will be able to come to our Spooky Day on Wednesday 19th October and see our lovely provision. Please contact Mrs Watson to let her know if you are able to come.

Base 1

We have been working hard on subitising, representing numbers in different ways and understanding the value of the numbers 0-10.

We had a delivery this week of new balance beams and stepping stones for Base One, we enjoyed working together as a team to build different tracks.

In Literacy we have been working hard on our Read Write Inc phonics, our younger children have learnt lots of new picture



Diary Dates

- 13th October – Base 2 Science and Engineering Day
- 19th October – Base 1 – Spooky Day
- 19th October - X- Country - Base 2
- 20th October – Base 2 Trip
- 20th October – Base 1 Trip
- 21st October – Break up For Half Term
- 31st October – Return to School
- 9th November – Flu Immunisation
- 2nd December - Dodgeball - Base 2
- 6th December – Nativity at 6 pm in St Mary's Church
- 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Party
- 16th December – Crib Service and break-up for Christmas



cards to help them remember the sounds. We have also been reading Leaf Man and Supertato and helping children to extend their vocabulary by looking at adjectives, as well as writing a simple sentence with full stops and capital letters.

In Science we planted bulbs outside and learnt the difference between wild plants and garden plants.

In PSHE we have been learning about what makes a good friend and looking out for kind behaviour.

In Art we have been studying portraits and using different techniques such as experimenting with colours and watercolours.

I look forward to next week's Parents Evening to show you our lovely work.

★ Please put names on cardigans and jumpers.

★ Please don't bring in 'home toys', we don't want anything to get lost or damaged.

★ Please bring in a baby photo of your child and a family picture to add to our family display - thank you so much.

Base 2

We have now come to the end of the Stone Age in our History topic. In class the children learnt about Stonehenge and made their own small models of this ancient monument, then created chronological timelines of some of the main events scientists and archaeologists believe occurred during this period of prehistory. At Forest School they worked together to make early 'Stone Age style' tepee homes. Next week we will move onto the Bronze Age.

In Literacy the children have been planning and drafting their own stories using the structure of I'll Take you to Mrs Cole. It's been interesting to learn what they do or don't do at home that drives their parents mad! We have also finished reading George's Marvellous Medicine.

The children have completed this term's PSHE on the theme of Healthy, Happy Friendships. During the last two weeks they all thought about and discussed the best ways to resolve disagreements between friends including the importance of honest communication, respecting each other's boundaries and asking permission. The older children also did some work on empathy and trying to understand another child's perspective.

In Computing the Yr4/5 children have continued to learn how to use Python, which has been quite challenging at times as the smallest coding errors have to be corrected in order to complete each programme. The Yr3 children have been consolidating their understanding of click events and how to make objects move in specific directions around the screen.

On Friday afternoon last week, Miss Taylor continued working on self-portraits with the children. Initially the children studied self-portraits by the artist Van Gogh and have now begun to look at work by the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo who painted in a very different style. (This week Miss Taylor will be accompanying the children to the Rugby.)



Whole School

The children have been practicing their poem and song for this evening's Harvest Festival Service. Thank you to all the parents for helping your children learn their individual stanzas. We might be a small group but even the youngest children are large in enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing everyone a bit later today.

Forest School



Last week the children worked in two teams to build bamboo pole and tarpaulin shelters. The gusty wind across the moors added an extra challenge but after a few misstarts both groups had constructed fairly stable tepees which were quite useful for sheltering from the rain showers. This week was campfire cooking, something all the children enjoy – it was a lovely way to end our Forest School afternoons for this term.

P.E

At the village hall the children have been playing team games and working on the different gymnastic skills they need to achieve their next BAGA awards. Base 2 also attended the Whitby Rugby Mega Fest this afternoon which I'm sure will have been a great way to run off some energy. Thank you to Mrs Nicholson who provided many of the children with the required stud boots!

The second round of the Whitby and District Primary Schools Cross Country will be Base 2's next sporting outing on Wednesday 19th (1.30pm) at Caedmon. Please do come and support our fantastic runners.

Enjoy your weekend,

From The Goathland School Staff