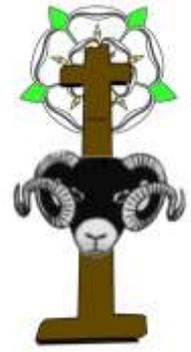




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Class 2

This week the Yr 6 children have been looking at the use of figurative language in the Mousehole Cat. This is a very well-written story that uses a good deal of metaphor, alliteration and simile. The children have explored how this has an impact on the reader and what makes successful writing. In science we have enjoyed exploring and making our own switches to control a circuit using various materials such as paper fasteners, paper clips and tin foil. This will lead into some design technology work later in the term.

We have also undertaken a "golden glow", where we used apples to look at how we can influence people's feelings through behaviours and how we can't always tell what somebody is feeling. We then all wrote nice things about each other to give ourselves the "glow".

Class 1

This week has been dominated by assessments of the children's learning in writing, reading, SPAG (spelling punctuation and grammar) and maths. Well done to all of the children who approached the assessments in a positive, even enthusiastic, manner.

Our English work this week has seen us really getting to know the story of *Where The Wild Things Are*, with lots of choral rehearsing of the story map, sequencing of illustrations and lines of text, and boxing up of the story into its constituent parts (beginning, middle, end/ introduction, build up, problem, resolution, conclusion). Our maths work has linked directly to the story, (where Max's journey is told through units of time rather than places or locations), with children engaging in some quite challenging investigations.

We have begun creating our own individual diorama for the story, turning boxes (which took a lot of perseverance and resilience on the part of the children), and using an excessive amount of green paint to prepare the bases! We have started to add forest decoration to the outsides and will continue to work on them over the next few weeks. In music, we have looked at using our hands as percussion instruments – a fun, and noisy, session for all involved - and have linked our PE to this, and the story, by focusing on movement. The class enjoyed an historical day today, learning about the life, work and significance of Florence Nightingale.

Some of you may be pleased to hear that we have ordered a supply of boiler suits for Class 1 to wear whilst playing in the wild area of the garden and the bug hotel that they have created.

Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 2nd October 2017

Wed 4th:

- Yr 1 Hearing Test by the Child Health Team (parents should have had a letter about this already from the Team, postponed from Friday 29th Sept)
- Yr 4 ONLY Forest Schools at Glaisdale (both schools)
- Yrs5/6 Football Tournament, 1pm to 3pm at Eskdale School (letters have gone to selected pupils)



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Thurs 5th:

- KS1 – Science NOT Forest Schools
- Netball club after school – please remember to let school know if your child/children will be walking home on their own afterwards
- Year 6 Open Evening at Stokesley School, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Bonus Ball winner

As on 23rd Sept – Betty Hogarth – no.57

REMINDER - Gracie, Lily, Beth and Emily's MacMillan Coffee Morning – Saturday 30th Sept – 10am to Noon in the Church Rooms

This is taking place tomorrow morning. Please go along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake to support the girls in their efforts to raise money for people facing cancer.

REMINDER - Octoberfest Fun Run – Sunday 1st October

Whitby Rotary Club is again offering this competition to all children under 14. Entries will be taken on the day (£2.50) and runners are advised to turn up at 1pm to begin registration with the races starting at 2pm. Even though inclement weather is forecast, the organisers have said today that the event will still be staged, but parents may call Mike Stones on Sunday morning to check – (01947) 604451.

Whitby Musicport – Sunday 1st October

Musicport is holding two events at Whitby Pavilion this Sunday, both of which are free to attend. First, we have a workshop starting at 11am and going on until 4.00pm. This is to make fish, flags, banners and jellyfish to carry in our Festival Parade on Friday 20th October, 5.45pm onwards. Young people and adults are welcome - under 10s to be accompanied please. You don't have to stay the whole time - all help is welcome!

Second, Musicport's Open Mic will be held from 1.00pm - 4.00pm in the Pavilion Café. This is a great opportunity for singers and musicians to perform one or two pieces to a friendly audience with the benefit of an experienced sound engineer and P.A. We would like to invite any young people to take part this month, either as individuals or as a group/band - it is our last one until January. There's no need to book in - just come along and put your name on the list on the day. Family and friends are invited to come and listen (or drop in to the Parade Workshop) and the café and bar will be serving as normal.

REMINDER - Yr 1 Hearing Tests – Wednesday 4th October

These tests were planned for this morning but have now been postponed until next Wed morning (4th).



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REMINDER - Forest Schools – Wednesday 4th October

Please note that Year 3 have now finished their block of sessions and next Wednesday, it's the turn of all of Year 4 pupils until we finish for half-term. All KS1 children will continue to have their sessions every other Thursday up until 14th December, as previously stated.

Remember that pupils are to come to school dressed in their outdoor gear, not their uniform. They need to have with them their wellies, waterproof coat/trousers, hat (sun or woolly depending on the weather) and a pair of gloves. The gloves need to be worn to ensure that the children don't get splinters, stung by nettles, etc.

REMINDER - PTFA Meeting – Thurs 5th October

7.30pm at Sarah Asquith's house (Stoneleigh). Everyone is welcome. Please do go along and help support the group in fund-raising for school.

REMINDER – BARNABY RUDGE – Saturday 7th October – Robinson Institute

Tickets are still available from Glaisdale shop or by calling Nicola Charlton on (01947) 897945. Also, volunteers are still needed to help out on the night; please let Sarah or Nicola know if you are available.

School Xmas Cards - Monday 9th October – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The children will be making their own cards in school on this morning and more people are needed to help out. The sessions in both classes get very busy as the children get creative, so please contact Lisa Harland if you're able to lend a hand. This is a great fundraiser which the children really do enjoy.

Whitby Town Council - Design a Christmas Card Competition

The chosen winning design will be used as the Mayoral Christmas card, to be sent out to civic dignitaries across the world. It will also be used as the front page of the Whitby Christmas Festival brochure, promoting this great event which takes place in the town centre, 17th – 19th November 2017.

The winner will also have the privilege of switching on the Town Christmas lights on the Yorkshire Coast Radio stage, together with a local celebrity on the evening of Friday November 17th.

Please find **attached** the entry form. They should be delivered to Pannett Art Gallery by **Monday 16th October 2017**, not to school.



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Xmas Carols around the village tree

A note for your diary – this will be at 6pm on Monday 18th December 2017.

Admission to Primary School – September 2018

For children due to start school next September, Playgroup will give the relevant families a letter about applying for a school place. This must be done before 15th January 2018 and it can be done online at:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Update on our Partnerships

Please find **enclosed** an update on the various partnerships that we belong to – Esk Valley Cluster, Esk Valley Alliance (EVA), North Yorkshire Primary School Teaching Alliances (NYPSTA) and Endeavour Learning Academy Trust (ELAT).

News from Castleton Classes

This week in **KS1** we have found out more about our penguin and we are trying to help him find his way back to the South Pole. We have been busy writing letters and using maps to plan the journey and find out about Antarctica. We are focusing on the author Olive Jeffers and after reading "Lost and Found" we are keen to read more of his stories. If you have any of his stories at home we would love to share them.

Well done to all the children who have worked hard on their assessments this week, we are always so proud of the positive approach and enthusiasm towards learning.

Keep enjoying reading at home everyone and practise those speed sounds!

KS2: It has been assessment week and the concentration in the classroom has been excellent. Mrs Grace has, once again, been pleased with everyone's attitude, really trying hard and not giving up. It just shows how our resilience is improving to tackle questions that might be tricky and give them a go.

The children have also done some work on the directions they want to take in life. We all rejected the things where we had taken the wrong direction and made the wrong choices, to be replaced by the right journey to take in life.