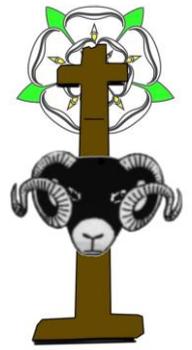




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Class 2

This week we have completed our work on a guide to Baghdad and have now turned our attention from the fall of Baghdad to the Mongol hordes and the loss of the library from the House of Wisdom. This will enable us to both look at a fascinating period of history, while practising our literacy in the form of diary writing. In grammar, we have looked at Standard English and how to extend our sentences, while in maths we have been improving our multiplication skills.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have been looking at our place in the wider world by identifying people that we know and who support us and considering our relationships with them.

Junior Road Safety Officers

On Tuesday, Mrs Peacock accompanied Izzy and Beth (along with two of Castleton's Yr5's Helena and Harry.T) to visit the Sirius Mining offices in Scarborough. They had a fun filled morning training to become Junior Road Safety Officers for their respective schools with the help of the North Yorkshire Road Safety team, the Fire and Police services, the Seatbelt Sheriff and, not forgetting, Cyril the Ninja Squirrel ! They will be leading assemblies, arranging competitions and inviting visitors in to the schools to promote road safety awareness. Keep an eye out for their noticeboard in school and we are quite sure you will spot the JRSO's in the playground looking very professional in their high-vis jackets!



Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to all the KS2 children who participated in this tournament on Wednesday afternoon. They all competed very well and came 2nd. The finals take place in two weeks' time, so more information will follow regarding this.

Class 1

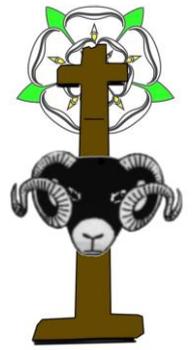
This week in English, we have been deepening our understanding and recognition of nouns, verbs and adjectives and practising identifying them with texts. We have also been exploring an innovated version of our story map text, identifying how it has been changed and improved, the literary devices use and the effect these have on the reader. This has led onto us beginning to plan our own invented versions. In addition, we have been playing some word games as a way to not only enhance spelling and reading skills, but also resilience, as the children face the prospect of not always winning!



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In maths, we have been looking at the inverse and commutative natures of addition and subtraction, and the four number sentences which can be constructed to show this. We have also worked on identifying 1 less than single and 2-digit numbers, using both apparatus and mental strategies.

Our PE has continued on the topic of movement with the story *Can You Move Like an Elephant?* providing the stimulus for a fun and noisy session. In music, we have, once again, been making use of the percussion instruments to create and vary sounds and in PSHE we have used "Tilly" and a variety of scenarios to discuss when it is and is not safe to take medicines.

Internet Safety talks

This week, the school had a visit from the Police to discuss internet safety with all the children. Since then, they have been in touch to say:

"The NSPCC and O2 are working in partnership to help keep children safe online. They have launched a new helpline which can give advice and support about how to set up parent controls, privacy settings, understanding social networks, apps and games. Anyone can use this helpline free of charge and its available 7 days a week. The number is 0808 800 5002.

In addition, O2 are offering free in-store consultations with parents, children, young people and the public who have questions relating to their child's online safety on tablets, mobile phones and laptops. Call into store or book an appointment via the O2 website.

If you want to find out more about the apps that children and young people are using, please visit NSPCC net aware – www.net-aware.org.uk

NSPCC's Share Aware has ideas on conversation starters that you can use with your child and advice about staying safe online. There are also two excellent clips to show children about the importance of being 'Share Aware'.

The links for the videos they have shown the children in school are below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o8auwnJtqE – Jigsaw ages 8 – 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMUbHuffO8> – Lee and Kim ages 5-7

If these links do not work the videos can be found on YouTube by typing in Ceop video Jigsaw (or Lee and Kim)".

Children in Need

The children had a great time last Friday wearing their spotty clothes and using all the money donated to create as many Pudseys as possible. Please see below. Just under £80 was raised in total so a huge thank you to all those who donated.



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Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 27th Nov 2017:

- Tues 28th: KS1 – flu vaccinations (selected children - those who didn't have them last month)
Yr6 – School Nurse discussing their Health Questionnaires
- Wed 29th: Yr6 – Forest Schools (please see below)
- Thurs 30th: KS1 – Forest Schools
Netball Club after school
- Fri 1st Dec: Football Club after school

Yr6 Health Questionnaires

If you still haven't returned your child's questionnaire, please do so by **Monday 27th at the latest** in readiness for Tuesday's session with the School Nurse. Thank you.

After School Sports Clubs

Please note that the last sessions of both Netball Club and Football Club will take place next week (see above). Letters will be sent out in the spring stating when both clubs will resume.

Forest Schools

Year 5 children have now finished their block of sessions, so next week it is the turn of the Year 6 children. Please ensure they have a warm coat, a hat, gloves, a scarf and their wellies with them.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 18/11/17 – The Brews – 11.

Yrs 3 & 4 residential trip to Peat Rigg – April 2018

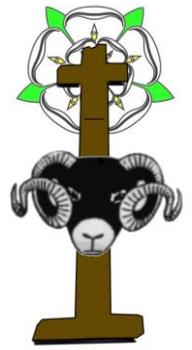
Thank you to all those parents who have returned letters regarding this trip next spring. Please could all others return their children's forms **next week** with details of payment too? Thank you.



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Christmas Play

To confirm the dates and times, please see below:

- Dress rehearsal: Mon 11th Dec : afternoon;
- Evening performance: Wed 13th Dec : 6pm-7.30pm;
- Afternoon performance: Thurs 14th Dec : 1.30pm-3pm

Children and long hair

A polite reminder to request that, for health, safety and hygiene reasons, can all children who have long hair please come to school with it tied back. Thank you.

News from Castleton Classes

This week in **KS1** we have been exploring how animals keep warm in cold environments and had great fun carrying out a blubber experiment (just ask!) to find out how blubber can keep animals warm.

In Maths we are focussing on 2, 5 and 10 times tables and knowing them instantly.

Thank you to all the EYFS parents who are enjoying the online profiles, we love your comments!

KS2: You might have noticed that the Christmas production is hotting up. We have been perfecting the songs this week and adding in some actions. Some hopefully will be surprising (shh! Don't give it away folks!) Thank you for all scurrying around to find costumes, it is much appreciated. If the costumes could be in school for next Thursday (or sooner) that would be great as we will have a costume rehearsal on Friday, 1st December and dress rehearsal for Glaisdale School on Monday, 4th December.

There will be **no homework** this week so that the children can have time to work on their lines and words for the songs. A special well done to those who have already learnt all their lines. The more practice that is done at home, the easier it will be to make a fantastic performance for the 5th and 6th December.

In Maths we are having a big push on times tables. What we are finding in class is that the tables are being learnt for the SMIRFs and the times table test **BUT** then are being forgotten so we now have a times table task rota, the aim of this is to help the times tables to stay in the head. This is so they can be used for speedy calculations without using times table charts or fingers! Any help with reinforcing tables at home would be much appreciated. Nothing like quick fire tables to enlighten a long car journey!

Years 3, 4 and 6 were out on Wednesday afternoon competing in an indoor Athletics event at Whitby Leisure Centre. They finished third – what a superb result! There were some top individual performances, such as Sam in the javelin, but for events like this you win or lose as a team and everybody stuck together, supported each other and put forward their very best performances. A huge well done to all our athletes from Mrs Grace and Mr Wilson!