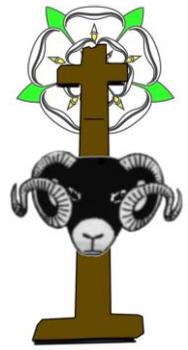




Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

Class 1

This week in English we have begun working on our focus text for the term- the traditional tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk". The children have engaged in a variety of activities to learn the correct sequence of the story which has also helped them to quickly master our story map. We have also been focusing on sight and sound recognition, long and short vowel sounds to support us in bettering our spelling during written work.

In maths, we have been working on estimation and place value using a variety of resources and approaches. Y2 have spent time looking at how best to use jottings in place of practical resources to support them.

Our science topic has been launched by beginning to look at animals and their habitats, whilst in PE the children have begun looking at dance.

A quick reminder that next Thursday morning the children will be going to Castleton School to take part in Forest Schools.

Class 2

This week we have begun our topic on the Esk Valley by looking at what a valley is and how it is formed by water or ice. We have modelled these processes and used maps to trace the drainage system of the River Esk. The children are now learning a lot of new vocabulary to describe various river features, such as confluence, tributary and meander. To complement this we will be looking at habitat along the river, so the older children have also begun some work designing branching keys to identify species. In maths we are studying time, including analogue, digital, 12 and 24 hour formats, time intervals and timetables.

Booster Class

Due to other commitments there will be no booster class next week. Thank you.

Forest Schools

Y3 and Y4 will be travelling to Castleton on a Thursday afternoons this half term. The dates are 4th, 11th and 25th May. KS1 children will travel to Castleton on the mornings of 4th and 25th May. Thank you.

Week Commencing 1st May

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Y3 & Y4 Cricket, Mulgrave CC. Please see attached letter.

Thursday Forest Schools, Castleton. KS1 am and KS2 pm
Netball Club.

PTFA News

Treasurer

We are still looking for a Treasurer for the PTFA after Rosie Jones finishes. If you would like to help the PTFA and take on the role of Treasurer, then please contact Sarah Asquith.

News from Castleton Classes

KS1: Welcome back everyone! This week, KS1 have been excited about starting our new topic that will focus on our local area, "The Esk Valley." We have been using Atlases to explore where we live. We have also started reading "Mr Grumpy's Outing" which is all about a chaotic boat adventure!

Thank you to all the EYFS children who have "wowed" us with their home/school diary entries. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing them.

A reminder that PE is on a Friday this term so everyone will need a PE kit and we will be focusing on skills to play games.

KS2: Welcome back everyone, we will just forget about the weather because hopefully it will get back to Spring again really quickly.

Hopefully the children are now all able to explain how Roman Numerals work. They were clever, those Romans, using letters for numbers but our number systems with the place holder 0 is much more efficient.

We have started a mini topic on the Hindu faith, a really interesting religion. Certainly extremely colourful, just ask about Holi, which sounds great fun.

Just to let you know with the Maths homework we are adding squared paper. This is for the children to do their jottings, just like they do for Mental Maths. There is a minimum of 10 jottings (more can be done as necessary) but these will be expected to be seen during homework marking.