



Woodhouse Community Primary School Newsletter

Half Term 2: week ending 4th November 2022

A message from our Headteacher ..



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everybody enjoyed a lovely half term week and managed to take advantage of the couple of bright nice days we had. The clocks have now gone back and the mornings and nights are darker- winter is definitely on its way!

With that in mind, please ensure your child comes to school wrapped up well (coats, hats, gloves) as the weather is only going to get colder and children will be playing outside at breaks and lunchtimes.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Halloween Disco before half term. Costumes and spooky efforts were brilliant and I just wanted to thank all of the hardworking staff and adults who planned the event, and stayed back after work to volunteer their time. Without such kindness and dedication, these things could not happen so thank you.

We raised a total of £230. The school council will be asking classes what they wish to spend this money on and I will keep you updated as to what they decide.

If you are out and about enjoying any organised Firework displays this weekend, please stay safe and follow the Firework Code

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

As always, please contact school if you have any queries. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Smith

Headteacher

Notices and Important Information



FIRE SAFETY ASSEMBLY

Our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in an assembly talking about Fire Safety and preventing Fires, which was led by the local Fire Service.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who turned up for our coffee morning. It was lovely to talk to you about how well your children are doing in school. and what more we can do to help and support. My apologies that the Cornforth partnership did not turn up as planned. We hope that they will be rearranging a time to come into school soon. Mrs Curry will keep you informed. Thanks to Mrs Curry and the other staff for helping to arrange this event.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Our school currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Governors play a key role in the school working as a team to provide support and challenge whilst at the same time influencing strategies. We are hoping that parents will nominate themselves or others and help us by contributing ideas and influencing decision making.

The Governing Body is made up of parents, teachers and other members of the community. Every term the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for pupils.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like further information about what it involves then please contact Mrs Smith at school to arrange an informal chat.

YEAR 5 VIKING DAY

As part of their topic in History, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting day learning all about the Viking way of life with a surprise guest visitor to school from the past... Bjarni Thorvaldson. Ask your children to tell you all about Viking weapons and battles!

YEAR 3 TRIP TO PALACE GREEN

Year 3 enjoyed a trip out to Palace Green Library in Durham, learning all about prehistory, examining evidence and artefacts. again, behaviour and attitudes were superb, which is lovely to hear.

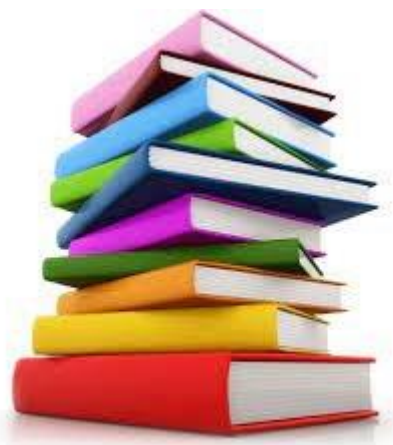
YEAR 2 TRIP TO DURHAM CATHEDRAL

As part of their learning in R.E, Year 2 visited Durham Cathedral this week, learning all about its significance and the story of St Cuthbert. The children behaved excellently and had a fun filled day! Take a look at some pictures below...

Its definitely been a busy trip filled week!



School Term Dates 2022-2023



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Christmas Fayre event: Friday 9th December PM

Week beginning Monday 5th December- Parent Consultation and Craft events (dates and times for each year group to follow next week)

Tuesday 13th December : Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Production (Year 4, 5,6 parents) 1:15pm

Wednesday 14th December: Early Years Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 14th December: Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Production (Year1,2,3 parents) 1:15pm

Thursday 15th December PM : Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

Friday 16th December PM: Year 5 and 6 Christmas party

Monday 19th December : EYFS Christmas party

Tuesday 20th December AM : Family Carols

Tuesday 20th December PM: Year 1 and 2 Christmas party

In school we have 7 Rainbow virtues that we want our children to follow and practise at all times. Our fourth virtue is Resilience.

What do we mean by Resilience?

'It means giving something a go and not giving up.'

' Trying your best at a challenge and not stopping.'

'Keep trying no matter what.'

What we are reading this week



Teacher Recommendation Mrs Gorton

Last week I decided to read the *The Girl Who Speaks Bear* and I absolutely loved it and my favourite part has to be when Yanka's pet weasel does his war dance.

This book is about a young girl called Yanka who as a baby was found in a bear cave, taken to the village and raised by her foster mother Mamochka. As she grows up, Yanka

feels different to the other children; she's bigger and stronger than all them. She begins to wonder why she is different and where she came from. One day something strange happens to Yanka and her legs turn into bear legs. She decides the only way to find out is to sneak away from the village on a quest to discover her true family, and who she really is. Once in the Snow Forest Yanka faces many dangers and discovers that all the fantastic stories she had been told as she grew up were true.



FOCUS ON...YEAR 2



This refers to the work Year 2 did in the last week of last half term.

Year 2 have been really busy.

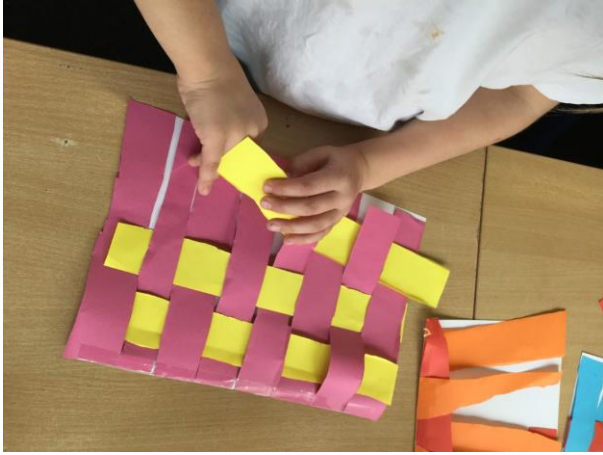
On Monday in numeracy, we used multilink cubes to help work out our number bonds to 20. Art was very challenging, we attempted to do some paper weaving. In English, we have been using expanded noun phrases to improve our Flat Stanley work. This involved using 2 adjectives and a noun in a sentence and remembering to use a comma. On Tuesday, we walked to Bishop Barrington School and took part in a sports event where we tried kurling and boccia activities. Everyone worked really hard and the behaviour was impeccable!

In science we have been discussing healthy eating, focusing on the 5 food groups: fruit and veg, proteins, carbohydrates, fats and spreads and dairy.

In R.E. we have introduced the story of St. Cuthbert, so that we have some knowledge of who he is before our visit to Durham Cathedral after the holidays. We looked at E-safety in ICT using the story of The Three Little Pigs.

Music was great fun, we used xylophones and sang along to 'In my hands, In my heart'

Wow! What a busy week Year 2!





Attendance



Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education.

Attendance - Attendance at school is crucial. Parents / carers have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school. School will do all we can to ensure parents / carers are supported in ensuring their children have good attendance.

Please see the following information on the importance of regular/ good attendance at school

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

Every day at school counts and makes a difference.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.
- To be classed as persistently absent, your child has to miss 10% or more of school sessions (1 session is half a day). Over a year that equates to roughly 19 days absence.

Week Ending October 21st

Class of the Week: Year 2 97.7 % WELL DONE! You win the extra playtime reward

2nd place: Year 1 96.5%

3rd: Year 5 94%

4th: Year 4 92.3%

5th: Year 6 91.3%

6th place: Reception 90.5%

7th place: Year 3 90.4%

Target for attendance is 97%! Only 1 class met this target

Week Ending 4th November Average attendance: 95.2%

Class of the Week: Year 2 100% AMAZING! Extra playtime and an extra special treat on Monday from Mrs Smith for this!

2nd place: Year 4 99.2% (as this is also amazing you win an extra playtime!)

3rd place: Year 3 95.4%

4th place : Year 6 94.8%

5th place: Year 1 92.8%

6th place: Year 5 92.5%

7th place Reception 91.7% (this is improving- keep up the improvement)

Target for attendance is 97%! 2 classes met this target

Attendance continues to improve. Keep it up!

We continue to place high importance on attendance and punctuality. Classes receive rewards and shout outs in our celebration assemblies for having the highest attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis. We teach our children the importance of attending school regularly and on time. If your child's attendance falls below 97% then the attendance team will be in touch with you to offer support and work with you to improve your child's attendance. This will also be the case for those children who are persistently late or who have an emerging pattern of attendance over a time period.

If you require any support around attendance or getting your child to school on time, please speak to one of the members of the attendance team - Mrs Curry, myself, Mrs Bone or Kirsty :-)

Last week's Awards ...



Week ending 21st October

Star of the Week

Reception **Evie** - amazing efforts all round

Y1 **Finn** -fabulous writing

Y2 Riley- super work.

Y3 **Briannah-Rose**- trying hard with everything

Y4 **Laurianne**- super efforts in everything

Y5 **Edie**- excellent independent writing and always trying her best

Y6 **Sienna**- amazing independent writing

Next week's newsletter will include two week's worth of star of the week!

