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*'To love, live and learn together'*

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Creation'

**Well done to everyone for an excellent half term back at school!** All our children took a Special Mentions Certificate home with them for half term. We wanted to congratulate everyone; children, parents and staff on working so hard to help our whole school community return to school so positively. The children have worked incredibly hard and have risen to the challenge of their new topics; really persevering to give of their very best and displaying an excellent attitude to learning and behaviour across school.



### **Class 4 completed Bikeability training**

Well done to everyone in Class 4 who have completed this important road safety training. Next year it will be Year 5 who take part in this during May. We will then resume our normal pattern of Year 5 completing this each year.

**Great use of our school grounds for planting and growing** Well done to all our classes for working hard to care for our school grounds. Pictured here are some of Class 2 planting their sunflower seeds.

**Great PE—well done renewing our School Games Quality Mark** After half term Classes 1 and 2 will focus on cricket and athletics. Classes 3 and 4 will continue to practise their cricket and athletics skills but will focus in lessons on tennis and tri-golf.

**Sunday 27th June 2pm Friends of School Family Walk and Sponsored Walk to the North Pole in June** Don't forget to start logging your miles—the forms were sent home in book bags before half term. The challenge is to walk 25 miles during the month of June! We hope the Family Walk can be followed by refreshments in the school grounds.





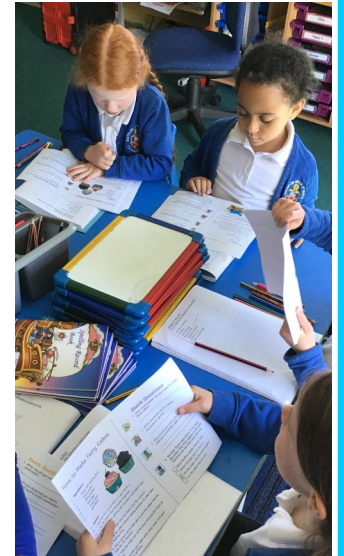
### Special Mentions in Class 1 this week

Mrs Reynolds says: 'I have been really impressed with how hard Class 1 have worked this half term. They have really focused on their targets and made great individual progress. I have been amazed by their passion and enthusiasm for the Seaside topic. What fabulous lighthouses you have made. Well done!' **Pictured below are Class 1's lighthouses - lit up also; planting our sunflowers and our rainbow fish art work.**



### Special Mentions in Class 2 this week

Mrs Dutton wants to celebrate how hard everyone in her class have worked this half term in all areas of the curriculum. **Pictured below are Class 2 observing the outcome of their science investigation; designing their lighthouses; identifying features of instruction texts and enjoying making music outdoors.**





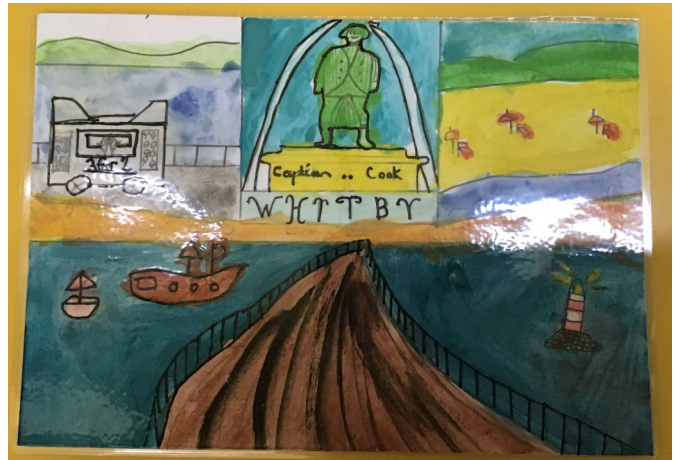
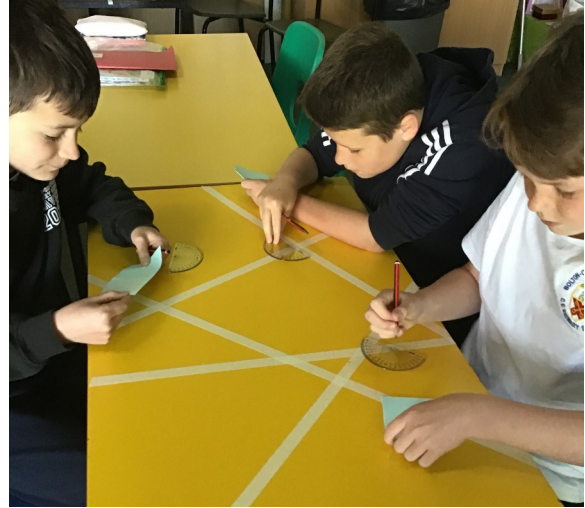
### Special Mentions in Class 3 this week

Mrs Wright says: 'A great half term for everyone in Class 3'. Pictured below are Class 3 completing some excellent Science work on classification of animals; working hard in English on features of newspaper reports; enjoying sketching features of Whitby in art and relays in PE.



### Special Mentions in Class 4 this week

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'Class 4 have impressed me with their commitment and hard work this half term.' Pictured below are Class 4 investigating angles in maths and some examples of their excellent Whitby postcards in art using pencil sketch, watercolours and lettering techniques to design and create postcards.



### **Transition to Secondary School for Year 6**

Y6 children who are transferring to St Francis Xavier School will have a visit from Mr Jackson on Friday 11th June. Y6 children transferring to Richmond Secondary have already had a visit from Mrs Johnson before half term.

### **Walk 25 miles to reach the North Pole- Friends of the School Sponsored Walk**

Information about the Friends of the School fund-raising sponsored walk and forms to use for this went home with the children before half term.

**Friends of the School hope to hold a family walk on Sunday 27th June at 2pm** with refreshments in the school grounds afterwards if possible. You can start walking and logging your miles before this too! A huge thank you to FoS for organising this.

### **Marrick Priory Outward Bound Residential in November 2021 for Y5/6**

We emailed a payment schedule for this before half term. Please do speak to me if you have any concerns about paying for this at all. There will be more details about the activities and organisation of the week to follow and we will hold a meeting for parents and children with the Marrick Priory Warden in September. We have been running this visit very successfully for the past 8 years. There are photos on our website in the gallery and on the Marrick Priory website.

### **Provisional Summer Music Concert Wednesday 30th June at 6pm in school**

We have set this date and very much hope that some parents may be able to come into school to hear their child perform if they have instrumental lessons in school. The children are starting to practice their pieces and if they are not able to perform to a live audience we will film them and share this with you. This will include all children who have flute lessons with Mr Waters and violin, cello or piano lessons with Mrs Jameson. If your child has instrumental lessons out of school we would like to include them also. And if possible all of Class 3 playing their violin and cellos.

**Instrumental Lessons in School** Children in Year 3 and Year 4 learn the violin or cello as part of their class music for these two years only. If they wish to continue beyond Year 4 with lessons there is a cost for these. All children have class music lessons in school. We offer small group and individual instrumental lessons to children in all year groups; there is a cost for these. Mrs Jameson teaches violin, cello and piano. North Yorkshire Music Service Teachers currently teach flute in school. Lessons on other instruments can be offered if an interest is expressed. **If you are interested in your child learning an instrument starting from September please email the office email address.**

### **Summer term events and visits - provisional list**

We are setting the following dates with more information to follow.

Tuesday 22nd June	Skip2bfit Activity Fun Day
Sunday 27th June	FoS Family Walk 2pm
Wed 30th June	Summer Music Concert 6pm
Thursday 1st July	Class 3 to Carlton Lodge Outward Bound Centre
Tues 6th & Wed 7th July	'Peter Pan' Production 6pm Class 4
Thursday 15th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Friday 16th July	Summer Fair 1.30pm
Tuesday 20th July	Sports Day 1.30pm (wet weather reserve Thurs 22nd July)
Wed 21st July	Class 4 afternoon activities at Carlton Lodge Outward Bound Activity Centre - details to follow
Friday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
	Finish for Summer Term

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson