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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

Well done to our Reception children who have completed their first full week in school. They have all settled in so well, enjoyed their lunches and loved playing with their buddies in their outdoor area. Photo highlights are on the next page.

Reception Parents Phonics Meeting thank you for attending if you were able. Mrs Reynolds will share the information with all parents. The link below takes you to all the resources for parents to help you support your child in learning to read. The link can also be found on our school website under Children/Curriculum/Phonics. This information is helpful particularly for children and parents in Reception and Year 1. Please ask if unsure. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Congratulations and thank you to our successful Yorkshire 3 Peaks Team



A team of governors, parents and staff successfully completed the challenge last Saturday to fundraise for our new school laptops. We are hugely grateful to them. Our new school laptops have arrived this week and the children who have used them so far have been very appreciative. They cost £13,000. You can still donate on the Just Giving Bolton-on-Swale page. We hope the final total will be match funded. You can see more photos on the Friends of Bolton-on-Swale Facebook page.

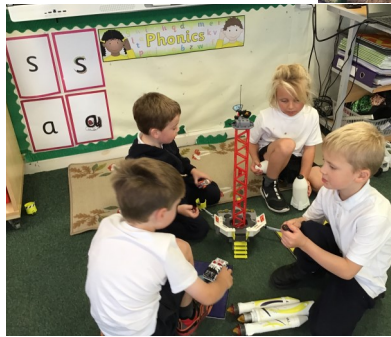
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A great start to school clubs this week Children in Year 1 upwards can sign up for free to a range of after school clubs. These change each half term. Our lunchtime Art Club, run by Y5/6 children starts next week. There is no need to sign up for this.

Musical instruments for Year 3 children Pictured below in their class music lesson this week.



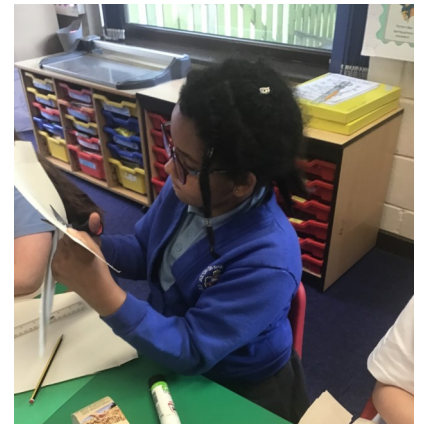
This week in Class 1 We have enjoyed completing our self portraits, using mirrors to observe carefully and then painting. Reception children have made a great start with their phonics and Year 1 are working hard with their reading. In Maths we have practiced number songs, counting forwards and backwards and ordering. Everyone loved their PE and football skills sessions with Matty and Mrs Reynolds.



In Class 2 this week We enjoyed our village walk where we identified the services Scorton has as part of our Geography work. We used google earth and aerial photos to identify areas of our school grounds for field work. In RE we discussed Christian Baptism. In PE we have developed our football skills and bat and ball skills. We have worked hard on our number work, reading and spellings. We were excited to use our new laptops and to practice using the mouse to drag and drop. **Pictured below on our village walk and doing field work in the school grounds,**



In Class 3 this week We were very excited to start our class music with our violins and cellos. In English we are exploring the story, Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, which links with our History work, from Stone Age to Iron Age. In Maths we have been partitioning numbers up to 10,000. In our Art and Design we have started work on our 3D sculpture building. **Pictured below and on the first page with our instruments in music and cutting and measuring in our art work.**



In Class 4 this week we have discussed why Britain entered World War 11. The children created their own radio announcement after listening to Neville Chamberlain's speech. Mr Ramsbottom was very impressed with the quality of the homework on the Second World War completed over the summer. This is now on display in Class 4. In Science we have revised the planets of the solar system. In our PE we have improved our attacking and defending skills in Tag Rugby. In our Art lesson we have been looking at imagery used to represent space themes. We are enjoying listening to our Class reader, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. **Pictured below are examples of Class 4 homework and their focused drawing skills in our Art lesson.**



Parish News Mrs Dobson and Mrs Reynolds represented our school at the service to welcome Rev Simon Dowson as our new vicar on Tuesday evening in St Agatha's Church, Easby. Rev Simon is coming into school on Monday morning with the Parish Open the Book Team to share our Collective Worship and meet the staff and children,

North Yorkshire Music Service Concert Next Thursday morning we welcome instrumentalists from NY Music Service to play for us. It may be possible to have lessons on other instruments in school through the Music Service. Please contact Mrs Dobson to discuss.

Year 6 Secondary School Open Evening Reminders Thursday 19th September 5-7.30pm at Richmond School. Thursday 26th September 5-8pm at St Francis Xavier School. Please check the websites for Headteacher talk times.

Reception New Starters for 2025 Mrs Dobson conducts individual tours of school. Please contact us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Have a lovely weekend.
With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson