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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Love'



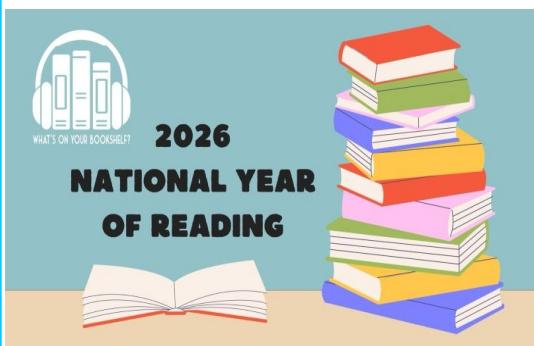
Our Green Flag Eco School

Many thanks for taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch last weekend. Our KS2 Eco Team are busy collating the data to send to the RSPB so that we can contribute to the monitoring and understanding of bird life in our environment. We will announce our bird spotting data highlights soon!

Pictured below, some members of our Eco Team who created a bird identification display in the hall.



Make time to read! A reminder in this Year of Reading to ensure you create time at home to read to your child, to listen to them read and share books with them and to encourage them to read independently.



Reading events coming up this term **Friday 6th March** Dress as your favourite book character for World Book Day (please note that World Book Day nationally is Thursday 5th March but we choose to dress up on Friday 6th March). **Also on Friday 6th March we are holding a Book Swap.** Please bring a book you are happy to part with to school and choose another one to take home.

Pre Loved Uniform Shop (very kindly run by Friends of School volunteers) **will be open from 3.15pm on Friday 13th February** in the IT suite. Make a small donation and update your supply of school uniform. Donations of school uniform are welcome at any time. Please drop them into the school office. **We will also be selling pre loved World Book Day costumes.** Again all donations of these will be gratefully received.

Diary Dates for this term Key dates have been emailed, sent home in paper form and can be found on the school website under Parents/Diary Dates. **Please note Parent Teacher Consultation dates for Year 1 upwards: Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February.** Please sign up in the office entrance or ring/email school. **Class Assembly dates, to which parents are invited are also listed.**

New Parent Governor We are pleased to be able to announce that Daisy Dawson has been elected as our new parent governor to serve for three years on our Governing Body.

Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Monday 2nd February 5.45pm in school Mr Ramsbottom will be sharing key messages about **Y6 SATS week Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May**, at this meeting for parents.

Home to school transport for Secondary Aged Pupils

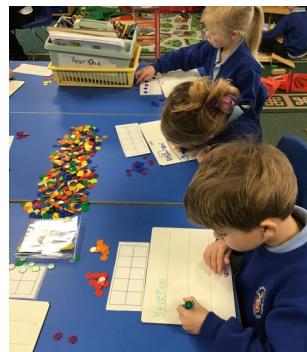
for many years children in Year 7 and above who attend Richmond Secondary School have been provided with free bus transport. From September 2025 Year 7 pupils travelling to Richmond School have needed to apply for a bus pass costing £818 per annum. This was because Richmond School was no longer calculated as their nearest secondary school (Risedale School was instead). **It has now come to light that distances to the nearest school were incorrectly calculated for Year 7 children living in Scorton and an appeal is being launched. If successful, this will result in children living in Scorton, once again having Richmond School designated as their nearest school and therefore receiving free transport.**

What you can do If you would like to see if this impacts you, email: SchoolTransportAG@gmail.com You do not need to give them your child's name but if you are happy to share your address and postcode with them they will check for you to see if you are affected; they can give more information and advise you on next steps.

Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival Our children had great fun developing their PE skills at Richmond School last week. Well done for excellent team work and cooperation too!



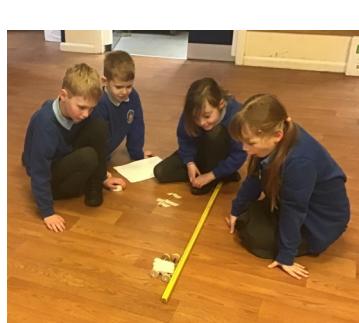
In Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says: 'We are continuing to read traditional tales and have focussed on Little Red Riding Hood this week. Our Science topic is all about different materials. In Maths we have been doubling, counting and ordering numbers. In RE Year 1 children have explored the Jewish Festival of Shabbat and Reception children the parable of the Good Samaritan.'



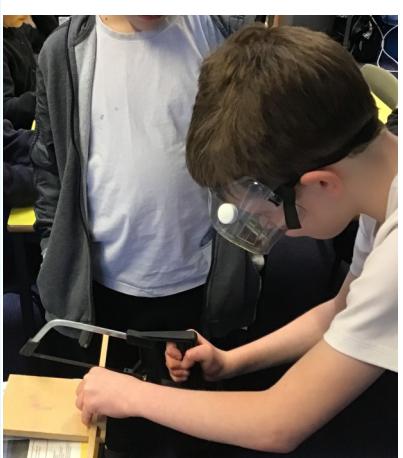
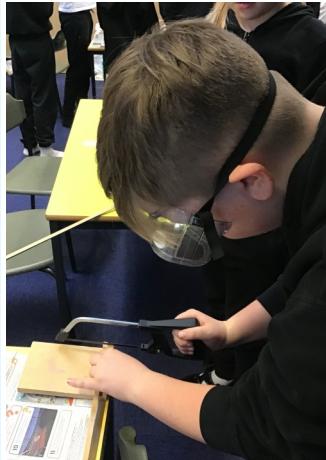
In Class 2: Mrs Dutton and Mrs Smith say: 'Our English work on traditional tales has focussed on a character description of the big bad wolf and an alternative version of the Gingerbread Man. In Science we have looked at materials and have conducted a weather investigation. In Maths we are focussing on number and addition and subtraction. In art we are learning about colour mixing.'



In Class 3: Mrs Wright says: 'The enthusiasm has continued for our dragons as we work on our non-chronological reports in English. In Maths we have focussed on multiplication. Our Design Technology has involved creating a prototype for a sling shot car and testing how far it travelled. We enjoyed using Animate in Computing. In Science we have explored how sound travels through solid, liquid and gas. We are enjoying our Hockey.'



In Class 3: Mr Ramsbottom says: 'In Maths we have been using multiplication facts to help us with long division. In English we are developing our editing skills by redrafting our detective explanation texts. In RE we are considering 'What kind of king was Jesus?' In History we have been looking at the growth of the railways in Victorian times and its impact on Britain. In Computing we are planning our own weather reports. In Design Technology we are creating model truss bridges.'



Friends of the School reminder: Valentine's Disco in the school hall on Thursday 12th February. 6.00-7.00pm for Class 1 and 2 and 7.15-8.15pm for Class 3 and 4. More details to follow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson