



# Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term, with lots of fantastic learning happening, both in and out of school. It has been lovely to see the Reception children settle, make new friends and find their feet in their new surroundings.

As many of you know, I have been asked to support another local primary school in the absence of their Senior Leadership Team. I view this as an enormous privilege and see this as both part of our vision and something that will strengthen both schools in the process. We have an amazing school at Kildwick and have worked hard as a community over many years to get us to the place we are in now. My thanks for this go to all the staff, the children and of course yourselves, our fantastic supportive families and wider school community.

Our Pupil Voice is going well in school, with Eco Warriors, Play Leaders and School Vision Leaders in place. They have led Collective Worship on a number of occasions and are busy educating and promoting ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. We are also taking meter readings weekly to help us think about our energy use. The Eco team are keen to set up a 'refill' pop up shop after half term so watch out for news of this in future newsletters!

I hope that you enjoy reading the pages that follow and I wish you all a restful and peace filled half term.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th November.

Mr Tim Whitehead

Headteacher

# Loving to Learn

## Robins

We have made it to the end of the first half term! The Reception children are well and truly settled into school life and are very much part of Kildwick CE School. They love spending time with their buddies and have developed some lovely new friendships. The year one children have really impressed me, they have been great role models and showed real kindness to their new friends. Thank you for all your support in settling the children into / back into school.

We have enjoyed our writing this half term with our focus being on a favourite book of mine, 'We are going on a bear hunt'. The children have enjoyed a bear hunt on the rec and Grandma Fantastic has helped us learn new vocabulary to be able to retell the story. We have been composing our own sentences and year ones have used their phonic knowledge to sentence stack and retell the whole story. Reception children have been learning to use their segmenting fingers to write CVC words and worked extremely hard on their phonics, they particularly liked learning their first digraph; 'two letters, one sound'.

Year one children have worked hard with their friends from Swallows class in their Maths lessons and have made some great progress with place value work. They are working hard on their fluency in Maths everyday alongside their new learning. Don't forget to spend time on Numbots, this will really help them in school.

Year one children finished our local history work with a visit to Skipton Castle. I am really impressed with the knowledge they have retained and they seem to have loved this topic. All of the children loved making a castle in the outdoor area using pallets and crates. We even had our very own moat - which resulted in some soggy children!

In Science we have been learning all about animals, there was some tricky vocabulary to remember but with lots of repetition we have remembered our new scientific vocabulary. We thought about what animals need for survival and realised that the birds may become short of food over the winter so we decided to make some bird feeders. The most exciting part was getting really messy!

We had a great time at the Skipton Movement Skills festival. The children loved all nine activities and had chance to practise the things they have been learning in PE on a Friday with Mrs Wilkinson. Coach Jonny Moore commented that, 'they all showed great enthusiasm and skill and practised all our partnership values. The comments all suggested what a strong PE bunch they are - a testament to PE in your school and they did you proud'.

It has been great to have parents and carers in school so much over the past half term, thank you for your involvement in the stay and learn sessions, reading cafe and the parent consultation appointments. I am sure we will continue to see lots of you over the next half term - it's going to be a busy one with lots of Christmas activities and the nativity to finish off the term.

I hope you and the children all have a lovely, well deserved, half term break.

Miss Akrigg



# Swallows

## Loving to Learn



This half term has certainly flown by and it is fantastic to see all the children settled and happy in Swallows class. The children have all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of how much we have managed to fit in to a half term.

In Science this half term we have learnt about the features of each type of animal and their needs to survive. We enjoyed lots of practical lessons such as making our own bird feeders and handling a real fish. Not many children wanted to touch the ingredients for our feeders but almost everyone wanted to touch and inspect the fish!

Our local history topic this half term was all about Skipton Castle. This culminated in an enjoyable trip there last week. The children had remembered so much information they impressed our guides with their knowledge. As always, the 'long drop' and dungeon were firm favourites.

In writing, we have created fiction writing using the book 'We are going on a bear hunt'. We then moved onto non fiction writing about sharks. I have been really proud of how the children have been brave writers willing to have a go and not be worried about making mistakes. They are applying phonics into their spelling with more confidence and remembering to read their work back to ensure it makes sense.

In PE we have been working on our fundamental skills, we have learnt to travel in a wide variety of ways and dodge obstacles by changing direction. We also had a fantastic morning at Sandylands in Skipton, taking part in the movement festival. The children took part in nine different activities demonstrating resilience and teamwork.

Both year one and year two have been working on place value, addition and subtraction in maths. Mrs Kingham has been impressed with year one and their understanding of numbers. They have really risen to the challenge of recording more in their maths lessons. Year two love the challenge of our daily ten questions and it's great to see them answer with enthusiasm and increased fluency.

Hopefully, you were impressed with our windmills. The children worked so hard to design, make and evaluate them. We had great fun testing if they worked by using a giant fan. Thankfully, they did! The children were very proud and rightly so.

As always thank you for your continued support with home learning and also taking the time to attend parents evening, the reading cafe and parents morning. We couldn't do it without you! Enjoy a well deserved break and we look forward to some Christmas fun next half term!

Mrs Carpenter



# Loving to Learn

## Kingfishers

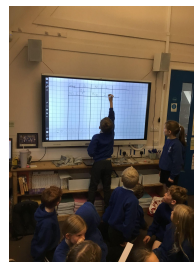
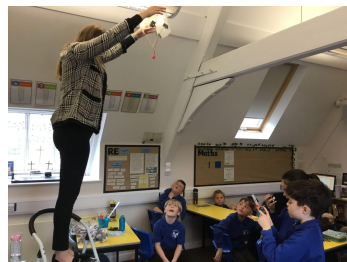
Well done Kingfishers! The year three children have all taken the step up to key stage two in their stride and amazed me with their perseverance. The year fours have stepped up to being the oldest in the class and helped the year three children settle into key stage two. It's been great to see, especially in this super long half term.

Going over to the rec for forest school has seen us get very creative. From mud painting to boat building we have enjoyed ourselves whatever the weather. We have even been able to bring some of the autumn wilderness inside, with our beautiful fallen leaf wreath.



In History, we have explored the Anglo-Saxons. The children especially loved creating their Anglo-Saxon villages and warrior fact files, particularly choosing their own Anglo-Saxon's name. It is great to see the children use their connected knowledge as well as building new knowledge.

In Science, we have had the opportunity to carry out lots of experiments. First learning all about air resistance before moving onto water resistance and gravity. We explored using apparatuses such as weighing scales and stop watches. Recording our results was also an important part of each experiment. We talked about the reliability of our results and what we could do differently to make them more reliable.



In PSHE, our topic has been 'Me and My Relationships'. This has led us to explore many different friendship scenarios. We have focused mainly on resolving conflict. The children's favourite method seeming to be 'compromise'.

Our incredible rugby playing can not be forgotten. Whilst at the start of the game, we had some confusion over which end we were at but we rallied together and brought the trophy home!

I hope you all have the best half term.  
Miss Norton





# Loving to Learn

## Owls

This half term started off with a mission to Mars. During English lessons, we have studied and then written a report from a stranded astronaut accidentally left by their crew following a disaster. We used Matt Damon's character Mark Watney in *The Martian* as our inspiration for the transmissions back to Earth.

Our Science topic has covered different types of forces. We started with friction and then moved onto investigating air & water resistance. For our enquiries we made different sized parachutes and then streamlined/less streamlined shapes to travel through water. Finally we applied our knowledge of forces to gravity and discovered **all objects free fall at the same rate regardless of their mass**. I know! Hard to comprehend but (without air resistance) a hammer and feather hit the ground at the same time on the moon!

Our Science and English work was given an extra boost by an intergalactic journey in a Planetarium. One visited Sutton and we were lucky enough to visit. Lying on our backs, we were transported back to the birth of our universe. Back in the present day, the movement of the moon around the Earth and the way the sun's light reaches Earth. All very useful because our next science topic is about Earth and space.

This half term we have visited the swimming pool each week and everyone's hard work is paying off. We have lots of confident swimmers already and many more making noticeable improvements each week.

Before the weather went fully autumnal, we also managed to prepare the beds in the community garden. Working together, Owls cleared the old growth and topped the beds up with our very own compost and manure - ready for the next crops.

Finally, this week we engaged in a design and technology bridge building project. Firstly, arch and beams bridges were constructed out of card but using corrugation and lamination to strengthen them. We moved onto truss bridges next, realising that triangles are strong shapes. The children practised the construction using art straws before moving onto cutting, shaping and bonding wooden structures. Again, super teamwork meant some excellent bridges were produced, with the strongest being able to take a load of 6kg!

Mr. Horton



# Loving to Learn

## Eagles

We've had a lovely first half term in Year Six. I've been so impressed with how all of the children have risen to the challenge of being the oldest class in school and how they've got stuck in from the first day. Both Miss Akrigg and I have been really pleased with how well Year Six have helped their buddies settle into school - it's been lovely to see you guiding the Reception children through their first half term.

Year Six have enjoyed learning about the ancient Maya civilisation in our history lessons. We've explored the Maya writing and number systems, food, gods and their calendar system. We also sampled a Maya style hot chocolate that contained cinnamon and chilli powder. It was rather different to what we were used to! Our music lessons have also been linked to the Maya through the ancient myth of The Hero Twins. Mr Schofield was really impressed with the soundtracks to scenes from the story that the children performed.

Year Six have put in lots of hard work in maths this half term to get their place value and four operations skills secure. We've had a few tricky new concepts like long division and BODMAS but everyone has risen to the challenge. After half term, we will be working on our fractions skills whilst continuing to embed everything learnt this half term through arithmetic sessions.

It was lovely to be able to invite parents in for our activity morning last week. The children embraced the role of teacher and the adults were good sports in playing the pupil. Although I'm sure many of the grown ups were glad when the long division and grammar activities ended and it was time to get creative by making Maya themed masks that the children had designed. The masks were all brilliant!

We've loved our class book which has been 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We flew through it and had some amazing discussions. It was also a great end of term treat to watch the film together and discuss the similarities and differences. We started reading 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans as our next book and look forward to finishing that after half term. I've loved to see how passionate and interested about reading Year Six are. We spent some time at the start of the year restocking our reading area and chose lots of new books to buy using funds raised by last year's Year Six and it's lovely seeing the children work their way through the titles.

Well done on a great first half term!  
Mrs Fordham





# Learning to Live

## South Craven Cross Country Cluster Event

The weather didn't stop us from taking part in the local cluster cross country event at South Craven. It was fantastic to see so many children competing and having so much fun! Ten pupils came within the top eight and progressed through to the Craven final at Giggleswick. Well done to all children that represented school at the Craven schools' cross country final at Giggleswick school. All children ran well over a tough course. Four children finished within the top ten and now progress to the Yorkshire finals. An amazing achievement, well done!





# Learning to Live

## Keighley and Craven Schools' Cross Country League 23-24

Well done to all the runners that took part in the first Keighley and Craven Schools' cross country event at Cliffe Castle. We had some excellent performances from individuals and it was fantastic to see so many children from Kildwick running. The results from the first meet can be found [here](#).

Running is certainly a sport that is accessible to the majority of our pupils and importantly provides the opportunity to run for pleasure, competition, fitness and well-being - an activity for life. So everyone should be congratulated on their efforts and achievements.

Running club will stop now because of the dark nights but there is the second cross country meet on Tuesday 7th November to look forward to after half term. An email has been sent out to all key stage two parents.





# Learning to Live

## Movement Skills Festival

Robins and Swallows travelled to Skipton for a Movement Skills Festival this half term. Children were split into groups and completed nine activities throughout the morning. This included, over arm throwing, dribbling, running, jumping, hopping, kicking and shooting. They really enjoyed the balloon rally!

Coach Jonny Moore emailed Mr. Whitehead following the event and said, 'they all showed great enthusiasm and skill and practised all our partnership values. The comments all suggested what a strong PE bunch they are - a testament to PE in your school and they did you proud'.

Well done Robins and Swallows, we are super proud of you!





# Learning to Live

## Year 3 / 4 Kingfishers Tag Rugby

Kingfishers have enjoyed some professional rugby coaching led by Darren Greenwood from Skipton Rugby Club. They also had the opportunity to take part in a tag rugby tournament in Skipton where they played other local schools in some short matches. This gave them the opportunity to practice the skills that they have been learning. They played extremely well and managed to beat Embsay in the final and came home with the trophy.





# Learning to Live

## Kildwick kids 'power down' for the planet

This half term we have been visited by North Yorkshire council schools 'Carbon Reduction Officer', better known as 'Power Down Pete'. The self-styled superhero has been teaching children across North Yorkshire for nearly 14 years. As part of our school's eco endeavours Pete worked with all age groups looking at the problems of Fossil fuels, waste and recycling, plastic pollution, and sustainable transport. Pete said "It's always a pleasure to come to Kildwick. The work they are doing to reduce their Carbon footprint not only has an impact in school but spreads much wider with children taking the messages home and into the community." As we see continual images from across the world of environmental disaster it is more vital than ever to take steps to reduce our energy use. Individual actions do make a difference and environmental education in our school is putting the children in the driving seat to make lasting changes.



# Living to Love

## Harvest Festival

We held our annual Harvest Festival in church last Friday. Rev Mike led the service with children contributing prayers, readings poems and songs. Our school choir also performed, led by our music teacher Mr Schofield. Thank you to all our visiting parents and families for making it such a special celebration and for all the kind donations of non perishable food. These will be taken to Skipton Food Bank.



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much to all parents and children that attended and donated to our first fundraising event of the year. It is great that we can support those families that are suffering the effects of Cancer. We managed to raise £171.83 for this worthy cause.





# Living to Love

## Family Curry Night

We had a fantastic turn out for our family Curry night organised by one of our families in school. We enjoyed music, fine food, henna painting and most of all good company. We also managed to raise over £1200 for school funds. Thank you so much to all of you for making this such a great event.





# Loving to Learn

## Reading Cafe

It was great to see so many parents and relatives join us for our reading cafes this week. Due to popular demand, we ran two sessions - the first for EYFS and key stage one and then a second event for key stage two. Both events were very well attended and gave adults the chance to read with their child, see the types of books we have in school and find out more about the key reading skills we cover in lessons - all whilst enjoying a well-deserved hot drink and a treat.



# Loving to Learn

## Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month we have been learning all about black inventors. We found out about lots of interesting people and their clever designs. To help spread the word of the people behind these creations we have started to create our own history book. We are doing this to celebrate black people who may not have been celebrated in history books before. The year 4's in Class 3 also led a collective worship explaining what Black History Month is and why we celebrate it.



## Planetarium Visit

On Monday 9th October, Owls class walked to Sutton Baptist Church where a mobile Planetarium has been inflated. It was a truly immersive experience which took the children to distant parts of the universe. They saw stars forming, whole galaxies and were told the details of our solar system. Everyone enjoyed seeing the moving images projected onto the dome and many chose to take it all in lying down. It was a fantastic experience provided for by our partnership with the Ogden Trust and other local primary schools.

## New Books!

Year six children got some new books in their class this half term all thanks to last years year six children! Money raised at the end of year six performance last year was used to purchase the new books. This is to ensure that our children continue to love reading, having the very best books helps to maintain their enthusiasm for reading.

