



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. Some of the opportunities and activities have included: A visit from Power Down Pete (Eco School Event), Sports Skills event at Sandylands, Tag Rugby training, Cross Country events at South Craven and Cliffe Castle, Y6 trip to London, Harvest Festival in Church, Stay and Learn sessions, Macmillan Coffee afternoon, celebrated Black History Month, took part in the Kindness Challenge and had a visit from the Fire and Rescue service to talk about Dark Night Safety.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Rev Peter Thomas who has been a long standing visitor to Kildwick School. We will remember him fondly for his kindness and animated collective worships!



As we round up this amazing half term I would like to reflect on the inclusivity of our school - something which we are immensely proud of. I would encourage parents and carers to read and reflect this letter which I saw on social media. It sums up the thoughts and feelings of the staff in school. You can read it [here](#).

You can read our latest governor roundup [here](#).

As always my thanks to you all for your support of school and to the fantastic staff who work tirelessly for your children every day.

We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 4th November.

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

Mr Whitehead
Headteacher

Learning to Live

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Robins



What a busy half term that was! The Reception children have settled so well into school and are now 'part of the furniture'. As always buddy lunch on a Friday has very quickly become the most favourite time of the week. It is lovely to see lots of new friendships forming in class between the receptions and year one children.

The year ones have been great role models to the Reception children and helped welcome them into school. They have stepped up to the challenges of year one. They spend the first part of the morning with Mrs. Carpenter for phonics and Maths and then return to Robins class after playtime. They are also enjoying the mastery number Maths sessions when all the year one children come to Robins class for an extra Maths lesson before lunch. They are showing real fluency and better understanding of number. Don't forget to spend time on Numbots at home. This will really give children an advantage with their Maths.

Everyday the year one children write a sentence which includes graphemes and tricky words already taught to the children. This reinforces our phonic learning and encourages children to develop and consolidate key writing skills including accurate letter formation, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. 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'.



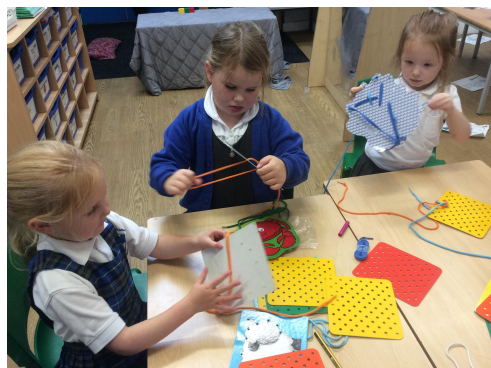
We have loved learning all about toys from the past and thinking about how things have changed from when our parents and grandparents were younger. This learning gave us lots of opportunities to understand what we mean by the word 'past' and how and why the world around us changes.

In Science we have been learning all about animals and their habitats, there was some tricky vocabulary to remember but with lots of repetition we have remembered our new scientific vocabulary. We have made our own ocean habitat and sorted animals into their correct habitats.

We had a great time at the Skipton Movement Skills festival. The children loved all nine activities and had chance to learn new skills.. Coach Jonny Moore commented how well the Kildwick students did showing enthusiasm, sportsmanship and resilience. We were super proud of the children - for some of them it was their first time going on a coach and a school trip and they seemed to really enjoy it!

I hope you and the children all have a lovely, well deserved, half term break. See you soon for next half term - with nativities, parties, Christmas Fairs and Santa visits it promises to be another busy one!

Miss Akrigg and all the adults in Robins Class.



Swallows

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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. The day is certainly jam packed so I am sure they are ready for a well deserved rest!

In Science this half term we have learnt about animals and their habitats. The children especially enjoyed building our own microhabitats at the Rec. We hope some minibeasts have moved into their new homes.

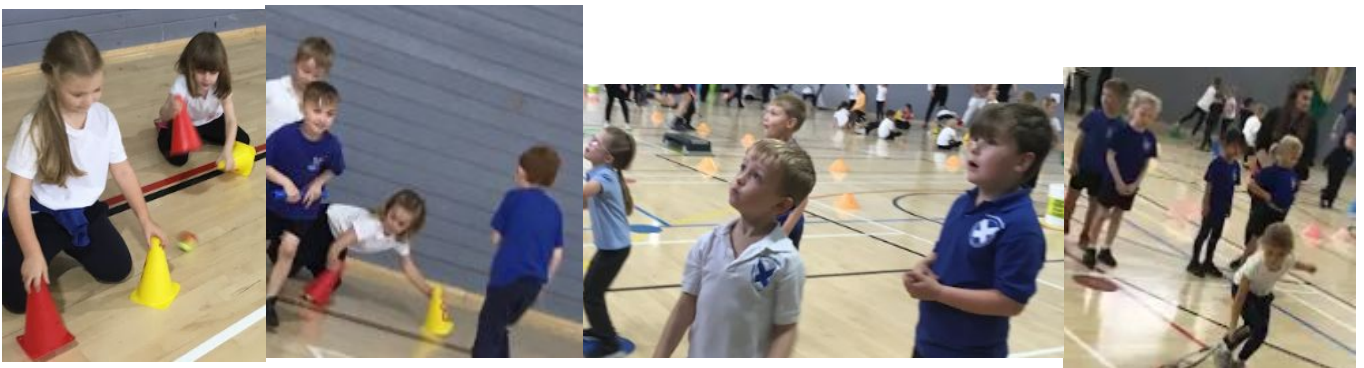
In writing the year one children write a sentence which includes graphemes and tricky words already taught to the children. This reinforces our phonic learning and encourages children to develop and consolidate key writing skills including accurate letter formation, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. Year Two children have also been working really hard on their handwriting and letter formation. Our other big focus this half term is the grammar expectations for year Two. We have lots to remember such as; expanded noun phrases, nouns, verbs and commas on top of the essential capital letters and full stops! We will continue to work on this next half term.

Year one children have been working really hard in maths. We have enjoyed singing lots of number songs and carrying out practical maths the children are becoming more confident to record their answers. Mrs Kingham is really proud of how hard year two are working in maths and tackling some new tricky concepts with both confidence and resilience. Both year one and two have embraced daily mastery maths lessons. They are showing a great understanding of composing and comparing numbers. Don't forget to access numbots at home to continue to support this fluency.

We had a great morning at Sandylands where we took part in a Fundamental Skills Workshop. The children took part in a carousel of 9 different sporting activities. It was fantastic to see children participating wholeheartedly, working as a team, persevering and most importantly having fun.

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 and the Swallows team.



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Kingfishers



What a fantastic start to the year all of the Kingfisher children have made! I have been so impressed with the way the year three children have made the transition into Key Stage two and already they are showing that they know how things run in Kingfishers class. The year four children have equally impressed me with the way they have welcomed the year threes and shown them how things are done. After Kindness Week, we have all been making an extra effort to do kind deeds and I have particularly noticed some children going the extra mile with this. Well done Kingfishers, what an amazing start!

We have loved learning about the Stone Age in History this half term. From making a toilet roll timeline of the 3 periods of the Stone Age and making Stone Age houses on the Rec in forest school, to exploring artefacts lent to us by Craven Museum, the children have learnt lots about how life changed from the start to the end of the Stone Age. It has been great to see the children building on their knowledge each lesson and trying to remember the long names of the 3 Stone Age periods.

In Science, we have been learning about the properties of different materials. We have done many tests to find out which materials are magnetic, electrical conductors, thermal conductors and translucent or opaque. I have been impressed with the children's understanding of fair testing and use of equipment such as data loggers, magnets and electric circuit making equipment.

In PE, the children have been enjoying building on their gymnastics skills with Mrs Oswald, as well as learning tag rugby skills with the specialist rugby coach that has been coming in on a Friday. They have been showing great sportsmanship, cheering each other on, while trying their best to improve each week.

Children have also been working on their drawing skills in art. We have learnt the top tips for shading well, use of shapes to help build an outline sketch, how to make careful observations, the importance of perseverance and that we won't always get it how we want the first time! We have drawn from observation as well as producing some beautiful collage pictures made from texture rubbings on the playground. All of the children were so creative and loved finding different surfaces to make rubbings of.

We have been working collaboratively in computing lessons, working together on the same documents and slideshows at the same time. It has been a challenge to all get logged onto the same document and then an even bigger challenge not to write over each others work, but the children have worked together and done a great job with this.

Mrs Oswald has been so impressed with the fantastic work that the children have been doing in their RE, Spanish and Music lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Well done Kingfishers for a super start to the year. I hope you have a fantastic and well earned rest over the half term!

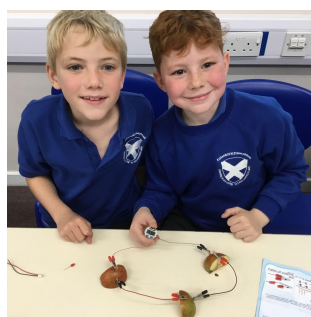
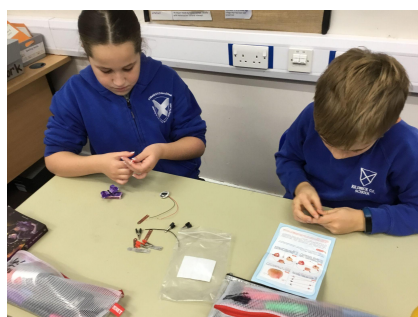
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Owls

It has been a great start to the term in Owls class and it's been a real pleasure getting to know the children better as we've all settled into the new school year.

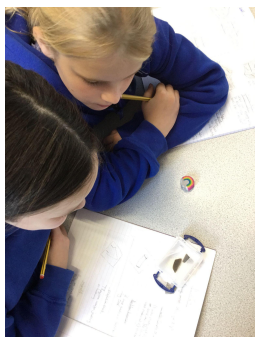
We've been learning and consolidating some new grammar skills in our English lessons as well as developing our VIPERS skills whilst enjoying our class read 'Varjak Paw'. In maths both year 4 and year 5 have worked hard on consolidating their understanding of the four operations and their calculation methods.

Our Science topic has covered different types of materials and we created our own experiment to test which material would make the best thermal insulator during our heat insulation experiment. The children learned how to use the data loggers to take and record the temperatures and have developed a deeper understanding of how to make a fair test. We also enjoyed making circuits and this helped us when we had a visit from Power down Pete who challenged us to make electricity through ourselves and then using potatoes and apples!



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 as well as beginning to learn more about water safety, survival and rescues.

In History the children have been really enthusiastic in our topic on the Stone Age. We have enjoyed making our own Stone Age houses during a Forest School session as well as exploring artifacts through our loan box from Craven Museum.



In Spanish we have enjoyed learning how to sing a vegetable song to perform to parents and the other classes at the Harvest service.

Finally, in art and PSHE we have created some fantastic work using different mediums, owls through rubbings and a variety of different animals on World Mental Health Day using leaves which are all now displayed in the classroom. Well done for all your enthusiastic loving to learn this half term!

Miss Farmery

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Eagles

It has been a brilliant first half term in Year Six. They have certainly risen to the challenge of being the oldest class in school and they have been fantastic buddies since day one. The new Reception children are now well settled into school as a result, so a big thank you Year 6 for all your care and guidance this 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. 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. It was also enhanced by the wonderful Mayan masks the children had designed and made with help from parents. It was lovely to again invite parents into school to enjoy a crafty afternoon, so a big thanks to all that could attend.

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.

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.

It seems a long time since we went to London for the day, but we had fun riding the tube to Westminster. We were able to go into the House of Lords and the House of Commons because the MPs and Lords were on recess. The morning ended with a question and answer session with our MP, Julian Smith. Next, we jumped on the London Eye and enjoyed half an hour of sightseeing across the cityscape. Finally, it was time for the long sightseeing walk back to King's Cross station ready to catch our train home. But not before a bit of souvenir shopping to help remember the tiring but amazing day!

Well done for all your achievements so far!
Mr Horton

