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Message from the Head

Welcome to this, my last newsletter!

I can't believe how quickly my time at Scapegoat Hill has gone. I feel very privileged to have been part of this community; as a teacher, Deputy Head and over the four and a half years the Federation Head.

We have a fabulous school, our children brim with confidence and creativity. Which they demonstrated once again at Strictly Colne Valley this week.

Our Spring newsletter is packed with all the exciting opportunities our children have taken part in over the last term, from Forest School days, World Book Day and Science Week. I am sure you will enjoy reading all about it.

Check out the dates for your diary at the end of the newsletter to ensure you know when exciting activities are taking place. And don't forget to check out the learning page on our website to find out what the children are learning across the curriculum.

I would like to thank FOSS, one final time, for all the invaluable support they give the school and hope you all enjoy the Scarecrow Festival. It looks fantastic!

My last day will be the 30th April. I am thrilled that the school is being left in the hands of our fabulous teaching and support staff, with Miss Shackleton leading, and I wish everyone the very best for the future.

See you after the Easter Break.

Nikki Barker

Federation Head



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MONITORING OF CATERING STANDARDS AND FOOD SERVICE

Following a monitoring visit to the school kitchen, we received the Gold Award. The audit checked the following requirements were being carried out:-

Food Safety and Food Hygiene
Health & Safety
Policies and Procedures
Service Standards
Energy Conservation

A huge well done to Rachael and the Catering Team!



Clubs after the Easter Break

Monday - Homework - FULL /
Monday - Lego Club (Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)
Tuesday - Jumping Clay
Wednesday - Gardening Club FULL
Thursday - Dance KS2

Please see the attached link around safeguarding children when choosing clubs for your children and what questions to ask regarding their policies to ensure the safety of your child: [Safe to play - Say Something if](#)

Cross Country

A HUGE well done to Rory Oakley who was selected to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire Schools Cross Country final at Temple Newsam, Leeds in January.

He showed great sportsmanship and did the school proud! Well done Rory, who came 50 out of 150 children competing!!!



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Young Voices 2024

In February we were lucky that the snow disappeared and we managed to go to Young Voices in Sheffield. The children had a fantastic day rehearsing with MC Grammar, Nandi Bushell, Natalie Williams and dance artists Urban Strides. They then sang their hearts out to parents at the evening performance. It's a fantastic event and the children worked very hard before the performance practising their songs and dances. Well done to everyone who participated!



Young Voices is a giant concert that hundreds of schools attend. They all sing songs as one voice and these songs include: 'Wrap me up in diamonds', 'Moana' and many other songs the children enjoy. We did this activity last year and everyone enjoyed it a lot. We hope to go every year!



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Strictly Pennine

Our dancers put on a wonderful show at the Lawrence Batley Theatre and once again at Strictly CV at Colne Valley High School. All the dancers put in lots of effort and this was shown on the performances, well done girls!



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Forest School

The children have braved all weathers and enjoyed Forest school last term.

They have been involved in building dens from tarpaulin and looking at contour lines which are used to represent the elevation of terrain on a map to show mountains and represent the shape of the land.



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Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are considered.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

Registering for the free meals raises money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form [even](#) if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is because they are also entitled to things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Kirklees council website at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Mobile Phones and chewing gum

In the exceptional circumstance that your child needs to bring a mobile phone into school, please could we ask that you contact the school office to let us know that they have it with them. This is so it can be taken and put in the school office to ensure that we are following safeguarding procedures.

Please can we make sure that children do not bring chewing gum into school, unfortunately we have found some again this week.

Ping

Just a reminder to keep looking on PING and the school calendar for all school notices. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs, trip details and sporting events. Please make sure that these are read and if necessary, replied to.

School dinners

If your child has a school dinner please check your account regularly and ensure you are keeping your account in credit.



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A few reminders:

- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. **If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence - many thanks.**

PARKING

Please be reminded you **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm**

Dates for your diary

- 22nd March – School Closes
- 8th April – School Reopens
- 9th April – Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
- 16th April - Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
- 12th April – Train Ed
- 17th April – G&T day – Year 5
- 24th April – Year 5 Mini Olympics 10am -11.30am
- 25th April – Year 5/6 Summer football
- 3rd May – Year 5/6 Cricket
- 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY
- 7th May – Year 5/6 Cricket
- 8th May – Y3 Mini Olympics
- 10th May – Year 3 / 4 Cricket
- W/c 13th May – SATS Week
- 14th May – Year 3 / 4 Football
- 16th May – Year 2 Try it Tuesday
- 17th May – Year 6 Mini Me workshop with The Clay Team
- 20th May – Class 2 – Pontefract Castle
- 21st May – Years 3 / 4 Cricket
- 21st May – Years 1 / 2 Football
- 22nd May – Year 6 Mini Olympics
- 24th May – Break up
- 5th June – Back to school
- 5th June – Year 2 Mini Olympics



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2023/2024 Term Dates

School Breaks Up

Easter	Friday 22nd March
Half Term	Friday 24th May
Summer	Monday 22nd July

School Re-opens

Monday 8th April
Wednesday 5th June

School Breaks Up

Autumn Term	
Half Term	Friday 25 th October
Christmas	Friday 20th December
Half Term	Friday 14th February
Easter	Friday 4 th April
Half Term	Friday 23rd May
Summer	Monday 21st July

School Re-opens

Tuesday 2 nd September
Monday 4th November
Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 24th February
Tuesday 22 nd April
Wednesday 2nd June

Please note : We have carefully considered the teacher training days to run alongside the school holiday timetable. This is to help families when booking their holidays and try and minimise the request for absences in the school term.

School will also be closed Monday 4th September, Thursday 26th October, Friday 27th October, Monday 6th May 2024, Monday 3rd June 2024 and Tuesday 4th June 2024.

School will also be closed Monday 5th May 2025. We are yet to plan in the teacher training days - once these have been agreed this will be updated.



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Class 1 have been cooking up a storm this term!

In our Literacy work, we shared the story of the Gingerbread Man and used the repetitive pattern to retell the story. Year 1 even made up their own endings! It inspired Reception to make some gingerbread people for everyone!



The gingerbread man run-ed away from the pig and the cow and the horse and then the fox eat-ed it. He said Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!
Ruben



Also in Literacy, we learned about instructions. We were given instruction to read and follow to make some rice krispy buns for a treat on our snack table.



We were learning about instructions so we used a recipe to make rice krispy buns. You have to do it in the right order or then it would go wrong.
Evie



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As part of our R.E./Geography (year 1) and People and Communities (Reception) work, we learned about China and Chinese New Year. We finished our learning with our own Chinese New Year feast!



We were celebrating Chinese New Year. Chinese people put lanterns up that are red and yellow because they believe red is lucky. We had noodles and crackers and we used chopsticks.
Alexis



Yum!



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Class 2

The class celebrated British Science Week, which was 8th - 15th March. Class 2 worked on Disappearing Dinosaurs. They carried out research to investigate how dinosaurs became extinct and answered scientific questions.

On World Book Day children came dressed in their comfy clothes/PJ's, they watched a live lesson all about reading and books with special guests (authors). They wrote book reviews and shared book recommendations with their friends.



In DT they have finished making Tudor coin purses, practising their sewing skills.



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Class 3

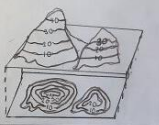
It has been another busy term in class 3. We have enjoyed lots of new topics such as 'Australia' and 'Mountains' in our geography lessons. Please see below some of the writing we have completed in those topics. We focused on Australia's human and physical geography, its wildlife as well as its contribution to the commonwealth. When learning about mountains, we learnt about how they are formed, how they grow a little every year as well as mountains across the United Kingdom.

Mountains

The Earth is covered in a thick layer called the crust. Crust is the rocky and hard part of the Earth. The crust covers the entire Earth, a bit like a bread's crust. Soil, rocks and the land underwater are all part of the crust. It is broken into pieces which are called tectonic plates. Did you know that tectonic plates move only a few centimetres a year? They are always moving, but only very very slowly. Tectonic plates can sometimes push together and when that happens they form mountains. The plates are so big they can even make mountain ranges including: the Alps (Europe), the Andes (South America) and the Appalachians (North America).

Even today, mountains are still growing. Did you know Mount Everest grows 4mm every year? The Eurasian plate and the Indian plate are pushing together to create Mount Everest. A million years ago, the mountains that we see today didn't exist.

Contour lines—the closer together the steeper the hill/mountain.



Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain and is on the border of China and Nepal. It is part of the Himalayan mountain range. To climb Everest it would take days.


As part of our Australia studies, we also looked at the work of artist, Albert Namatjira who was from the Northern Territories.

In reading, Year 6 have learnt about The Underground Railroad which was a route for enslaved African Americans to gain their freedom by escaping to Canada.

Australia

<u>Animals</u> In Australia, there is a lot of dangerous animals. One of the most popular is a box jelly fish. If you touch its tentacles, you will die in an instant.	<u>Dangerous weather</u> Dangerous weather in Australia is very common, such as cyclones and bushfires—a lot of people and animals have died from these.
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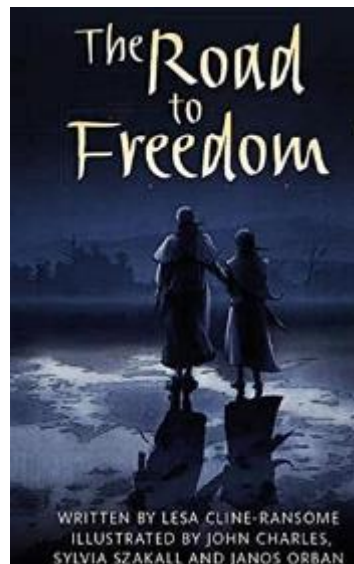
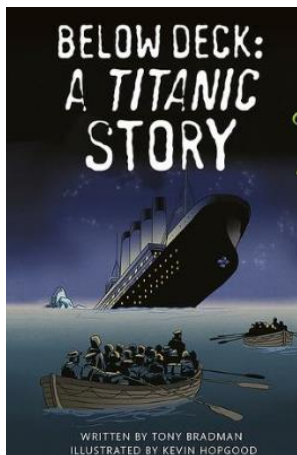
Where is it?
Australia is in the Northern Hemisphere. And shares the same common wealth as us which means they share the same King as us (or Queen).



Year 4s have read a story called The Song of Sky and Sand which tells the story of two children and their grandmother who decipher a local riddle to help find water for their village in Mali, Africa.



The Year 5s have been reading a story called 'Below Deck: A Titanic Story' which tells the story of two girls who were on very different parts of the boat and how they supported each other to escape the sinking ship.



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The Weekly Scape!

The latest news from our little local school, from Star, Leila, Phoebe and Josh to you! 😊😊😊😊

This 'World Book Day', all students wore pyjamas or were a character from a story. Or, we just wore very cosy, comfy looking and relaxing reading clothes! Each class did something to recognise this important day and instil the love of reading across school. Today, the school library was very important. We hope everyone got all the books, they wanted with the free book coupons and had a very nice World Book Day 2024.



The children watched a live stream on the BBC website and sorted what books you could put in a fiction section or a non-fiction section.



There were lot of games in the middle of the sorting!





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Class 3 got some big pieces of paper and wrote (and drew!) our favourite books and why. We decorated our answers with Posca pens, colouring pencils and felt tips. We all had loads of unique ideas, like, Japanese myths and legends, Harry Potter, Dotty Detective, The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks, and even MORE! We were also inspired by our latest writing project about Macbeth. We discussed themes such as the dagger, blood, monarchy and Dunsinane forest. Then, we drew posters to advertise a production of the play at the theatre.



Class 2 also watched the webinar about World Book Day and they also discussed with their friends the books they have recently enjoyed. Their recommendations are posted in the library to share with the whole school. They did a really good job! Class 1 did a reading den, a stop and read, book marks, story maps of their favourite stories and lots of lovely paintings of fairy tales. They did an amazing job at everything!

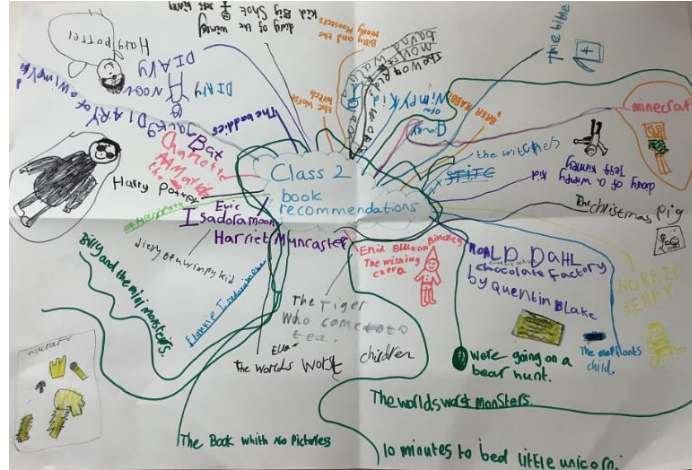


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From Leila, Star, Phoebe and Josh to you! 😊😊😊😊

Sikh Temple Visit

On Tuesday the 5TH and the 12TH of March, Class 3 went to a Sikh Temple in Huddersfield! We went on the bus to get there. It was really interesting! Before we went to learn some facts about Sikhism, we had some delicious vanilla ice-cream. After that, we took our shoes off and went into the first prayer room to



learn more about the religious items that every baptised Sikh has. The very friendly man showed us all the 5ks (Panj Kakka) and we learnt more about them. He also had some more things! Later, we went to the second prayer room and bowed to the 11th Guru book, Guru Granth Sahib. For lunch, we had some vegetarian curry with naan bread. In Sikhism, a langar is the community kitchen of a gurdwara, which



serves meals to all free of charge, regardless of religion, caste, gender, economic status, or ethnicity. The curry was lentils in a sauce. It was sooo nice!! We all had to wear a headdress when we were in the prayer room and the langar.



Interesting facts we learnt!



Sikhs are vegetarian, so we couldn't have meat during our meal at the langar.

Sikhs put the Guru Granth Sahib to bed every night.

The Guru Granth Sahib is the 11TH Guru

The priest has to be a baptised Sikh.



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